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# Residents Associations Amended Council Budget Defeated

At Havering Council's Budget Setting Meeting in late February, the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association councillors joined with other RA groups to submit an alternative to the Conservative Administration's proposed budget. This did not involve radical changes but dealt with specific points that residents and businesses have highlighted in the past year, without having any effect on the important services that people value in the borough.

Our proposals included the return of the 30-minute free parking in Upminster and Hornchurch car parks, at a cost (to the council) of £430,000.

To balance the council budget (a legal requirement), we proposed the following savings –

- 1. Ceasing production of the Living in Havering publication, which has been criticised as being used primarily as a promotion tool for the current administration (£167,000 saving).
- 2. Reduce the Communications Department budget by £70,000.
- 3. Remove funding of £37,000 for the Romford Christmas lights switch-on event and seek outside sponsorship.
- 4. Review of Member Allowances. The Conservative administration proposed to raise member allowances and create new posts, at an additional cost of £44,000. The Residents Association groups proposed to scrap these increases and also make a further £123,000 in savings.

When a vote was held, the Residents Associations alternative budget was unfortunately defeated, with the Conservative Councillors plus the three councillors representing Harold Wood Ward voting against it. The Administration's budget was then passed by the same margin.

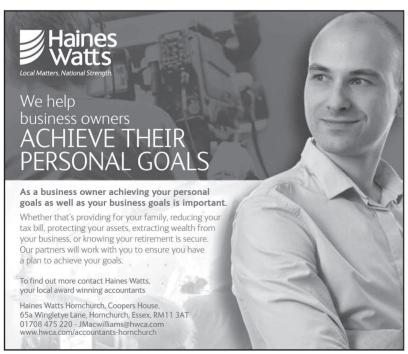
#### **Ticket Machines**

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN Cllr RON OWER Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

# Chapmans Farm Housing, taken to Appeal

The Planning application P1673.18, Chapmans Farm, Hall Lane, proposed the "demolition of existing livery yard buildings and the erection of nine houses, comprising of 4 x 3-bedroom, 3 x 4-bedrorom and 2 x 5-bedroom with landscaping. Havering Council refused this application on a number of grounds including: the rigid layout, substantial suburban incursion, harmful to the Green Belt and visually continued on page 2





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#### **Chapmans Farm** Housing, taken to **Appeal**

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intrusive in the street scene and surrounding area, the inherent altered character of the site which is not residential but in a rural setting, urbanisation of the site and .vehicular and pedestrian access where safety would be impeded An appeal against this ruling has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, Appeal Reference Number: APP/ B5480/W/20/3246481. If you submitted an objection to the planning application, your original letter will be taken into consideration and you will not be require to re-submit. However, if you would like to modify your previous submission or you would now like to submit a letter, you can post three copies of your letter to: The Planning Inspectorate, 3M, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Alternatively you can submit comments on the Planning Portal at: https://acp.planninginspectorate. gov.uk or submit an email at: north1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk The deadline for submissions is the

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Cllr Gillian Ford

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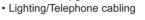
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As soon we have further news we will let you know.

### **Upminster Cricket Club**

Upminster Cricket Club's season will get underway on Saturday 25th April when they entertain Leigh on Sea in the Essex League Cup at Upminster Park. The league programme begins on 9th May when the 1st XI welcome Ilford. All Saturday games for 2020 will begin at 12.30pm.

The club will be running a full programme of senior cricket at . Upminster Park on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Summer. Sundays will include the fifth edition of the Club's popular intra-club T20 competition the "Windmill Whack" and in 2020 there will be a ladies version of the competition alongside this as the Club tries to encourage more women into the game. As well as senior cricket the Club will have around 200 young players involved in 2020, including those

playing in the new girls section which has formed over the winter. All of the youngsters will be guided by the Club's new head coach, Scott Simmons, who has recently joined the club.

For more information please visit https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/ upminstercricketclub

#### Which Ward?

A huge welcome to any new residents we hope you enjoy your living locally. We get regularly asked "which ward are we living in?

