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Congratulations must go to our local football club **Hornchurch FC** who will be playing Hereford for The FA Trophy sponsored by Buildbase at Wembley on Saturday, 22nd May. This is a fantastic achievement.

The "Urchins" beat Dulwich Hamlet last December, Kings Lynn in January then Maidstone followed by a trip to Darlington where the home team scored 1 goal and Hornchurch scored 2. This resulted in another away visit, this time to Notts County where at full time the score was 3-3 and after penalties Hornchurch beat them 5-4. Wonderful. Good luck to the "Urchins".



Havering Council Elections in May 2022

The next Havering Council Elections are due to be held in May 2022. Anyone who has been a member of the Uppminster and Cranham Residents' Association for at least two years may be nominated as a proposed candidate for either the Cranham or Uppminster ward. Nominations must be sent in writing to Mike Long, the Hon. Secretary, using the official nomination form by 31st May 2021. Anyone interested in standing should contact the Secretary, Mike Long (mike.long1@btinternet.com), who will supply the necessary nomination form and other material.

Subscription Collection Co-ordinator

The Uppminster and Cranham Residents' Association are grateful to the many volunteers who help us out every month in various ways. One of the important roles is that of Subscription Co-ordinator, receiving quantities of money from our collectors and keeping records of subscribers.

We are currently seeking a new co-ordinator for the Cranham area (although the person would not need to live in Cranham). No experience is necessary, but the ability to fill out a pre-formatted spreadsheet would be an advantage.

For further information please contact **Cllr John Tyler** on 07982 962 925 or via JohnTylerUCResidents@outlook.com.

Parking Machines

Your Uppminster Resident Councillors have been chasing the Council for some time on the high number of "out of action parking machines" in Uppminster. Please see below reply from the Council:

"Thank you for your email regarding parking meters in Uppminster.

We are aware of a number of machines currently defective across the borough which are unable to be repaired as they require new parts that we are unable to obtain due to the age of the machines. Manufacturers of our other newer machines, as with most non-essential services, are working with only limited engineers, in these instances we will continue to chase them to undertake the repair at the earliest opportunity.

We are aware of five machines in Uppminster (Wilson Close (Aldi) car park x1, Branfill Road, Corbets Tey Road x1, Corbets Tey

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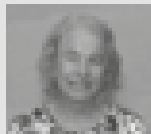
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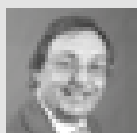
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Royal Mail have confirmed that

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Cllr JOHN TYLER

Stubbers

It was good to see Stubbers re-opening at Easter after being forced to shut due to the COVID situation. During lock-down, they used the time to make several improvements and create many new attractions, which we were



invited along to see.

We were very impressed by what we saw, a new adventure playground, seating pods, walks and pavements, a welcome centre - and we were very honoured to cut the ribbon to the adventure playground, watched by the Board of Stubbers and other visitors.

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Cllrs CHRIS WILKINS AND
LINDA HAWTHORN

Hall Lane Potholes

For a number of months Cranham Ward Councillors have been reporting a series of significant potholes along Hall Lane. The worst section being from Upminster Golf Club to the A127. A number have been filled but new ones have appeared, especially during the

winter months. These have been reported regularly. We have asked for serious consideration to be given to resurface the road as patching is temporary and very quickly the problem re-appears adding to the cost. We have been told resurfacing will be considered when resources allow. We will continue to press for this and keep you updated.

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Schools

Following the return to school of all pupils, some concern has been expressed regarding large numbers of pupils in and around Upminster Town Centre. Schools are continuing to stagger start/finish times to assist with the safety of pupils and residents. Secondary pupils in particular are advised not to congregate. An additional issue of dangerous on-street parking has also been reported. Coopers School no longer allows parents to use the car park to drop off and pick up pupils due to some dangerous practices which were putting pupils at risk. Councillors have

requested increased parking patrols in areas around schools to combat the dangerous parking problem.

Cllrs CHRIS WILKINS AND
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Horrible consequence of Lockdown...


