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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Season's Greetings to you all, our Bulletin readers and our Members. I would also like to welcome all those who have joined the Residents' Association in 2021. This year again, we have been able to support various local organisations and charities, which have benefited from the Association's financial donations. It has again been a difficult year for all of us, and the Executive Committee would like to thank our Bulletin team – advertising and accounts, area coordinators, deliverers/subscription collectors, and all those involved in producing the Bulletin, during one of the most challenging times in our 100 year history. We would also like to thank all of the residents, who have supported our ongoing 'Shop Local, Hire Local' scheme. It was great to see so many new businesses opening in our town centres this year, and local residents welcoming and utilising the new services on offer. Our local medical community and volunteers have done amazing work in relation to the vaccine and booster roll out programmes, and this has led to a significant return to some sort of normality in our lives. However, let's all continue to keep our loved ones and ourselves safe. Finally, your Residents' Association Councillors are committed to serving the people of Upminster, Cranham, North Ockendon and The Dury Falls Estate, and will continue to do so this coming year and thereafter. Thank you for your continued support and have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

Chairman Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association

A note from the Editor

It's now 12 months since I stepped into the editorial seat for the Bulletin; doesn't time fly. It's been a pleasure to be back and involved with the Residents' Association and to support the good work that they do for everyone in our local area. Christmas is coming and it's great at this time of year to see the wonderful lights and decorations start to appear as everyone begins to

prepare for the festivities. If you are looking for that perfect gift, please support local businesses. I'm sure gift vouchers from local shops and outlets would be well received by many. Enjoy the celebrations, spending time with family and friends and be kind to one another. Merry Christmas everyone.

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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Contacting Upminster SNT

Upminster Safer Neighbourhood Team ("SNT") have asked me to remind residents that if they want to contact the SNT specifically they should use the email **upminster.SNT@met.police.uk**. Our SNT work a variety of shifts

Upminster Councillor surgeries

Many thanks to those who joined us at last month's surgery, it was good to be out with you all again. Our next surgery will be on Monday, 13th December at the older Costa's in Station Road, 10 to 11am.

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Council Finances – 2022/23 Budget Proposals

The Council's Cabinet meeting in October, debated the Council's Medium Term Financial strategy, as well as the proposed Council budget 2022/2023. It was reported that the Council was facing budget pressures for Periods 4 and 5 (July/August 2021), which is showing a potential overspend of £14m. The overspend is due to increased demographic pressures on Adults' and Childrens' Services and the impact of the COVID pandemic on areas such as Leisure and Transport. The Council have advised that they hope to reduce the overspend by taking a number of steps by the end of the financial year. If this doesn't occur, there will be a significant impact on general reserves. Proposed savings identified include:

- Staffing reductions - £7m, this will reduce the staffing headcount by approximately 400.
- New Models of services delivery - £4m.
- Prevention – reviewing opportunities with partners, such as the Health Service and NHS investment - £1.5m.
- Better use of data through Business Intelligence - £1m.
- Reviewing Regeneration proposals – £0.5m.

Residents' Councillors recognise the challenges the Conservative Administration have had in managing this year's finances, but we are disappointed that the points we raised during last year's budget setting process, were not considered. It was pointed out that the budget was over ambitious and there were a number of risks, which would put pressure on Havering's finances and, sadly, the impact it will have on our services. Residents' Councillors will be working on an alternative budget and we will also continue to press the Administration to reduce

the number of their Members, and Coalition Members who receive Special Responsibility Allowances, thus reducing budget costs. The budget consultation commenced on 1st November and will run until 4th January 2022. Can we please encourage you to respond to the budget consultation, so your views are heard when the Council sets the 2022/2023 budget. An online survey can be found on the Havering Council website. The questionnaire will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. For any questions regarding this questionnaire, or to request a hard copy, please email richard.tyler@onesource.co.uk.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

Christmas at Queen's Theatre with Pinney Talfourd

Pinney Talfourd has announced


the return of their annual charity Christmas Concert. Paul Rhodes and the talented Dawn Chorus will be performing a range of classic Christmas songs to bring in the festive cheer. Refreshments will be available afterwards courtesy of Pinney Talfourd. This event is in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Havering Association for People with Disabilities (H.A.D). Monday, 13th December, 11am – 1pm (doors open 10:30am) at Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch. Please book via Queen's Theatre Box Office: 01708 443333.