Kindly note residents living North of Upminster Station, including the Dury Falls Estate are in Cranham Ward. **Represented by Residents Councillors** Gillian Ford, Linda Van den Hende and John Tyler.

Residents living South of the Upminster Station,ie the Upminster to Fenchurch Street Rail line, including North Ockendon and the Cranham Cathedral Estate are in **Upminster Ward**. Represented by Linda Hawthorn, Ron

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Our Councillors have a wealth of knowledge on local matters etc. Please feel free to contact them.

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#### **Boundary** Commission Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBC) are currently undertaking a review of ward boundaries and the number of elected members in Havering.

As part of this, Havering Council officers proposed four different options for ward arrangements, all of which were rejected by elected council members. The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) also submitted a proposal (named Option 1A), which looked to retain the existing 18 wards and keep their boundaries as near as possible to those existing. A further option (named Option 4A) was put forward by the Conservative Group on the council. This involved an expansion to 22 wards, increasing the number of councillors from 54 to 56 and major changes to ward boundaries

At an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 04 March Options 1A and 4A were debated and, following votes, Option 4A was adopted as the preferred option of Havering Council (UCRA councillors voted against).

However, Option 1A has also been

submitted separately to the LGBC by the UCRA, as we feel that Option 4A does not meet the LGBC set criteria of 1) Electoral equality for voters, 2) Community identities and interests and 3) Effective and convenient local government, and should therefore be rejected by them.

Full details of both Options 1A and 4A can be found on the Havering Council website www.havering.gov.uk (search for the meeting on 04 March 2020). The Boundary Commission website can be viewed via www.lgbce.org.uk/ all-reviews/greater-london/greaterlondon/havering.

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#### Our Residents' **Association** websites

Our Residents' Association websites You may not know but there are actually two editions of The Bulletin published each month, one for Cranham and Upminster and one for Emerson Park. We also have two websites covering the same areas. The Residents' Association of Emerson Park website is: www.raep.org

The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association website is: www.ucra.co.uk

As well as often being the first place to see stories on issues affecting our local areas, the websites cover community events, roadworks and pre-planned travel information. There are also links to back copies of The Bulletin and you can leave messages for us via the 'Contact' page on each

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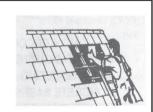
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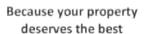


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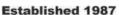
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#### New Members Allowances brought in against Residents' Association wishes

New Members Allowances brought in against Residents' Association wishes At the recent council Budget Setting Meeting, the current Conservative Administration proposed widespread increases in Members Allowances, including raising the Basic Allowance for councillors by £204 per year, an extra £853 for the Council Leader, an increase in the Deputy Mayor's allowance of £4,160 and the creation of one or more Deputy Cabinet Member posts at £14,677 each. They also proposed raising the allowances for Opposition Leaders (as an opt-in) and cabinet and committee chairman posts. The total cost of these increases came to £44,000

The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) councillors joined with other RA groups to oppose these increases, which come at a time when Havering Council have to make savings of another £14 million this year. Instead, we proposed to reduce non-basic allowances and produce a saving of £123,000 from the existing overall cost (£167,000, if you include the extra £44.000).

Unfortunately, the RA's proposals were defeated by 29 votes to 23 and the Administration's increases voted in by the same margin. All 26 Conservative Councillors, plus the three councillors representing Harold Wood Ward, voted for this.

The increase in allowances is strongly opposed by all UCRA Councillors.

#### Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 8th April - COLE PORTER: HIS LIFE & MUSIC presented by actor Ron Atkinson in the guise of Sammy Cahn.

Very much a one-man show and not to be missed. Details of the music to be played are yet to be announced. Wednesday 22nd April - BIG BANDS OF THE 1950s & THEIR VOCALISTS presented by Alan Morris.

Music by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Dizzy Gillespie, Lionel Hampton and the Dorsey Brothers and vocals from Joe Williams, Anita O'Day, Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra to name but a few of the likely artistes.

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.

