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Save our Shops

There has been substantial news in the National Media on how the "High Street Shops" are suffering. With shops closing every day. The footfall continuously dropping.

We were very sorry to hear last month after serving the community for 83 years that Swan Books in Corbets Tey Road was closing. Whilst the large chain shops and Amazon have a dramatic affect on reducing income for small independent book shops.

The decision by the Conservative controlled Council's parking fee policy has had a disastrous affect on our local shopping centre. Taking away the 30 minute free period in particular has really hit the local businesses!

We need shopping centres they employ local people and are essential for our communities..

As we write this at the 22nd January Full Council meeting a petition of over 6200 signatures will be officially presented demanding that the 30 minute free period be restored. The petition was raised by local residents Jill Graham and Barry Major.

Your Residents Councillors have also submitted a motion to have the free period bought back.

Save our Shops

We Need Your Help

May we ask for your assistance please we need a volunteer car owner please to drop off monthly Bulletins to 4/5 of our deliverers please.

We also require several volunteers in Upminster Ward (South of Upminster Station) to deliver Bulletins each month please. This would be around 40 Bulletins each month.

If you can assist it would really be appreciated.

Please contact Chris on 07960 059 195 or email wilkinschristopher7@gmail.com.

Havering Council propose 'Express Parking Bays' for Hornchurch and Upminster

We have been informed that Havering Council's Conservative Administration are proposing a six month trial of free 30-minute parking bays in selected areas of Hornchurch and Upminster.

At the time of going to press, the full report has yet to be published but it has apparently been signed off by the Cabinet Member for the Environment.

Whilst the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association councillors will review details of the report when it is published, the proposal is likely to do little to redress the damage to our town centres, caused by the new parking charges that were brought in last year, unless it applies to ALL council parking bays, both on-street and in car parks, in Upminster and Hornchurch.

We will keep you informed of further details when we have them.

Association AGM

The Association's AGM will be held on Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Hurford Hall, Church of St Laurence. The nomination form for Officers can be obtained Mike Long (email: mike.long1@btinternet.com). The deadline for nominations is 10th February.



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New Chapmans Farm Planning Application

Planning application P1883.19 has been submitted to Havering Council to change the use of the commercial livery yard at Chapmans Farm, Hall Lane to Use Class B1 - Business Class. The proposal is to convert the 10 timber, brick and corrugated iron barn and stabling buildings into an Artist's studio, Small Medium Enterprise Office space, Light manufacturing operations, Workshops and Architects Studio. The site is in the Metropolitan Green Belt and is currently dedicated to agricultural use. The deadline for submissions is the 31st January, 2020. The application has been called in, which will require the application to go before the Planning Committee, only if Officers are mindful to approve the application. If the application is up for approval, officers will need time to put a report together, which will give additional time for any written or online submissions. Full application details can be found on Havering's Planning Portal: <http://development.havering.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningDetails?reference=P1883.19&>

from=planningSearch

Comments can be submitted online or in the post to: Planning Department, Mercury House, Mercury Gardens, Romford RM1 3SL.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Upminster Police Update

I am pleased to report that on all three ward priorities, burglary, robbery and theft from and of motor vehicles, there has been further reductions in these over the three months to end of December 2019, compared to the same period in 2018. Residential Burglary has reduced from 21 in 2018 to 17 in 2019, robbery has reduced from 15 in 2018 to 5 in 2019, with none reported in December 2019, and theft from and of motor vehicles from 47 in 2018 to 23 in 2019. These figures indicated the great proactive work our officers in the Upminster SNT have done over this period. Clearly whilst this success is very welcome, we all need to ensure our vehicles are always locked, with nothing on show to encourage theft and that our homes are securely locked. In addition the Team conducted speed checks in Front Lane and St. Mary's

Lane during the school run times. Over 20 vehicles were stopped and warned for exceeding the speed limit and again unhappily, the majority were local residents, who are the first to complain about excessive speed. Further speed checks will continue as resources allow.

