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## UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Boundary Commission Draft Recommendations

Havering is currently going through a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), for the ward boundaries and councillors in the borough. Changes will come into effect from the Local Elections in 2022.

The LGBCE previously recommended the retention of the current total of 54 councillors and held a public consultation on ward boundaries. The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) made a detailed submission, which was based on retaining 18 three member wards and involved only minor changes in the Upminster and Cranham areas.

At the end of July, the LGBCE published their draft recommendations, which were radically different to either those submitted by Havering Council or the UCRA. Locally, these included increasing the size of Cranham Ward and drastically reducing the size of Upminster Ward, with Upminster's councillors being cut from three to two.

There were three main changes proposed - 1) The whole of the Dury Falls Estate would move from Cranham Ward to Emerson Park Ward, 2) The Cathedral Estate and the east side of Upminster (including North Ockendon) would transfer from Upminster to Cranham Ward, 3) Most controversially, the whole of Upminster to the south end of Corbets Tey Road (south of the river) would be transferred into Rainham and Wennington Ward. This would effect around 300 homes located within a mile of Upminster town centre, none of which have any natural association with Rainham.

Cranham councillors are disappointed at potentially losing the Dury Falls Estate, which has been an integral part of Cranham Ward for many years, and Upminster councillors cannot believe the LGBCE's irrational proposals for the south of the town.

A new public consultation on these proposals is currently running until 05 October. We will be sending our comments and would also strongly encourage residents to submit their views on the draft proposals. These can be viewed and comments submitted via [www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/havering](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/havering). The LGBCE can be contacted by phone on 0330 500 1525 or you can write to them at Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.

### Upminster/Cranham -1 Distribution and 2 Income Collection/ Fundraising Managers (Volunteer Posts)

We are reviewing a number of operational areas within our Bulletin Team and are looking for three volunteer managers, to assist for a few hours each month.

**Distribution Manager** for Upminster, who will primarily be responsible for managing the distribution of the Bulletin on a monthly basis. During election time the workload may increase to a small degree. The Distribution Manager will need a car, as he or she will need to deliver the boxes of Bulletins to the team of Area Coordinators, all based in the Upminster area.

**Two Subscription Managers**, one for Upminster and the other for Cranham, who will be responsible for managing the volunteers who collect Bulletin subscriptions, arranging fund raising events and encouraging Residents' Association membership take-up. This will assist in ensuring the circulation of the Bulletin continues, which in turn helps us financially to support local community groups within the Upminster and Cranham areas. The use of a computer with Microsoft Excel or similar is essential and would suit retired persons with basic spreadsheet/bookkeeping skills.

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Your e-mails

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## Can You Help With Bulletin Deliveries?

We resumed delivering paper copies of The Bulletin last month. We were pleased to be back. Many thanks for your kind comments. We need volunteers to deliver the Bulletin in several roads.

We would therefore be extremely grateful for any extra help people can provide, whether it is on a permanent basis or even just as a one off. Delivering to most roads normally takes 15-20 minutes once a month.

For people living south of Upminster Station please call Chris Wilkins on 07960 059 195. Anyone living north of the railway line (including the Dury Falls Estate) please call **John Tyler** on **07982 962 925**.

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## No Right Turn

May we remind drivers turning right from Howard Road into Station Road. Apart from being illegal, vehicles have been seriously holding up traffic and a large number of drivers have been fined. Please don't join them.

## Shop Local, Hire Local

It has been great seeing our shopping centres becoming busier. Please support your local shops and businesses - Shop Local, Hire Local!



## Exchange House

The Council have received a further planning application at the former telephone exchange in St. Marys Lane at 180- 182 for the conversion of B1 (Office) building to C3 (Residential) involving demolition of existing rear extension and garage structure, rear infill extension and alterations to the building and elevations to create seven two bed and a one bed flats with associated basement storage area, parking and amenity spaces.

## Water Please

The Council planted around 400 trees in the planting season. Many of these are following requests from your Resident's Councillors in our area.

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## Where are they now?

Over the years The Bulletin has been delighted to welcome young writers. Their columns have been terrific, well written and on occasions, started a number of debates. The amount of issues they have covered is huge.