#### Drawing by Angela

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# Maggie May and Dementia

Queen's Theatre Hornchurch teamed up with Leeds Playhouse and Curve Theatre for the premiere of Maggie May, a heart-warming drama by TV and radio writer Frances Poet. The production was all about the enduring love of Maggie and Gordon who first met in 1971, dancing to the sound of Rod Stewart. The play was set when in their sixties and they are still very much in love, but now Maggie is feeling 'foggy' and, some days, the songs are all she can remember. Her son and new girlfriend and her best friend are starting to ask questions.... It was an extraordinary play, encapsulating the life of an ordinary Leeds family, who balance the challenges of daily life whilst living with dementia. The production itself had been an innovative collaborative, curated by people living with dementia and their supporters. Leeds Playhouse has a pioneering creative programme for people living with dementia which is warmly endorsed by Queen's Theatre where all performances of this production were suitable for, and warmly welcomed those living with dementia and their families/carers. The theatre offered a range of dementia friendly performances which built on their own commitment to welcoming audiences affected by dementia.

The Theatre also hosted a free interactive digital installation front of house named The Listening Booth, amplifying the voices of people living with dementia and celebrating the power of music.

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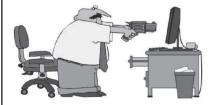
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Wednesday April 8th - Lois Amos -Romford Civic Society

The forming of the Romford Civic Society, and the work which they do Wednesday May 13th - William Davis - Gidea Park and the 1911 **Exhibition Estate** 

A talk about the houses on the Exhibition Estate in Gidea Park, and their designers

Talks held at the Old Chapel, Upminster. Talks are free to registered members and £2 to visiting nonmembers.

All talks start at 10.30am.

#### **Good Friday Open Air Sérvice**

It always makes me smile when the first Cadbury's Crème Egg is seen on sale, usually on 1st January. "We've only just had Christmas!" is the universal cry, but Christmas and Easter are intrinsically linked. We celebrate Christmas because it's the time when God did something extra special by sending his only Son, to live on earth and show us how God wanted us to live. Jesus grew up in an ordinary home, he was taught things,

just as we are as children. As he grew he helped his earthly father, Joseph, who was a carpenter and when he reached the age of 30 he started the work God had sent him to do. There was something very different about this man called Jesus. Thousands of people followed him to hear what he had to say but the religious leaders of the day didn't like him - they saw him as a threat and nuisance so made his life difficult, eventually killing him by putting him on a cross, a barbaric Roman execution

Because of who he was, this was no surprise to Jesus. He knew he had come to earth to save people and that it would mean dying for them, because God loved the world so much and he was prepared for take the punishment. But it didn't stop there, three days later he rose from the dead, appearing to over five hundred people.

On Good Friday the local churches once again gather together for our march of witness and open air service in Upminster Park, starting at 10:30am. We would welcome you to come and join us as we reflect and remember what God has done for each one of us.

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substantial grants from a number of organisations including; Essex County Council, the Countryside Agency, Ford of Great Britain and the local community. This April we will be celebrating the history of Broadfields and farming generally as part of our 30yr celebrations. During the year we hope to raise in excess of £30,000 to help maintain our historic buildings and to restore and open the stable block as well as to help future development of the Community Forest. To help with the fundraising, we are looking for those who would be willing to take on a challenge, small or large, such as walking 30 miles, planting 30 bulbs/trees, volunteering for 30 days, etc. We will celebrate achievements at the end of the vear.

**Events at the Forest Centre in April** Friday 17th April 2.30-4.30pm

Cream tea to celebrate our farming heritage. Treat yourself or join with friends in a delicious traditional country cream tea, music and pictures to evoke memories of farming life. £10 per person. Booking essential. Gift vouchers available. Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th April Spring Festival celebrating the start

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Life is beginning to stir as our wildlife emerges from a winter hibernation. Likewise, if you own tortoises that have hibernated this year it is time to check on them. With the mild winter some owners found it hard to encourage their tortoises to hibernate, others found that they woke early. If they were not cold have used up precious reserves and

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#### **Havering Astronomical** Society

Havering Astronomical Society meet at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham RM14 1SR. Meetings every third Wednesday in the month (except August), 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm. On 15 April - Konrad Malin-Smith - Star Clusters and their Uses. Secretary: Elizabeth Watson 01708 868209. Further information on our website https://www.havastro.co.uk/.