As I look out of the windows of my home in Argyle Gardens, overlooking the farm field at the top of Park Drive, I see people walking aimlessly all over the farm field, treading down the growing crop. This now happens every day, people of all ages, some dog walkers, some not, strangely this has only happened in recent times. There are footpaths around the field, but many people simply walk all over the field, children play in the field, and unfortunately I notice that many dog owners walking over the field, feel it unnecessary to pick up their dog's mess, I actually wonder whether that is one reason that those dog owners choose to walk out into the field. Surely people realise they are walking through

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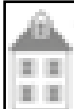
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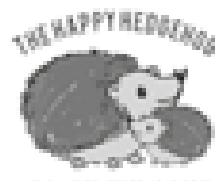
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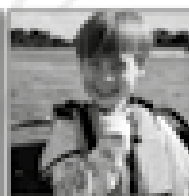
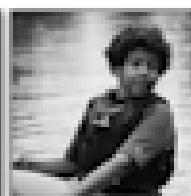
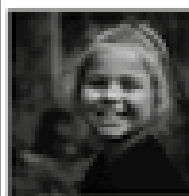
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DAVE FREEMAN

Dog Poo

It's great to see so many people out and about with their dogs, especially as the weather improves. What is not so good are the inconsiderate dog owners who simply leave the dog poo

where it falls or, after bagging it, still leave it on the ground. Unfortunately there are no dog poo fairies who come out at night to collect it!

A number of places in Cranham have been drawn to my attention, Limerick Gardens, Moor Lane and Kings Gardens and I am sure there are others. Those roads that have grass areas along the roadside appear to be popular dumping grounds. Another popular place is to hang it on tree branches. Dog poo is both unsightly and potentially a health hazard. It can be put into litter bins or preferably taken away and disposed of as household waste. Please help to keep our area clean and tidy.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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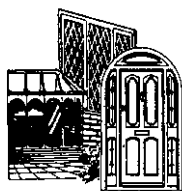
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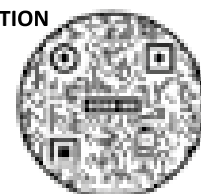
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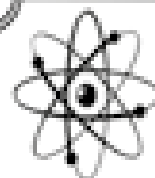


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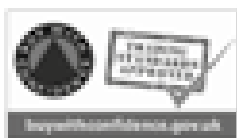
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Queen's Theatre Hornchurch re-opens its doors in late May

Queen's Theatre is delighted to be able to re-open its doors to the public on **Monday, 17th May 2021** (subject to the Government's Roadmap).

The new season of produced work gets underway with a new production of **Tim Firth's** hit comedy **Neville's Island**, from **20th May - 12th June and 22nd June - 3rd July 2021** (socially distanced seating will remain in place at least throughout May and June).

From **30th July - 21st August**

2021, the main stage will be filled with all the best of Essex pop throughout the heart of the summer as the postponed premiere of **Love Letters**, a brand-new jukebox musical, promises audiences an unmissable post Lockdown treat.

In early autumn 2021, Romford-born **David Eldridge** (In Basildon) returns home with a '**gorgeous new play**' (Independent) that takes a touching look at the first fragile moments of risking your heart and taking a chance. This tender and funny critically acclaimed smash hit received its world premiere at the **National Theatre** before transferring to the West End. **Beginning** is being revived and relaunched by **Queen's Theatre** from **3rd - 18th September 2021**.

Details of the rest of the Autumn 2021 season of productions, including a newly commissioned play, will be unveiled in late June 2021. Tickets are also on sale for our traditional family pantomime **Aladdin** returning to Hornchurch this Christmas.

The popular community

Café will re-open, and the Theatre's impressive learning and participation programme continues with a range of online and in-person activities.

For full details about all the shows mentioned, visit **queens-theatre.co.uk/whats-on** or call the Box Office on **01708 443333**.

Havering's Residents Associations

Did you know that the Upminster and Cranham Resident Association's elected councillors are members of a wider organisation of similar groups across Havering?

Called Havering's Residents Associations, and also known as the H.R.A, members came together in 2019 with the intention of working together to ensure local people are properly represented within Havering Council. Elected councillors from the various H.R.A member associations do not have a 'whip' system, unlike national political parties' councillors, and are therefore free to represent their

electorate without being told how to vote.

For further information on the H.R.A, including how to join and stand as a Resident Association candidate at the next local elections in 2022, visit the H.R.A website - **www.haveringra.org/**.

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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 site. Please come and take a look!