We felt it would be a nice idea to let you know what they are doing now. Please see in the Bulletin, the first of these from former correspondent Beth Whalley, who attended Coopers and Coborn school locally. She has had a fantastic 'academic career' so far.

*Well done Beth!*

## News from Beth

I wrote my column for the Bulletin from 2007 until 2009, when I went off to study English Literature at university. There, I nurtured my interests in the book industry and medieval studies, and I ended up doing a Masters in Medieval English at King's College London, working in marketing for a lovely academic

book publisher, and returning to university to do my PhD. I'm now a postdoctoral research fellow at Freie Universität Berlin, working on my book on waterways in early medieval culture. As a teenager with a love of writing but no particular career ambitions, I considered myself so lucky to have my own newspaper column, where I had the freedom to flex my writerly muscles and compose anything which took my fancy: education, youth activities, the arts, sport. Nowadays, I hope my writing is a bit more focused and considered than it was in 2007, but I often look back over my very first published work with fondness!

BETH WHALLEY

## Wearing a face mask when living with dementia

The Alzheimer's Society have some useful tips for wearing a face mask when you're living with dementia or caring for someone

who has dementia.

Every journey needs a plan. If you or someone you know with dementia is finding it difficult to wear a face covering, they have got lots of tips and guidance for you on their website. Making a simple change such as the style or fabric could make a big difference. If you're caring for someone with dementia, it can be difficult to communicate with a mask on, so they have shared some top tips on how to do this too.

For further information visit the Alzheimer's Society website - [www.alzheimers.org.uk/](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/) and search for 'face mask'.

## Major theme park proposed in north Kent

Plans have been unveiled for a major theme park in north Kent, to the east of the Bluewater Shopping Centre. The exact site is on a peninsular north of Swanscombe, directly on the opposite side of the Thames to Grays.

The BBC recently wrote an informative article on the theme park idea which can be viewed on their website - [bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-53552514](http://bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-53552514).

A consultation on the proposals is now open and runs until 21 September. For further information, see the London Resort Consultation website - [consultation.londonresort.info/](http://consultation.londonresort.info/).

## Renewing Resident Parking Permits

We have received the following advice from Havering Council regarding renewing Residents Parking Permits -

*'Normally applying for and renewing Parking Permits is an online only process, whilst those customers without access to a PC and family/friends to assist are directed to the Public Advice & Service Centre (PASC) in Romford, where online assistance is available.'*

*Unfortunately, owing to the PASC*

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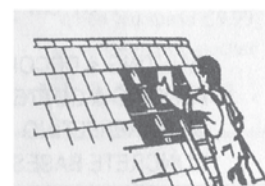
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## Reporting illegally parked vehicles

Residents' Association councillors have received a number of complaints regarding problems caused by illegally parked vehicles. The Council have provided the following reply to our recent enquiry -

*'To ensure parking contraventions are attended to as soon as possible, requests for parking enforcement can be sent directly to the Enforcement Team via an online form available via the council website - [www.havering.gov.uk](http://www.havering.gov.uk) and searching for 'report illegally parked vehicle' or by telephone on 01708 432 787 (option 6). The on-duty Enforcement Supervisor can be reached on 07946 738 495. An available Civil Enforcement*

*Officer can then be dispatched to the area of concern as soon as possible. Unfortunately, a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) cannot be issued retrospectively, nor upon third party evidence, as the contravention must be observed by the issuing officer.*

## Havering Astronomical Society talks

The Havering Astronomical Society will be having two online talks in September.

The first will be held on Wednesday 02 September, 6.45 for 7pm start and will be an online talk by Dr Anastasia Kokori, UCL Centre for Space Exochemistry Data, entitled 'ExoClock project for the Ariel mission' (re. the structure of exoplanets).

The second will be on Wednesday 16 September, 7.45 for 8pm start and will be an online talk presented by Paul Money entitled 'The Vikings at Barsoom Part Two - The search for life' (re. early missions to Mars).

Please note the differing start times for each talk. Further details can be obtained from **Liz** on **07706 885 948** or e-mail via **[enquiries@havastro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@havastro.co.uk)**.