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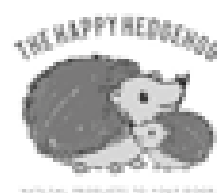
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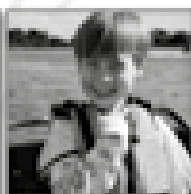
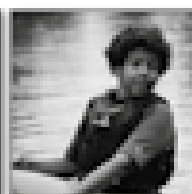
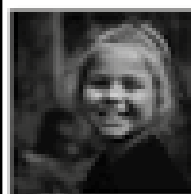
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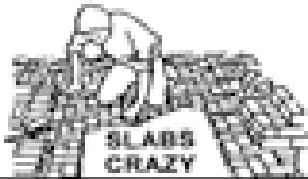
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Upminster Christmas Tree Festival

Remember last year, Upminster had a Rainbow Christmas Tree Trail? This year we are holding the festival back in the church for the 11th time. Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, RM14 1AE will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Festival between the 4th and 12th December. Local schools and organisations from the church and community have been invited to decorate trees for this event. The Residents' Association are participating and sponsoring a tree.

The opening times are Saturdays 10-5pm, Sundays 2-5pm and weekdays from 2-6pm. The festival opens on Saturday, 4th December



and there will be refreshments available all day. Entrance is free: donations this year are for St Francis Hospice. We do hope you will visit.

"Feel Good in the Forest" at Thames Chase Forest Centre

A new programme of forest activities has been launched at Thames Chase Forest Centre to help people connect with nature and feel happier and healthier. "Feel Good in the Forest" is Forestry England's new social prescribing project. The project provides opportunities for individuals and community groups to improve their physical and mental health. Rachael Purchase, Forestry England, says "taking part in forest activities encourages people to become more active, increases confidence, helps maintain a healthy weight and can alleviate symptoms of long-term health conditions. We're running weekly walks at Thames Chase Forest Centre and

with sufficient interest we'll be expanding the activities to include yoga, seated exercise, cycling and more. We're also working with local community groups, charities and health services to deliver group sessions in the forest."

All the activities are free to participants and as well as enjoying some physical activity, there's always a friendly chat and a cuppa included!

To find out more about how you can get involved in Feel Good in the Forest or to refer someone else to the project, visit www.forestryengland.uk/feel-good or contact Rachael.purchase@forestryengland.uk



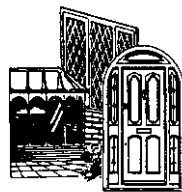
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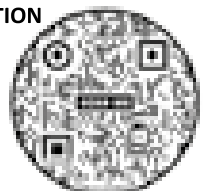
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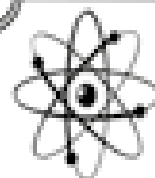


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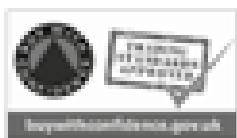
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As you may remember Councillor Clarence Barrett died in March 2019 and since then, we as a family, have been raising funds along with Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association and local community groups to provide more public access defibrillators. We have been grateful for the support too from London Hearts <https://londonhearts.org> ensuring we have access to these life saving devices in our community spaces. All sites have 24 hour access and are available to anyone that may need them in an emergency. We are truly grateful for all the hosted venues of these devices in supporting this important project. Defibrillators (also known as AEDs - Automatic External Defibrillators) are medical devices that help and support a patient in cardiac arrest. In fact, they are the

only device that can help when someone has a cardiac arrest. The device will talk you through what to do when you need to use it until further help can assist you when dealing with someone who is having a cardiac arrest.

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CORINNE BARRETT

Share the Light

Christmas greetings from the Christian churches in Upminster, Cranham and North Ockendon. In these darker, colder and more uncertain days, there is one message that can bring more comfort, joy, peace and hope than any other. We invite you to explore the real Christmas story of who Jesus is, and what He offers to you and your family. Details of our Christmas services via: ctucno.org.

PAUL THOMPSON, Leader of
King's Church, Upminster

Our Local History

We love to reflect on our local history from time to time. Please feel free to share with us your memories. The Bulletin was first produced in the 1950s and it's nice to see any old copies. If you have any going back to the 50s or 60s we would like to see them. We can copy and return.

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Reminder – Havering is a Smoke Control Area

According to government data, in recent years pollution from log burners has increased dramatically, and they are now the biggest source of the tiny pollution particles that are most damaging to health.

We would like to remind residents that the whole of Havering is a Smoke Control Area. This means that any household using solid fuels must ensure that they use an authorised smokeless fuel and/or exempt appliance. It is not permitted to burn wood and coal in an open fireplace. A new law in England also restricts the sale of house coal and wet wood:

- Selling bagged traditional house coal and wet wood in small units (less than 2m cube) is now unlawful.
- Wet wood in larger volumes must be sold with advice on how to dry it.
- Makers of solid fuels need to show they have a very low sulphur content and only emit a small amount of smoke.