I am sorry to report that our Sergeant Ian Bargus is leaving Neighbourhood Policing with effect from 4 March and moving to a new role. We will be getting a new Sergeant, who again we will share with other wards. I would like to thank Ian for all his hard work in Upminster over the past few years and wish him good luck.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

New Fruit & Vegetable Shop

Great to see that a Fresh Fruit and Vegetables shop has opened locally. The shop is in the Avon Road shopping parade. Free parking outside. Welcome to the area. Go along and say hello.

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 funds to assist you, our community. A warm welcome to new members.

Lunchtime Concerts

Thursday lunchtime concerts held at St Laurence Church, Upminster.

All concerts start at 13.05 and last for approx. 50 minutes. Concerts are free but a contribution is appreciated to enable us to pay for the musicians expenses etc.

February

13th - Laurent Henry - organ

27th - Three Lane Duo - viola

Jazz Night

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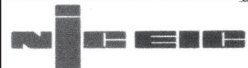


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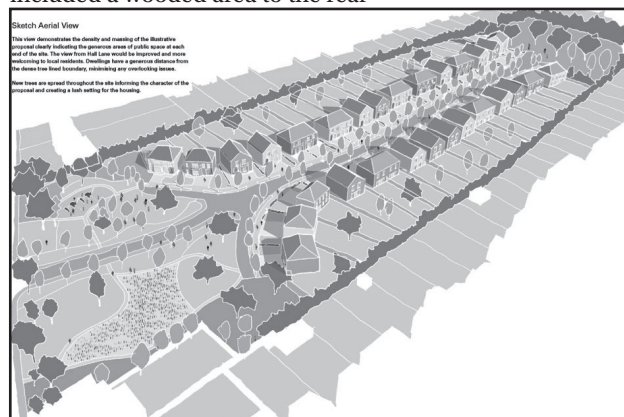
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Upminster Pitch & Putt

A revised outline planning application was submitted at the beginning of January for the Upminster Hall Lane Pitch and Putt site. Application number P0248.19, reduced the number of properties from the previous application to 37, with the removal of the flats outlined for the front of the site. Drawings included a wooded area to the rear



of the site and the retention of an area of public open space to the front. It is worth remembering that the land would no longer be owned by the Council as they propose to sell the land to their own housing company Mercury Land Holdings

Ltd. Cranham Councillors 'called in' the application, which means Council officers have to put a report together for the application to be heard by the Planning Committee. If Officers are mindful to refuse the application it will not be necessary for the application to If Officers are mindful to refuse the application it will not be necessary for the application to go to committee, as they can refuse the application under officers delegated powers. Previous letters of objection will be taken into consideration

along with any other additional submissions and previously unreported concerns. Due to the publication date of the Bulletin, the deadline for submissions of the 31st January will have passed, however letters will be considered by the Council

after this date, if the application goes to the Planning Committee. You can keep up to date on our website, social media and the Bulletin.

Cranham Councillors



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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Scam Calls

I received a call from 020 12001834, saying it was HMRC and there was a fraud case against me. It then asked me to press 1. Luckily I hung up. I checked the number out, it's a scam and now the number has now been blocked from my phone.

Please take care not to be conned.

Dave Godwin

Christmas Tree Festival Success

In the first week of December, the Christmas Tree festival was held at the Methodist church. Thirty-two trees were in the church, all beautifully

decorated on the theme of, "Out of this World." Visitors voted for their favourite tree and this year's winners were the 3rd Upminster (Wesley) Cubs and Beavers. The tree "Star trekking across the Universe" was a tribute to their Cub leader, Baloo, who died earlier in the year. The runners-up were Engayne Primary school, the French group and the Upminster Methodist Junior Church.

Our thanks go to the local Primary schools' choirs who came to sing during the week and all the many visitors who made the festival so successful. And of course, we thank the sponsors of the trees, and all the decorators, for taking part.

We would like to thank the Residents Association for their sponsorship and for publicising the event, the local businesses who also sponsored the trees, Balgore Estate Agents, and BF Mulley & Son for their donations for the larger tree outside the church and the "Memory Tree," and Waitrose Community Token scheme which has helped cover the costs of the festival.