Hereford FC

Elsewhere in The Bulletin we have written on the fantastic

news that our local football team Hornchurch travel to Wembley. Their opponents, Hereford FC, were formed as a phoenix club in 2014, after Hereford United had gone out of business. They play in the National League North. Nicknames - "The Whites" after their predominantly white kit, and "The Bulls" after The Herefordshire Cattle Breed.

The old club were most famous for their 1972 FA Cup win over top flight Newcastle United, including a 30-yard screamer from Ronnie Radford.

Cllr RON OWER

Clock House Bowling Club Open Days

On Saturday and Sunday 29th & 30th May, Clock House Bowling Club, situated in Clockhouse Gardens Upminster, will open their green from 11am till 4pm each day for a bowling taster. This is in conjunction with Bowls England Big Weekend, a national initiative offering clubs the opportunity to promote our welcoming and socially-distanced

sport and attract new members. This event will be overseen by our Club Coach, Trevor Plank, who has been selected as the Essex County Coach. Anyone interested in taking up bowling can contact him on essexbowlscoaching@gmail.com, or just turn up at Clock House Bowling Club anytime between 11am and 4pm on 29th or 30th May.

MIKE LONG

Using your computer as a volunteer

We have recently been told about a way of volunteering that may appeal to people with time on their hands, who are based at home and with access to a computer.

A large number of organisations throughout the world undertake work to assist academic research by entering written records onto computers, to create usable data. An example of this was when the Met Office needed to input rainfall data records from 1677 to 1960, a total of 66,000 pages. They wanted to do this so that they

could analyse rainfall patterns from before the time of the industrial revolution onwards, to help understand our influence on climate change.

To do this, they asked for volunteers on Zooniverse, a website where volunteers undertake the work in what they call 'people-powered research'. 16,000 people came forward and completed the work for them.

Zooniverse have a large number of projects available on subjects as diverse as the arts, science, history, medicine and language. For more information, see their website www.zooniverse.org/.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Adventure Island

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no. 303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at the discounted price of £15.

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Oglethorpe Players Waiting To Murder

Cranham's very own award winning drama group, The Oglethorpe Players have not exactly been patiently waiting to perform their next fantastic night out for audiences both old and new.

A brand new Murder Mystery entitled 'Murder At The Caravan Park' is ready for rehearsals and performance later this year when it is deemed safe to do so.

As usual, the evening will commence with the now hugely popular dramatic, hilarious, home written murder mystery incorporating a pub-style quiz culminating in the head-scratching 'WHODUNNIT?'

Who knows what happens when the door is shut against the prying eyes inside parked up Swifts and Bluebirds, awnings stretched out over aluminium tables and chairs? Just what has that chap at the communal tap filling his water container been up to? Does the strutting over-zealous site owner deserve what may come to him? All will be revealed.

The Players will announce performance dates etc asap, meanwhile, if you would like to take up a new hobby, make new friends and join in the fun of putting on a show please contact Gerry Sweeney on **07931 520420** or gerrysweeney@sky.com. On stage, backstage, scenery shifters

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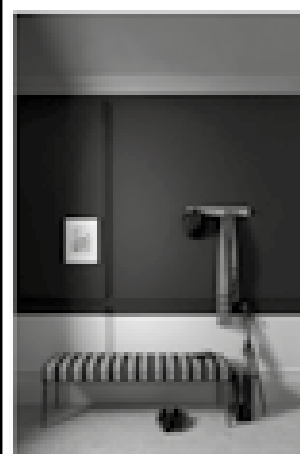
Lower Thames Crossing

We have been meeting regularly on Zoom with Council officers re the latest position on the Lower Thames Crossing Planning Application. As we reported previously in The Bulletin, the original application was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate - they had a number of serious concerns on a number of matters.

With this in mind Highways England plan to resubmit an application later this year.

We will keep you up to date on this in The Bulletin. Highways England have confirmed that if it goes ahead it will NOT be a smart motorway, so they plan to include a hard shoulder for any

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Together with our Cranham ward Resident Association colleagues, we will be meeting with Highways England. If you have any questions feel free to email us.