Smoke Control Areas only restrict domestic burning and do not cover bonfires or the burning of waste. However, Havering Council state that "If you burn rubbish that causes a nuisance, we may issue an 'abatement notice' and ask you to pay a fine."

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Hornchurch Football Club

Please note the upcoming home fixtures at the Stadium, Bridge Avenue:

Saturday, 4th December,
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Saturday, 1st January,
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MyMINIMIX is the London based Eastern European Convenience Store chain newly arrived in Corbets Tey Road Upminster. Customers are able to enjoy a first-class cup of coffee and delicious café-style food as a takeaway before or after they shop. Imagine finishing the daily shop by taking away a quality cup of coffee and, perhaps, a hot dog, a pastry or even a meal, all from under one roof.

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Looking after outdoor pets this winter

Is this winter going to be the coldest on record? The forecasts are divided. What is certain is our outdoor living pets need our help during the winter. Rabbits and guinea pigs are often kept in hutches above ground, and they lack the ability to burrow to keep warm. It is up to owners to ensure our pets do not suffer in the colder weather. We can help by keeping rabbits and guinea pigs secure, out

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Staying safe

As we head into autumn and the nights draw in, one unfortunate consequence is that darker streets provide cover for thieves and increase our vulnerability to street robbery. That's why Havering Council and local Police have once again joined forces to launch the Autumn Nights campaign. The campaign offers residents advice on how to stay safe both at home and when out-and-about.

Key messages for residents include:

- Remember to lock your doors and windows at night and when leaving your home unattended

– even if you're only popping out for a short time.

- Ensure your home is well-lit. A house in darkness is easy for a burglar to identify as a target.
- Check and set your house alarms if you have one.
- If you feel less confident as it becomes dark early, plan your trips and consider asking a friend/companion to accompany you.
- If you are walking home alone at night – be aware of your surroundings. Make sure to tell friends or family where you are.

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In mid-October, some local residents who back onto railway lines received a letter from Network Rail stating that they will be undertaking trackside vegetation and tree removal in the Upminster area over the winter period. Resident Association Councillors contacted Network Rail to find out more about the proposals and were told that they were still finalising the details for their local vegetation management

programme, but that they would conduct an ecological survey to ensure that they didn't damage or endanger sensitive species or habitats. They also said that they would not remove any trees unnecessarily, only those which could cause a safety issue for the railway.

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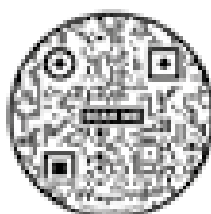
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Before undertaking work, Network Rail has said that they will arrange a community meeting to discuss any concerns or questions residents and Councillors may have. At the time of writing, the date for this event had not been announced. As soon as we are informed, we will highlight it on our website ucra.co.uk and, if there is enough notice given, in The Bulletin.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Pinney Talfourd free seminars

A reminder of the return of Pinney Talfourd's popular seminars on Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney. The next seminars will be taking place on the following dates:

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- Friday, 11th February and Saturday, 12th February 2022

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CAP (Christians Against Poverty) which I have supported for many years. Upminster and Cranham have a CAP centre that has been established for the last 10 years and has helped 52 people become debt free, find jobs and once again contribute to and be valued by our community.

This service is available to residents in Hornchurch and Romford as well. If you know someone who needs help, or you need help yourself, please contact **Miles Picknell** by emailing milespicknell@capuk.org, or for those who want to find out more before making a call, visit www.capuk.org or call **08003280006**. The service is completely free and is confidential, or perhaps you could think about donating to such a worthy cause?

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Feeding the ducks

There are a number of lakes and ponds in our area. It's great to see the variety of wildlife, especially ducks and swans. We have been

asked to remind you that whilst the ducks will eat bread, they need a varied diet to be healthy and bread does not have much nutritional value. It fills the duck's stomach so it doesn't forage for the food it should naturally eat, which can lead to malnutrition. Bread can also attract rodents. The Canal & River Trust has an excellent website www.canalrivertrust.org.uk with some really useful information. They recommend the sweetcorn, lettuce, frozen peas, oats, seeds and rice. A healthy duck is a happy duck.