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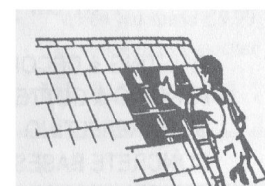
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Wed 12th February - Festivals, Fiestas, Fairs & Carnivals! presented by Stephen Raindle

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Our programmes start at 7.30pm and finish at 9.30pm and are held in the main meeting room, 1st floor, Hornchurch Library. Buses 165, 256 and 370 pass the door. Admission to the meetings is free of charge but we do ask for a nominal donation to cover the interval refreshments. No need to pre-book, just turn up. For further information call Stephen 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

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CLlr GILLIAN FORD

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 on 01708 225451.

CLlr LINDA HAWTHORN

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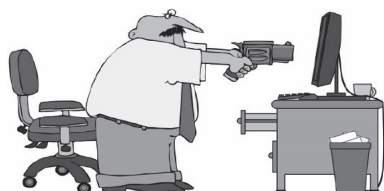
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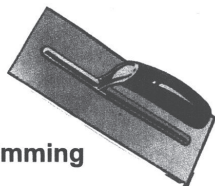
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A charity fundraising event was held in December at The Queen's Theatre in collaboration with Pinney Talfourd LLP. The 2019 Christmas at the Queen's event was the most successful to date, raising over £2,750 for charity.

A full house enjoyed a selection

of feel-good Christmas songs and carols performed by local choir, Dawn Chorus, led by Paul Rhodes. Alongside them, the choir from Concordia Academy also sang a number of festive songs. The record total was raised in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Pinney Talfourd's own Charity of the Year, Haverling Association for People with Disabilities (H.A.D), who provide a broad range of services and activities for people with physical disabilities and carers in Haverling. Funds raised are divided equally between the two charities. Local businesses supported the event with donations and raffle prizes including flowers, hampers, gift vouchers and even a huge bundle of remote control toys! Afterwards, festive refreshments



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A full list of businesses that kindly donated to the raffle and to the show programme can be found on the Pinney Talfourd website. Visit www.pinneytalfourd.co.uk/news to find out more.

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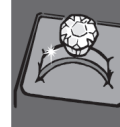
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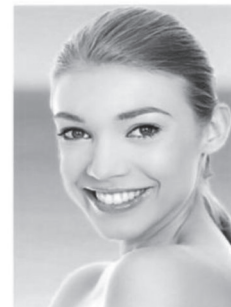
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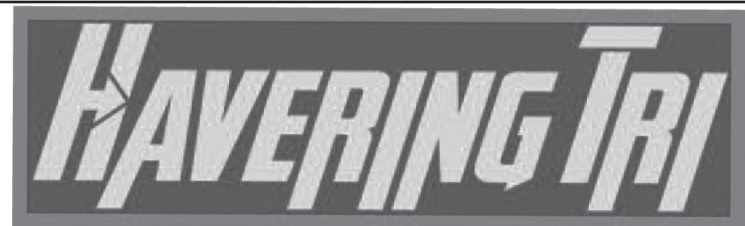


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Just before Christmas, Havering Council's Highways Advisory Committee approved the proposed 20mph zone for the whole of the Dury Falls Estate, including Dury Falls Close. This decision followed traffic censuses in Hedingham Road and Benets Road and a public consultation of over 600 homes and other interested parties, such as the London Fire Brigade. Full details of the scheme can be viewed via www.havering.gov.uk and searching 'highways agenda 17 December'. There is no published timescale for the scheme to be implemented at present but it is likely to be sometime in 2020.

Santa's Sleigh Smiles And Joy

Through rain, more rain and high winds, Havering Rotary Club, with help from Upminster 41 Club and 'Float Friends', once again brought much joy to the streets of Upminster and Cranham with their Santa Sleigh. (See Havering Rotary Website for how special it was). This was its 44th Year and people's generosity continues to be amazing. Over ten nights, the Float collected a record amount of £8448 for local good causes such as

First Step, St Francis Hospice, Dycorts School and Riding for the Disabled. It is hard work and many miles but the smiles of the children and feel good factor generated during this period is worth all the effort. "Having Fun - Helping Others" (our Club's motto) is so appropriate for this activity. Once again, thanks for all your help, support and pictures on Facebook. It makes a real difference to our local charities. Well done everybody!