## Ockendon Kennels

A further planning application on the former Ockendon Kennels Site,

Ockendon Road, North Ockendon has recently been decided. The site has a history of applications that have been refused. Readers will remember Upminster Ward Residents' Councillors organised a Public Meeting in North Ockendon, which was well attended and locals were against building on this Green Belt site. Gradually the number of dwellings applied for was reduced until, in 2018, Havering's Planning Committee gave permission for 14 homes on the Chairman's casting vote.

The Council's Planning Committee recently discussed a further application for 14 dwellings but with a different layout. Upminster Residents' Councillors Chris Wilkins and Ron Ower spoke at the meeting against the application.

Ron stated that "The development if approved would naturally impact on the Green Belt. An inappropriate development is harmful by definition and should not be approved except under very special circumstances", adding, "I do not see any special circumstances here." Chris pointed out that there were "...large housing developments elsewhere in the borough and that we should not be losing any of our local Green Belt Countryside."

Cranham Residents' Councillor John Tyler, who serves on the Committee, pointed out the planned dwellings were larger than those previously given permission and moved that the application be refused. Sadly, the

committee voted 4 to 3 to grant planning permission.

## Thames Chase

It is 30 years since the then Countryside Commission started to look seriously at what was happening to the landscape in and around east London and south west Essex, particularly to the landfill sites that were increasing in size and number. Working with existing local authority partners, the vision of creating a Community Forest with the community, for the community, was launched.

Slowly at first, the plan then gathered steam as others grew to appreciate the benefit of restoring what was the London fenland landscape. The Community Forest concept grew and spread to other areas of England. Within Thames Chase, sites for regeneration were not difficult to find as gravel extraction followed by landfill had spread through the area, leaving bald patches across the landscape. Also, existing woodland and parkland had been poorly managed and so creating the new Community Forest had plenty of scope.

The first sites to be restored in the 1990s were at Thorndon and Belhus and at Eastbrookend in Barking and Dagenham. The Thames Chase team moved to Broadfields in 1996, turning a derelict farm into an example of multipurpose forestry, rich in wildlife habitats and giving access to the countryside for local communities.

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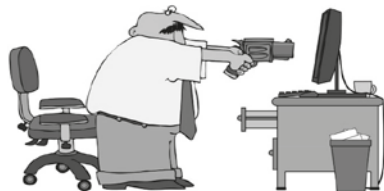
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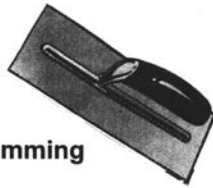
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Cllr. JOHN TYLER

## Speeding is not a joke

My colleagues and I are getting more and more calls for 'traffic calming measures' locally. Over the years, together with

your Residents Association, we have fought successfully for speed limits to be reduced in places. Last month my Cranham Ward colleagues highlighted the introduction of a 20 mph scheme on the Dury Falls Estate. Discussions are still ongoing with a number of similar schemes. Chris, Linda and I have been pursuing a number of projects that include further 20 mph areas.

Sadly, getting action relies on cash being available and competes with councillor colleagues who are pressing for action in their areas. Unfortunately it can take several years to get a scheme built. As an example, the recent safety measures where chicanes have been put in place in Ockendon Road, North Ockendon, were installed following requests from residents who were concerned over excessive speeds. However, this took around three years!

In the National Press recently, a report stated that each year 4,000 people are killed or seriously injured on London roads, with speeding a factor in about a third of those collisions.

Locally we have a high number of schools with a huge number of children. Please take care when driving.

Cllr. RON OWER

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Over the years the Macmillan Coffee Mornings have raised millions of pounds for the Macmillan Cancer Support. Their nurses do a magnificent job supporting patients and their relatives through diagnosis and support. I know a number of people they have assisted. Last year they raised £27,461,814 from their annual coffee morning.

This year, owing to current events, they are giving out information for supporters who are hosting socially distanced or over the video coffee mornings. The official date this year is Friday 25th September. Their website, which is really worth a visit, is [coffee.macmillan.org.uk](http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk) has some excellent ideas, recipes

and tips on how to host and donate. They also have available a fund raising kit. I would also recommend looking at their other website on their service to the community [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk). If you have any questions, their telephone number is 0808 808 0000 (8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week).