### Big Band Fundraiser

The Brentwood School Big Band is giving a Charity Fundraising Concert to raise funds for Diabetes UK on Saturday 25th April at Gidea Park Methodist Church, 398 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH. The Concert starts at 7.30 pm. and doors open at 7.00 pm. Tickets are priced as follows: Adult £12.00 and Under 16s £6.00 For tickets please contact Debbie Broom 01708-473314 or E Mail: debbiebroom247@gmail.com David Squibb 07713-069309 or E Mail: david@squibb.eclipse.co.uk



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#### The Upminster & District **Horticultural** Society

14th April 2020 - Pelargoniums - Brian

We welcome back Brian to our April lecture evening. This time to speak of the many varieties of Pelargoniums in particular the Regal and Angel varieties which Brian has propagated over the years. We may even have the option of buying a few of his plants. The lecture begins at 7.45pm and finishes 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

#### **Brookside Theatre**

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#### **Havering** Twinning **Association**

The London Borough Havering signed official twinning charters with Ludwigshafen, Germany in 1971 and Hesdin, France in 2000. While many towns are dropping their

links with the continent, small groups in Havering are continuing to cherish the links established in 1971 with Ludwigshafen and with Hesdin in the North of France.

We firmly believe that peace and harmony between nations depends on mutual understanding and respect for one another's culture. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Havering and Ludwigshafen signing their Twinning Charter, The International Police Association was the forerunners of Havering's twinning with Ludwigshafen, recognising the value of good relationships and the mutual benefits they provide. Both groups aim to nurture friendship between the participants and welcome others to join. The Ha-Lu group commitment is to spend a week in Ludwigshafen every other year with our partners and reciprocate the hospitality in our homes in the intervening year. Various activities are organised each year to raise funds towards organising a day trip and providing a leaving party for our guests. In Channel2H Twinning Association, the commitment is to spend a weekend with our partners in Hesdin France every other year and offer hospitality in our homes to our partners in the intervening year. Group visits are always organised and conclude with a convivial lunch at the end of the weekend.

There have been many exchanges over the past years and several longstanding friendships made. Havering sent youth football teams and several other local organisations such as churches also participated. At civic level, our council administrations exchanged visits. We believe twinning still has many

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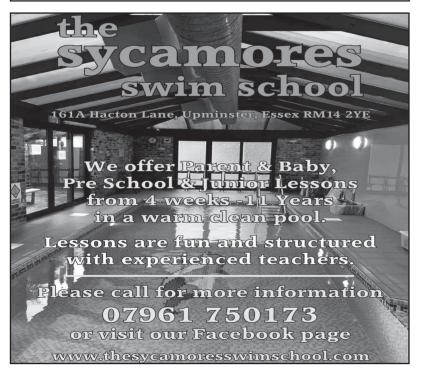


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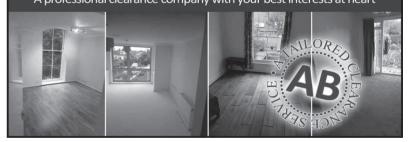
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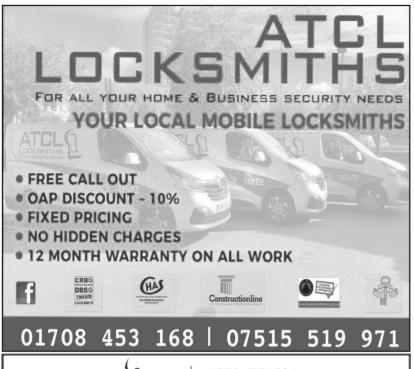
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#### **LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS** - APRIL

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

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

- 4 Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia, Hall lane. Open 10.30am to 4pm.
- 7 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
- Wednesday Havering U3A. Brian Carling will be telling us about "Life in the 1930s to 50s". 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
- 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 Nelmes Women's Institute meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.
- 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
- 11 Monday Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust Illustrated talk about Wallasey Wild Coast project, with Rachel Fancy from the RSPB this is part of the European rewilding project network. Meeting held on the 1st floor, Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, RM 11