Colin Coe - Havering Rotary Club

Havering U3A Celebration

Havering U3A celebrated 30 years, on 8th January, with an afternoon tea at St Michael's Church Gidea Park. The event saw members enjoy an afternoon of friendship and entertainment. A delicious spread of sandwiches, pastries and drinks was topped off by the celebration cake, seen here being cut by chairman Alan Clayden.



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Havering Cycling Spring Concert

The London Borough of Havering has been identified as having bike cycling participation rates at 5.9% compared to 63.7% in Cambridge. Having considered comments shared with me on Facebook a number of issues seem to be attributable to Havering's low uptake levels. These include the age profile in Havering and our good bus connections. But there appear to be more negatives including the road infrastructure and lack of dedicated cycle routes, the fear of riding alongside cars, the lack of respect between both car drivers and cyclists, the lack of provision for cycle storage and bike safety when stored, restricted access to trains for the transportation of bikes and poor road maintenance and the need for a comprehensive map of cycle routes in the borough. I genuinely would love to use my bike around the borough but am sad to say I too, also have a fear of sharing the road with cars, vans and lorries. For us to compete with the likes of the Netherlands, we would need dedicated cycle lanes and the restructuring of our current roads, which would require significant funding. In the meantime we can address some of the above concerns along with the need to be mindful of the climate emergency and our mode of travel, and to be respectful of other road users.

CLlr GILLIAN FORD

The Havering Concert Orchestra (HCO) is pleased to announce its Spring Concert, 'A European Tour' 3:00pm Sunday 29 March 2020 New Windmill Hall, Upminster. In times past the well-off would do the 'Grand Tour' - journeying round Europe - absorbing the music, literature and art. Now The Havering Concert Orchestra are taking you back in time and bringing the music to you, at the New Windmill Hall in Upminster. We start in Vienna, Austria in 1791 with Mozart's Overture to his opera 'The Magic Flute'. Then off to France, in 1909, to hear Faure's 'Pelléas et Mélisande'. Back a few years to the Czech Republic, Bohemia in 1878, for Dvorák's 'Slavonic Dances'. Then Spain for Rossini's overture to 'The Barber of Seville'. Finally, we know we are home when we hear the nostalgic tones of Elgar's 'Engima Variations'.

The concert takes place at 3:00 pm on Sunday 29 March 2020 at the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH.

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I have recently donated £650 each to the following, monies have been raised from my 2019 Coach Trips.

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Shirley Ward

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Havering Literary Festival

Last year I once again attended the Havering Literary Festival - this time at Hornchurch Library. Professor Alice Roberts (Professor of Public Engagement in Science at Birmingham University since 2012) the academic under the spotlight is also a writer and broadcaster. She's interested in the structure of humans, how we function and our place in the wider environment. The event was very well attended, as I expected, the floor being fully occupied with an audience eagerly awaiting her 'performance'. I first came across her on TV in 2001, as a human bone specialist on Channel 4's Time Team. She went on to present Coast on BBC2 and then to write and present a range of television series for BBC2, including The Incredible Human Journey, Origins of Us and Ice Age Giants, as well as several Horizon programmes. The Digging for Britain series, looking at the freshest, most exciting archaeology in the UK was her most recent foray. She was just ending a 3-month tour covering most of the country so we especially thank her for coming to see us.

Janet Archer

Be On Your Guard

Over the Christmas and New Year period we received several calls from residents who had answered the door to "so called tradesmen" quoting they had just finished repairing a roof or guttering in the area and had seen they had a missing roof tile or damaged guttering etc.

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Please be on your guard all sorts of scams are out there.

Boundary Commission Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is currently conducting a review of the number of councillors in Havering and the ward boundaries. The last time this was done was in 1999.

The first stage of the review has just been completed, with the Commission recommending that Havering retains its current number of 54 elected councillors. The second stage has now begun, with a public consultation seeking peoples views on any changes that there should be to ward boundaries in the Borough, the names of the wards and the number of councillors that should be elected to each ward.

The consultation will be running from now until 02 March 2020 and can be accessed via www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/havering.

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

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

11 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

11 Tuesday - The Arts Society, Havering (formerly NADFAS Havering) Yasha Beresiner 'The Fascinating World of Playing Cards'. 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.tashahaving.org.uk

11 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.