Give Macmillan your support please.

Cllr. RON OWER

## The Famous Three

Back in the November 2008 Bulletin, we introduced you to the 'Famous Three' Lily Parkinson, William Brown and Oliver Loveday, on their first day at James Oglethorpe School.

Each year we have tracked the moves of William to Coopers and Coborn School and to Lily and Oliver to Hall Mead School. They have just finished year eleven at their secondary school.

What a time to be in year eleven,

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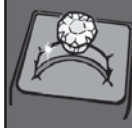
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when their GCSEs that they have been working hard on were cancelled in March and the many milestones that go when you are finishing secondary school. Please look out next month for the next chapter of Lily, William and Oliver's educational paths.

## Havering Astronomical Society

Havering Astronomical Society is based in Cranham, Upminster and is continuing to grow and flourish with a strong online presence since Covid 19 caused lockdown. We have been busy hosting virtual meetings by many interesting and varied speakers and have an exciting program arranged for the coming months.

Comet Neowise has been delighting everyone in the past few weeks and is the subject of many fine member photos shown on our website - [www.havastro.co.uk](http://www.havastro.co.uk) and on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/groups/2117831708490685](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2117831708490685). Our

member communities are active with support and advice and we also have monthly observing challenges and a fun weekly quiz.

HAS hopes to resume observing sessions in the Autumn with, of course, all the latest government guidelines in practice to keep everyone safe. We also have a Young Astronomers section, which we aim to restart possibly later this year. If you are interested in any of our online activities you can join us on Facebook, contact us by email via [enquiries@havastro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@havastro.co.uk) or call **Liz** on **07706 885 948**.

## Pinney Talfourd webinars

Pinney Talfourd solicitors are running webinars explaining how people can access legal advice relating to wills, LPA and probate during these uncertain times. The webinars last for 30 minutes and allow viewers the chance to ask questions.

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dates - 18 September, 16 October and 20 November. All will take place via Zoom. To book a place please contact [joanna.smith@pinneytalfourd.co.uk](mailto:joanna.smith@pinneytalfourd.co.uk) confirming which date you wish to book for. Full details can be found on their website -

[www.pinneytalfourd.co.uk](http://www.pinneytalfourd.co.uk).

## Rabbit Vaccinations

Myxomatosis vaccine has been available for rabbits for many years and some years ago a vaccine for Rabbit Viral Haemorrhagic Disease (RVHD) was added. In 2013 a second strain of RVHD, RVHD2, appeared and a separate vaccine became available for this disease. This had to be given two weeks after the Myxomatosis vaccine, resulting in two visits being required for full protection against all three viruses.

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## Video witnessing of Wills

Coronavirus has led to an increased demand for people wanting to make a Will. At the height of the lockdown, social distancing rules meant that the legal requirement that Wills must be signed in the presence of two independent witnesses could not be easily observed. This led some to sign their Wills whilst two witnesses witnessed their signature by video link - there was no legal authority to confirm that this approach satisfied the two-witness rule.

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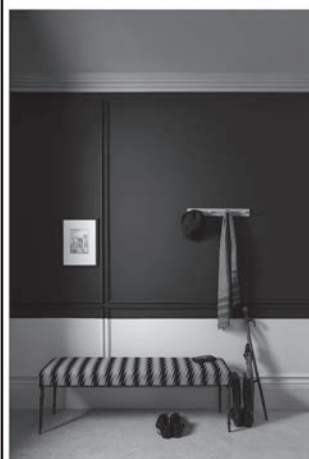
The government recently announced the introduction of temporary legislation to allow people to use a video link to witness the signing of their Will. In a further step, it was announced that the legislation will be retrospective and apply to Wills made since 31 January

2020, thereby including video-link Wills made this way during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is anticipated that the legislation will be take effect for a period of two years ending on 31 January 2022.