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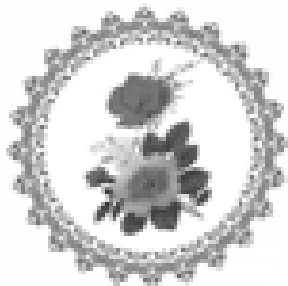
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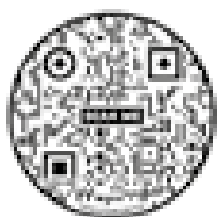
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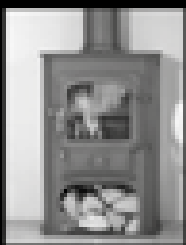
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Cashback without a purchase - Correction

On page 15 of the April Bulletin, I wrote an article on a Government proposal for people to be able to request cashback from shops without needing to make a purchase at the same time. It has been pointed out that I may have given the wrong impression regarding whether shops would have the choice to offer this service or not.

I am happy to make it clear that my understanding is that any scheme would be a voluntary

measure, in the same way that some shops currently offer cashback at the point of purchase and others do not. At present, regulations left over from our membership of the EU make it very difficult for retailers to offer cashback without a purchase, even if they wish to.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Saint Francis Hospice supported by West Ham United and former Team GB Swimmer

West Ham United players sported Saint Francis Hospice t-shirts in the club's latest show of support for the charity. Fans and supporters were thrilled to see their Hammers heroes wearing t-shirts with the Hospice's trademark orange logo while training before their Premier League match on 21st March against Arsenal and during the



pre-game warm up at the London Stadium.

While COVID-19 restrictions mean fans are currently unable to attend games in person, the club used its social media platforms and matchday programme to speak out about the Hospice's care and support for the local community in east London and Essex, sharing the experience of a family who were cared for by the Hospice and calling on fans to donate.

A former Team GB swimmer is calling on people to make a splash for their local hospice by taking part in an exciting open water event. Tina Briden, 61, from Romford, has organised the swimming challenge on Saturday, 15th May at the Trifarm in Chelmsford where

people can choose to swim distances of 400m, 800m or 1600m around the lake to raise funds for Saint Francis Hospice. Places are limited and Tina is hoping swimmers will pledge to raise £100 for the hospice. To sign up for the challenge at the Trifarm at Church Road, Chelmsford, CM3 3EJ or for more information, please email Tina at: tinabridensfhcharityswim@outlook.com

Havering Astronomical Society

are continuing their online speaker program with another interesting talk. Our website www.havastro.co.uk has details of upcoming talks. If you would like to join a meeting please email secretary@havastro.co.uk or call Liz on 07706 885948.

Wednesday 19th May,
7.15 for 7.30pm

Roger O'Brien – a regular and popular speaker to our club. 'The James Webb Space Telescope' (or JWST) – a discussion of this joint NASA-ESA-CSA enterprise which

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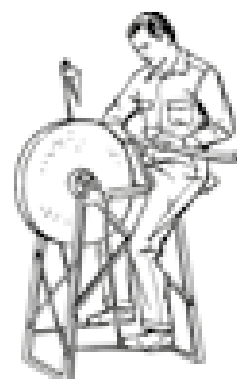
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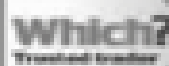
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Aldi Car Park

We asked the Council who was responsible for cleaning the Aldi car park in Wilson Close. On several occasions there has been considerable rubbish in the car park.

Please note following answer:

"With reference to our conversation earlier this week regarding the cleaning of car parks, ie Aldi, I have been advised that up until 1 April cleaning is the responsibility of the Car Park team. After 1 April it will be the Cleansing Team. In other words, the cleaning of the Aldi car park is our responsibility."

Cllr RON OWER

Bitcoin related scam emails

We're warning the public to be vigilant of unsolicited emails promoting cryptocurrency (Bitcoin) investment opportunities. We've received over 750 reports this week about Bitcoin-related phishing emails that use fake celebrity endorsements to try and lure victims into investment scams. The links in the emails lead to fraudulent websites that are designed to steal your money, as well as personal and financial information.

How you can protect yourself:

- Investment opportunities: Don't be rushed into making an investment. Remember, legitimate organisations will never pressure you into making a transaction on the spot.
- Seek advice first: Speak with a trusted friend or family members and seek independent professional advice before making significant financial decisions.
- FCA register: Use the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) register to check if the company is regulated by the FCA. If you deal with a firm (or individual) that isn't regulated, you may not be covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) if things go wrong and you lose your money.
- For more information about how to invest safely, please

visit: <https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart>

- Report suspicious emails: If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, you can report it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service by forwarding the email to - report@phishing.gov.uk

ACTION FRAUD ALERT

Litter Champions

Many thanks to those who have visited Thames Chase recently and enjoyed the green space, especially those who have taken their litter or picked up litter, keeping it clean and safe for wildlife and all to enjoy.