12 Wednesday - Havering U3A. Charlie Haylock - "The History of Spoken English". 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

12 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.

12 Wednesday - Nelves Women's Institute meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelves United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelves Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.

14 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. A donation of £3 requested to cover hall hire, includes tea/coffee and biscuits., Contact:- secretary Joy Emerson 01708 440297.

17 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.

Tuesday - Upminster & District Horticultural Society, Next lecture in March. 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

18 Tuesday - Upminster U3A Iain Green - Wildlife Photographer. 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

18 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 Wednesday - Deyncourt Ladies Probud 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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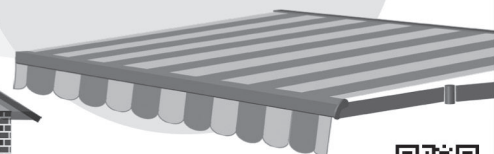
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20 Thursday - Upminster Wine and

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.

21 Friday - Havering Antique

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26 Wednesday - Upminster Park

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26 Wednesday - Upminster and

District Probus Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX on the last Wednesday of the month. Roger Johnson - An introduction to Essex Police Museum <https://museum.essex.police.uk/>. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

28 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 Music
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7 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. "That rings a bell" - History of the Town Cryer by Mike Wabe. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am-1pm where a Q&A session is followed by "Jewish Family history Sources for non-Jewish Research" by Jeanette Rosenberg OBE. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

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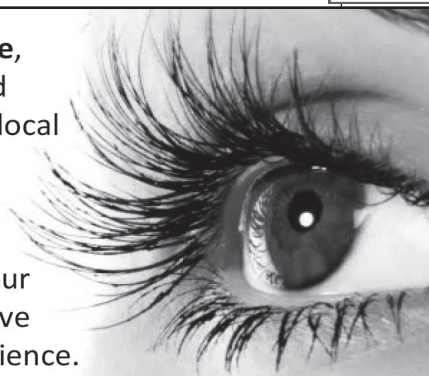
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Healthwatch Havering's Friends Network

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/

Please Can We Have A Safe Place To Cross?

Resident Darren Taylor contacted a Cranham Ward Councillor raising concerns over the availability of a safe crossing point in Front Lane, near Isis Drive. Darren suggested that "at a time when there are several government and council initiatives to encourage walking or 'taking your bike to school' weeks, it makes no sense that there is no safe provision for school children to cross at the top end of Front Lane." Parents with older children have also raised concerns

about their children walking to school on their own.

Having previously approached the Council for a crossing at this location, Cranham Ward Councillor Gillian Ford remembered that plans had been previously drawn up and asked for the plans to be revisited, only to be advised funding was not available. Councillor Linda Van den Hende had been approached by a couple of residents concerned with speeding in the road and the three Councillors saw the immediate link of the two matters. The introduction of a zebra crossing, would not only provide a safe place to cross for residents, but would also act as a speed reduction measure. Councillor Ford went onto say that "the local primary school is within the Public Space Protection Order area, restricting cars parking close to the school. This acts as an accident preventative measure around the school but also improves air quality, so why is it that we are not encouraging more walking to school by simply providing a safe place to cross?"

Not happy with the Councils response



Darren Taylor started a petition with the support of the Cranham Ward Councillors, in the hope of seeing the introduction of a zebra crossing in Front Lane.

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The Planning Inspectorates Inspector dismissed the appeal in December.

Subsequently the Council received another application again for "Adventure Golf Facility with ancillary car parking associated with existing golf course" in October on reference P 1527.19 .

This has also been refused by the Council.

If you would like a copy of the Planning Inspectors report and the Havering Council Officers report on the second application please get in touch with the Bulletin on bulletin@yahoo.co.uk

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Upminster Ward Meeting Dates

Our next surgery, to meet your local Councillors will be at Costa's, on the Eastern side of Station Road, on Mon Feb 10th - between 10.00am and 11.00am - as usual if you need to contact us before then our details are to the left.

Our next Ward meeting is on Weds 5th Feb - 7.30pm, at St Joseph's Church Hall.

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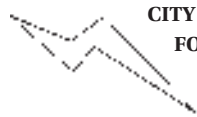
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