## There's Safety in Neighbours

Nationally, Neighbourhood Watch have launched a new campaign to prevent burglaries. As lockdown eases in the UK, there is expected to be a rise in such crimes and they have therefore partnered with the Home Office to create a new social media campaign, 'Safety in Neighbours', to help keep people safe and continue the great work local schemes are already doing. For further details visit their website - [www.ourwatch.org.uk/](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/) or call them on 0116 402 6111.

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As this is being written, work on the site is underway.

## Phone Mast Planning Rules

Further to our articles on the changes in planning rules, it was interesting to see that taller mobile phone masts will be allowed without full planning permission in an effort to boost 5G and eliminate areas suffering from a poor signal.

In the past we have objected to a number of masts!

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## Mind the Gap

Thanks to all those of you who wrote in regarding our article in the May Bulletin (which can be viewed on our website [ucra.co.uk](http://ucra.co.uk)), regarding the history of the District Line.

Mention you are from Upminster, inevitably many will say I recognise that it is at the eastern end of the District Line. Fascinating to see how the rolling stock has changed over the years. The current trains where you can walk from one end to the other have attracted a lot of comments.

CLlr. RON OWE

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a shop) don't know that many of these charities are not real, the charity registration numbers are largely fake (people don't bother to check whether they are genuine or not). The vehicles that turn up to collect such bags tend to be non-charitable individuals, either selling the items or sending them abroad. By leaving bags of goods out to be collected, it is simply fuelling this behaviour. I'm not sure many really care about this, as a lot of the time households just want the items gone. It saves them the trip to the charity shop/bank or recycling centre but it's not genuine. I am very passionate about donating and always take my donations to Barnados's, which is my choice of shop to donate to.

## Abide with Me

I have just been watching this years FA Cup final between Chelsea and Arsenal where Arsenal won 2 to 1. It prompted some nice memories thinking of Chelsea and their manager

Frank Lampard Junior, who had a great playing career with Chelsea after starting off at West Ham. I remember meeting him, with Frank Senior, the day he signed for West Ham.

Then thinking about the FA Cup, how sad it was that fans were not present at this years game. However, I remember my grandfather, also a West Ham supporter, telling me he went to the famous game on the 28th April 1923 when West Ham played against Bolton Wanderers. Although the official attendance was 126,047, the Police estimated that in fact there were around 300,000 present! At one time around 10,000 were on the pitch. This is the game with the Police Officer on the white horse, trying to get fans off the pitch.

Whilst the Scottish Premiership started on the 1st August. In England it starts on the 12th of this month. Good luck to all the teams and of course to a local team The Urchins - Hornchurch Football Club. Hopefully they

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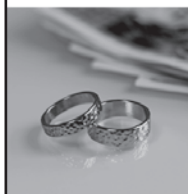
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Cllr. RON OWER

## A Helping Hand

Alcoholics Anonymous have indicated that during the coronavirus pandemic they have seen a huge increase in the number of people looking for help with their drinking issues.

Their website - [alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk](http://alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk) has a lot of useful information. They also have an email address [help@aamail.org](mailto:help@aamail.org) and can be contacted by phone on **0800 9177 650**. The AA will arrange for a member to call anyone who is worried about their drinking.

## Upminster Dementia Choir

The Upminster Dementia Choir has continued via Zoom, during lockdown. Participants have increased over the weeks, as more people have engaged with technology. We have a laugh, joke and sing-a-long with an ever increasing repertoire of songs, including requests! The choir is for people living with dementia and their carer, so come and join us on Zoom, just until we can meet again in person. Contact **Gillian Ford** on **01708 641 317**.

## Frances Ridgley

Haverling Astronomical Society, and indeed Upminster, has lost a pillar of the community, with the sad passing of Frances Ridgley. She set up our astronomical society - I believe our very first meeting following on from

evening classes was in her home. She soon found a meeting room at Cranham Community Centre and became the secretary, a post she held for 25 years. Frances organised speakers, meetings, visits, outreach .... if you can name it, she was there making sure it all went ahead smoothly! She was passionate about astronomy and inspiring young people, and to this end soon started the Young Astronomers, which continued to meet at her house until very recently. Frances was also a global traveller, visiting all 7 continents. She loved chasing eclipses, which she witnessed in Africa and the USA (when she was 90!).