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- 12 Sunday OASIS OASIS A 'disability-friendly' meeting FOR **ALL AGES at Cranham Baptist** Church, Severn Drive 3:00 to 4:30pm. Oasis contact nos: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.
- 14 Tuesday The Arts Society, **Havering** (formally NADFAS Havering) Caroline Holmes with a talk entitled 'Australian Impressionists- The Heidelberg School, Fontainbleu and the Zenith Landscape', 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.
- 14 Tuesday Upminster & District Horticultural Society Brian Carline speaking on Pelargoniums. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Beginning at 7.45pm and finishing at 9.45pm. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members. For more information visit www. upminsterhorticulturalsociety. co.uk
- 15 Wednesday Havering **Astronomical Society** meet at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham RM14 1SR. Meetings every third Wednesday in the month (except August), 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm. Konrad Malin-Smith - Star Clusters and their Uses. Secretary: Elizabeth Watson 01708 868209. Further information on our website https://www.havastro. co.uk/.
- ${\bf 15}\, {\bf Wednesday} \, {\bf -Deyncourt} \, {\bf Ladies}$ 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 Devncourt 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
- 15 Wednesday Upminster Floral **Art Society** An entertaining evening watching expert floral designers. Enter our raffle on the night for a chance to take home a spectacular flower arrangement. Doors open at 7pm and refreshments are available. Held on the third Wednesday of every month (except December). Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Cost: £7 visitors. Free for members. Contact: Margaret 01708 471977.
- 16 Thursday Upminster Wine and Social Club meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front

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- 17 Friday Havering Antique Collectors Club The Thames Estuary. Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. 7.30 for 8.00 - Guests £5. Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 0794 7367258. Annual Membership only £30.
- **18 Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, Hall lane. Open 10.30am to 4pm.
- 20 Monday Diabetes UK Havering Group Meetings are held at North Street Halls, 24 North Street, Hornchurch - Opposite Iceland, RM11 1QX . Normally on the third Monday of each month (except for August and January) at 8PM. Contact our secretary, Ann on 01708 935779, for more details.
- 21 Tuesday Upminster Camera Club. JANE GOODALL "Family Photoshoots". Every Tuesday at 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start. Cranham Community Association, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR.
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- 24 Friday Single Over Sixty lunch, last Friday of every month 12.30 for 1pm, All Saints Church, The Chase Upminster Tel: 01708 228308.
- 25 Saturday Rotary fund raiser, St Lawrence Church Hall, Upminster. Plant sale, tea & coffee brickerbrac and lots more.

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- 2 Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia, Hall lane. Open 10.30am to 4pm.
- 2 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. 'A Genealogical Journey' with Lady Mary Teviot. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am-1pm where a O&A session is followed by' Hospital and their Records and how to find them' with Lady Mary Teviot. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 2 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.
- 5 Tuesday Oglethorpe W.I This is when we discuss WI Resolutions on current topics. Visitors and new members are always welcome to our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN at 7.45 pm. Further information contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.



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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

### **Upminster Library Events**

Wednesday 8th April 2:30pm Easter Craft for ages 5+ years £2.00 Advance booking is essential as spaces are limited.

Thursday 16th April 11:00am Easter Craft for ages 5+ years £2.00 Advance booking is essential as spaces are limited.

Easter Story Time Monday 6th April 11:00am Wednesday 8th April 9:30am Wednesday 15th April 9:30am Saturday 18th April 11:30am

All story times are FREE just come along. Suitable for ages 5 years and under. **Tuesday 21st April** 9:30am **Card** 

Making Workshop for adults of all levels. £7.00. Pay on the day
Saturday 25th April St George's Day
Craft for ages 5+ years £1.00 Advance booking is essential as spaces are

limited.