Parklands

With the COVID rules being relaxed, with six people being able to meet outside, we met with 2 members of the Friends of Parklands and 2 Council officers to walk around Parklands Park at the end of Corbets Tey Road.

Sadly, the very damp spell over the winter months had taken its toll, with bare patches and a notable area where horses had churned up the grass. The area will be reseeded next Autumn.

It was pleasing to see that the grill close to Park Farm Road had been cleared, and the water from the brook was gushing happily though it.

Generally the park is looking good, spring has improved it and hopefully when back to normal, visitors will come and look at this tranquil area, and the newly restored bridge.

Many thanks to the Friends of Parklands group, for the interest they take in their local area.

Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN and CHRIS WILKINS

Neighbourhood Watch Advice

We recently heard from the local Neighbourhood Watch network giving details of their latest "protect your car" campaign. Most car crimes occur as a result of cars being left unlocked, sometimes as a result on relying on self-locking systems or the thought that thieves will not bother with older cars. Most importantly, please do not keep valuables in your car. Please ensure your car is locked (even in a gated front garden), valuables removed and remember both new and old cars are at risk. For cars with keyless ignition please consider a faraday pouch to store your keys and prevent unauthorised access to your car.

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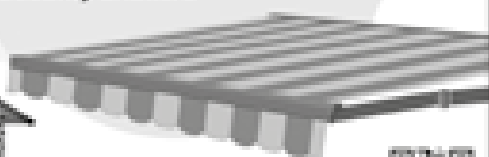
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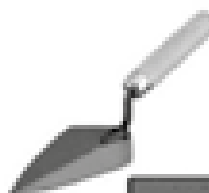


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Your Views on our Local Area

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The results found that for most people, the last year has reinforced their existing views rather than altered them. For instance, respondents typically said that the best things were people, green spaces, access to amenities, diversity and vibrancy. The worst things were often anti-social behaviour, crime, traffic, potholes and a lack of community feel. Changes in behaviour included more online shopping but also making a point of shopping on the local high street, to support local businesses.

In our local area, some but not all of these things are likely to apply. Whilst we are not conducting a survey, we are always interested to hear your views on our local area. Please phone or e-mail your local contacts – details can be found on page 2 of this Bulletin or use the contact form on our websites - www.ucra.co.uk/contact-us /or www.raep.org.

Upminster Cricket Club

The Club is now a couple of weeks into the 2021 cricket season and preparing for the start of its league campaign (8th May). Enthusiasm for the game in the local community is very high at the moment, and we have had over 250 junior members and nearly 200 adult members sign up for the summer season, including more than 70 ladies. While some COVID related restrictions understandably remain in place, it is great that cricket is up and running again. Games at

Upminster Park in May include:

- May 8th** 1st XI v Ilford
May 9th Windmill Whack Competition
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PAUL MIDDLEMISS

New advances in the treatment of arthritis in dogs

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but veterinary surgeons must be learning continuously throughout their careers. Every year the British Small Animal Association holds a congress to enable vets to keep up to date with the latest treatments. This year, of course, it was a virtual event, but I was able to learn more about new ideas for pain relief in dogs with osteoarthritis from the comfort of my sofa. Traditionally pain relief has relied upon the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories which can have side effects. There is a new injectable drug available which acts in a different way to these other drugs. I learned about the emotional aspect of pain and how to measure outcomes from our interventions. If you are concerned that your older dog may be showing signs of arthritis (reluctance to climb stairs, stiffness on rising after a rest, lameness) give Lawton and Stoakes a call on 01708 384444 and we will be happy to discuss the options for treatment during an appointment with one of our vets.