Her involvement in the local community cannot be underestimated. Frances also started the Boys Brigade in Cranham in 1958 and was a leader and helper for 60 years, as well as an active member of Cranham Baptist Church. After her husband, Tony, died in St Francis Hospice, she became a prolific fundraiser, raising several thousand pounds to support their ongoing work. She was recognised for these works in 2013 by being made a Freeman of the Borough of Havering.

She was a true friend to so many, who will miss her love, laughter and passion.

ELIZABETH WATSON.

## Rotarians During Lockdown

During these unprecedented times, community organisations have found their regular activities and community engagement curtailed. The Rotary Club of Hornchurch & Upminster is no exception. Fund raising activities including, The Big Band night, International Quiz, Fete on the

Green and the Sponsored Walk, have all had to be postponed having an impact on the charities the club support.

This hasn't stopped the club's members from meeting. The wonders of Zoom stepped into play, which was a steep learning curve for some, but once members got used to the technology and system, Zoom lessons reduced, leaving space for the formal meetings and club banter. They have also received a fortnightly publication, produced by one of the club members, keeping up to date with club news, articles and poetry written by members, along with regular features.

During the lockdown Dr Mutel Kerr ended her Presidency, with Terry Smith taking the seat of Club President. Due to the regulation on outdoor numbers of people meeting, the handover ceremony was held in the new Presidents Garden, with his daughter placing the chain of office around his neck. Members would like to thank Dr. Mutel Kerr for her year in office and would like to wish Terry Smith all the best for the coming year. Please contact the Club Secretary if you are interested in joining the club on **01708 250 855**.

RTN. GILLIAN FORD

## News from Haven House

Haven House Children's Hospice Chief Executive, and long standing Hornchurch resident, Mike Palfreman turned 60 this year. To mark this special milestone he will be joining two friends, Paul Turrell and Simon Fanning, (accompanied on various legs by over 40 friends and colleagues), who will be

following in the footsteps of Sir Ian Botham, walking the length of Great Britain, from John O'Groats to Land's End - a mammoth 900 miles in just one month. Their aim is to raise a staggering £100,000 for Haven House, money that will be crucial to the charity in the current crisis.

Mike said: "This is my 60th birthday year and my 10th year at Haven House Children's Hospice, so we wanted to undertake something particularly challenging and memorable. The fact that the current coronavirus crisis is making life very uncertain for the hospice, makes the timing even more crucial. That's why every pound we raise from the walk will be critical to ensure we can keep making the massive difference we do to the lives of sick children and their families across North East London and beyond. As someone who has lived in Hornchurch my whole life, I'm proud that we're making a real difference to many lives in Havering."

You can read more and support their challenge at [www.havenhouse.org.uk/fundraisers/john-ogroats-to-lands-end-walk](http://www.havenhouse.org.uk/fundraisers/john-ogroats-to-lands-end-walk)

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It was recently highlighted to Cranham Councillors that on the plans for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing, there appeared to be an access road leading from the far end of Laburnham Gardens into the site and towards the A127. There also appeared to be a further access road leading from the north end of Moor Lane into the site.

I took this up with Highways England but in the meantime the resident who highlighted this to us has received a reply from the local MP. Part of this reads – '...we have now received an update from the Lower Thames Crossing Team who advise that they no longer require use of the section of Moor Lane that you have referred to and that this section will not be included within the updated development boundary for this new consultation.

With regard to Laburnham Gardens, the Lower Thames Crossing Team advise that this is not required for access to the construction site but that the eastern end of the road is in the new development boundary as it is needed for a temporary water connection during construction.'

Cllr JOHN TYLER

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## Being considerate to your neighbours

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DAVID TYLER

## Young people's rights regarding the police complaints system

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) have asked us to publicise a guide to young people's rights regarding the police complaints system. With recent research highlighting only around half of young people are confident police will deal fairly with their complaint, the IOPC youth panel has launched new guidance to support young people and explain their rights.

The guidance provides information on questions young people frequently ask, such as what the IOPC do, how you can make a complaint to police, what to expect and the possible outcomes.