**Every Thursday IT Help and advice** 10:30 -12:30 Please ring the library to book your slot.

**Every Monday Baby Bounce** 1:30pm Suitable for ages 0-2 years (term time only) No need to book just come along.

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www.havering.gov.uk/libraries

#### Men's Probus Club Seeking New Members

Upminster and District Probus Club (for men) has over 70 members and meets for lunch once a month. The Club provides an opportunity for retired or semi-retired gentlemen to meet, socialise and make new friends and acquaintances. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month (one week earlier in December) at The Cranleigh Restaurant, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch RM12 6LX. There is limited parking at The Cranleigh - however, buses 193, 252 and 256 stop outside and it's only a short walk from Hornchurch Town Centre and Hornchurch Station. We gather at around 11.30 am to socialise before sitting down at 12.00 noon for business, followed by an excellent three-course lunch and tea or coffee. After the meal, members are entertained by a guest speaker covering a huge variety of topics. Recent subjects have included The History of Crystal

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If you think you may be interested in joining our Club, please contact our secretary, Barry Walsh, on 01708 703783, and leave a message or send an email to: secretary@upminsterprobus.com.For more information our website is www.upminsterprobus.com. Facebook page: www.facebook.com/upminsterprobus

#### **Upminster Park**

We are very lucky to have a magnificent park in our town centre. It was great to see the wonderful display of crocuses last month across the park close to Corbets Tey Road.

#### **Subscriptions**

A huge welcome to new households to the area. Enjoy your time here. We have been collecting subs from new residents and homes not seen for several years or were out when we called!

Subscriptions per household are still only £2 per year.

If we have left an envelope please return to us. Many thanks.

### 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.

**Easter Break** 

April 23rd - William Peart - organ

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and Mendelssohn, and early music by William Byrd and others. We currently have 17 members, and there is room for a few more!

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#### 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.

# CIRCUS is coming to town!

Engayne Primary Friends Association will be hosting the Happy Circus on Saturday 16th May 2020. Gates open at 11.30am for family fun including BBQ, refreshments, fun fair games and lots more. Show starts at 1.30pm in the Big Top. Tickets are priced at £9.00 per person and are available to purchase via https://www.the-epfa.com/book/. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### 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.

#### Proposed Lower Thames Crossing - Utility Trial Trenching Surveys

As part of the ongoing ground condition surveys, **Highways England** are starting **Utility Trial Trenching** (UTT). This phase of works will begin in March and continue across Havering and Essex until August, subject to any necessary approvals.

The roads scheduled to be affected in Havering are:

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Folkes Lane, Upminster – Trial holes. Full road closure. (3 days at night-time)

For more details, please visit the Highways England website www. highwaysengland.co.uk/utility-trialtrenching-surveys-on-the-lowerthames-crossing/

#### **Cranham Deliverers**

We are always very grateful to the large number of people that help to deliver the Bulletin. At present we are looking for a couple of people in the Cranham area to assist us as Area Controllers once a month, distributing Bulletins to our deliverers. If you have a vehicle and are able to deliver a small box of Bulletins to six or seven addresses within the same area please call John Tyler on 07982 962 925 or e-mail johntylerucresidents@outlook.com . Thank you

### 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 Apr & 21st May.

### **Upminster Ward Meeting Dates**

Please note that as the 2nd Monday in April is Easter Monday, we have moved our surgery to the 1st Monday this month 6th April, and will meet at the Huntsman and Hounds from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. As usual our details are opposite. If you need to contact us before then.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN, Cllr RON OWER, Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

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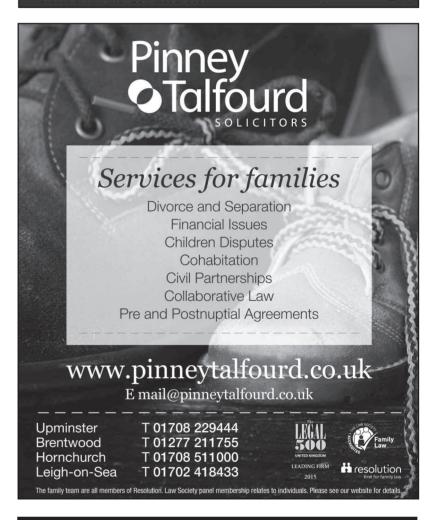
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