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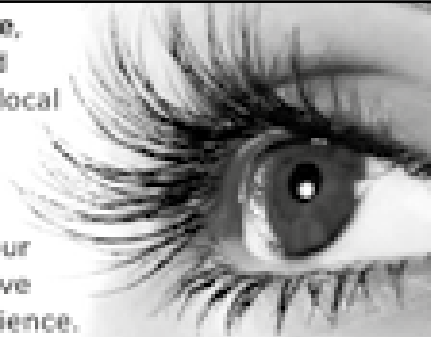
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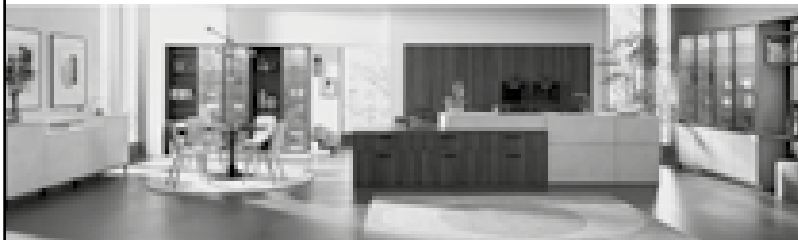


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Our Glenn

Back in the March Bulletin, Councillor Linda Hawthorn wrote an article on Glenn Brown our town centre street cleaner, having received a message pointing out what a fantastic job he does in keeping the centre clean.

We all agreed and with this in mind, together with my fellow Resident Councillors Chris Wilkins and Linda Hawthorn, we nominated Glenn for the Council's S.T.A.R awards where there were a number of categories to nominate Council staff.

We are delighted to inform you the Council received over 300 applicants and Glenn Brown was listed as one of the finalists for the "ICARE About Havering Award" as part of the award ceremony.

His certificate is on its way and his name is listed on the Council's intranet site as a finalist. Well done Glenn.

Cllr RON OWER

Clockhouse Gardens

I am pleased to report that the flooding situation has been worked on in Clockhouse Gardens, with the new over-flow pipe working to keep the level of water down.

The Gardens still need a lot of attention, but we will be working hard to achieve some improvements.

We are also checking the flooding issues we have had where the River Ingrebourne burst its banks, and also The Brook ie the stream which serves Parklands. River Agencies need to be involved here.


To assist general flooding, the Council are engaging a team to clear the gullies in our roads, which should solve any general flooding.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Chelmer Road parking issues


At the Full Council Meeting of 24th March 2021, I highlighted the delay in tackling parking problems in Chelmer Road, Cranham, during Members' Questions.

Following complaints from householders, in early 2019 Havering Council were asked to conduct a survey of residents, to seek their views on introducing further parking restrictions. Council officials agreed to do this, but despite numerous chase-up e-mails, nothing has been done. As a result of questioning, the Cabinet Member for Environment agreed to look into the matter. We will



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Cllr JOHN TYLER

Stubbers

Upminster & Cranham Resident Association Councillors are delighted that there is a number of exciting new activities at The Stubbers Adventure Centre in Ockendon Road. The Park covers 130 acres and reopened last month. Their contact details can be found on page 4.

Temporary changes to local Polling Stations

Havering Council have made changes to the locations of two of the Polling Stations regularly used, for the GLA Elections on 6th May 2021. Both changes are temporary and should return to normal for future elections.

People who normally vote at

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Cranham Community Centre

Over the last year the pandemic has had an impact on all of us, this includes our interaction with others and social activities. Cranham Community Centre in Marlborough Gardens was no exception, having to close its doors to the public and

the many groups and organisations that usually provide activities for all age groups. These include dance groups, indoor bowls, Brownies and martial arts.

The additional challenge they have faced is the continued payment of the £17,000 annual rent to Havering Council. This is on top of maintaining the site and security. They were successful in getting a government grant last year, but this did not make any inroads to the rent that is paid quarterly.

They decided to start up a fundraising page, at which point the Hornchurch and Upminster Rotary Club stepped up to the mark making a donation of £500.

On the 17th March, Rotarian Gillian Ford presented the cheque to the Chairman of the Centre, Michelle Grote. The Centre is extremely grateful to the Rotary

Club and thanks them for their generosity.

Council Weed Control Schedule

Havering Council have announced their road and footway weed control schedule for 2021. Each area is treated four times a year,

but exact dates are dependent on weather conditions. The weeds normally die off around three weeks after treatment and should then be cleared away by the regular street cleaning teams.

Both wards should already have had one treatment. Upminster Ward is still scheduled for May, July and September. Cranham Ward is due in June, August and November.

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