To view or download the guide, visit our website - [ucra.co.uk/young-peoples-rights-to-the-police-complaints-system/](http://ucra.co.uk/young-peoples-rights-to-the-police-complaints-system/)



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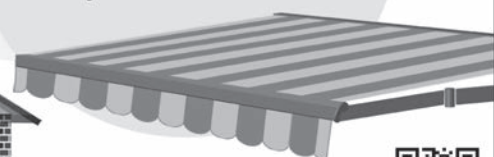
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## Online divorces – know the legal consequences first

The divorce process is now online and can seem straight forward. However, there are still a number of complexities in obtaining a divorce including jurisdiction and understanding the full process. Most significantly, many couples when going through the divorce process do not realise that marriage and civil partnership creates a financial contract. Finances become intertwined, even if separate bank accounts are maintained. These financial claims do not automatically expire on divorce.

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Regular visitors to our website ([www.ucra.co.uk](http://www.ucra.co.uk)) will be aware that there have been partial closures of the District Line almost every weekend since late Spring. Most of these have been from West Ham station towards central London but on occasions they have started at a station closer to us. There have also been regular partial or full weekend closures of the Hammersmith and City Line.

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## Upminster Windmill Update

*Courtesy of Friends of Upminster  
Windmill.*

Work to restore the mill had been progressing well and was due for completion during the spring. Unfortunately, events overtook this. The cap had been refurbished in the Dutch workshop, before being dismantled and returned to Upminster. It was being reassembled on the ground when the work was halted. A further two to three weeks' work will be required to complete the re-assembly and apply the weatherboarding to the boat-shaped frame.



*Assembling the cap frame*



*Installing the brake wheel*



*The ribs have been added*



*The partially assembled cap is  
now wrapped until work can  
resume*

The sails and wallower are still to be built. We do not know when work will resume though, once

that happens, the exterior of the mill will be completed within a few weeks. Lifting the cap and sails into position will be a memorable event but a wind free day is required for this.

Cliff Featherstone has created a virtual model of the Windmill and can produce three-dimensional illustrations that can be viewed from any position.



*View of the full model showing the  
smock frame, gallery and cap*

Inside the mill work is continuing on the refurbishment of the milling machinery.



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If you are reporting a problem on the out of hours service where possible try and give the post code and the exact location please.

## Town Centre Car Parking Update

The Council has announced that from Monday 3rd August, parking charges have been reintroduced in all Council car parks Monday to Saturday. Sundays will be free to park. from that date, on-street parking bays will be free for the first hour Monday to Saturday and all day on Sunday. However, charges

will apply at other times. For full details of Havering Council's car parking charges please see the On street and car parking charges website. Please remember you need a ticket for the free hour so please ensure that you print one from the ticket machine and also check that the one free hour applies to where you are parking. We also would like to remind residents that from Monday, 13th July, parking enforcement was brought back by the Council for business and resident bays, current permit holders will receive a three-month extension from this date. The return of parking enforcement is to ensure that the Borough's road network operates safely and efficiently, in particular for emergency services and to ensure that permit holders receive the service they pay for. Finally, The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association Councillors will continue to campaign for Council car parks in Upminster and Hornchurch to be free for at least the first 30 minutes, to help our high street shops and businesses. as well as our residents.

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## Broken or faulty machines

Following on from the previous article on parking, we would like to remind our residents what the Council policies and procedures are, in relation to broken or faulty parking ticket machines. If the pay and display machine displays 'Out of Order' or fails to issue a ticket you must purchase one from the nearest available machine (within the same location) or find an alternative place to park. Can you please report the machine fault on 01708 432787 Option 2. You will be able to reclaim any money that has been lost in a faulty payment machine. To do this, please contact trafficandparkingcontrol@havering.gov.uk and provide details of the location and time and date of the event. These details are required so that we can verify technical faults. The Council states they will be unable to refund a payment if, when inspected, the machine is found to be in good working order. They further advise If you have received PCN, because a machine was broken, then you will need to follow the PCN payment appeals process and make a note of the machine that was faulty

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