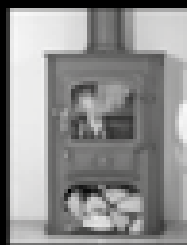
Aladdin - Queen's Theatre Panto

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Book Review: They Both Die At the End - Adam Silvera

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This is a teen, LGBTQ+ novel that was published in 2017 and has recently gone viral on TikTok and elsewhere. It takes you on an emotional rollercoaster: one minute you're laughing, the next you're crying. As a result, I became immediately attached to the characters and cared for their future.

The end of this book had me bawling, but in other reviews readers have been disappointed that they weren't more upset! This highlights how a person's individual taste determines

whether they like a book. A warning: death is mentioned throughout and suicide fleetingly. However, overall it is full of hope, positivity and great moralistic messages.

It is written almost solely in first person with narration shared between multiple related characters. These autobiographical perspectives make you feel empathetic to the characters' challenges.

This is one of the most incredible page-turners I've ever read and am hoping that it is turned into a series or film soon!! I highly recommend it to any teenager that loves emotional and heartfelt books.

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It's that time of year to think of those less fortunate. The Foodbank is under severe strain with increased requests for assistance. If you can donate via one of the supermarkets, that's great, but not everything clients need is donated in sufficient quantity so it is helpful for them to have monetary donations as well so they can stock up on items donated less often. And they have to meet the costs associated with running a warehouse; it all adds up. You could send a cheque, payable to Kingdom Storehouse Ltd, to the Harold Hill Food Bank, Unit 1, Guardian Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Romford, RM3 8FD, or you could go online to <https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

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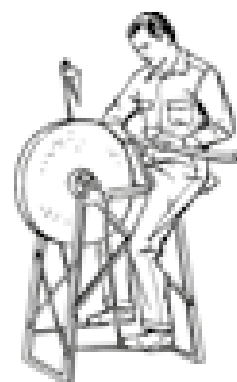
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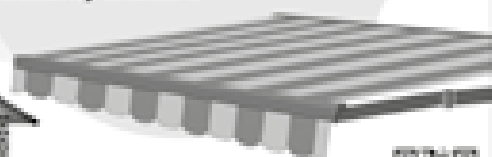
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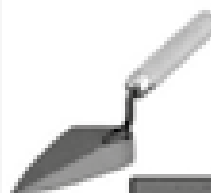


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 Tickets cost £7.50 and include
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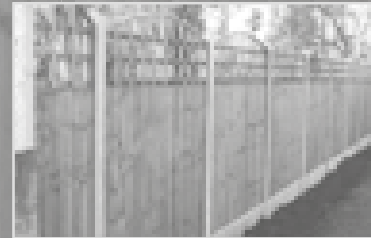
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There is of course a whole other side to social media. As an accessible and immediate form of communication it offers a great means of sharing our experiences, distributing news, exploring issues and differing points of view, highlighting need and supporting fundraising, information and advice, signposting to organisations and services, and for promoting good causes, events and commerce.

For Upminster representative
Oscar Ford search: 'UCRA Oscar
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Monday 13th Dec:
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Wednesday 15th Dec:
Moor Ln, Queens, Cranham Gdns,
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Thursday 16th Dec:
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Upminster Police update

At the recent police ward meeting an update on our crime figures were presented. The really good news is that there have been no robberies in the 3 month period to September. Our priority on burglary shows there has been a total of 4 in the 3 months to September. Motor vehicle crime continues to be a concern with a total of 12 thefts from a vehicle in 3 months, although this is down on the previous year of 18, and theft of a vehicle was 8, again down on 2020 which was 13. These are often high value cars. One theft from a vehicle in the town centre included bank cards which may have been on show. These cards were used several times before the theft was discovered. In another case, keys appear to have been left close by and the vehicle driven away. The police remind us to always ensure nothing is left on show and all vehicles securely locked. We welcomed a new officer to the SNT, PC Andrew Allen who is working on a comprehensive speeding activity to be implemented over the next few months in areas already identified as "hot spots". The SNT continues to have a presence in the town centre, with PC Ed Zoltan ensuring he is visible to discourage crime.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Neighbourhood Watch ("NHW")

The new NHW on the Cathedral Estate is working very well and

a number of matters reported. A new, or rather re-invigorated NHW, was recently launched in The Grove. This was triggered by a spate of shed break-ins which encouraged residents to join forces to keep everyone connected in sharing intelligence with each other and the police. It is often really local issues which bring residents together to support each other, something that has become more apparent during COVID. Apart from these two, a further three NHWs are in operation in Upminster. If any resident is interested in starting one in their road, please contact our PCSO Joanne who has been amazing in supporting the setting up of NHWs and can provide all information. Joanne can be contacted at Joanne.M.Greatorex@met.police.uk.

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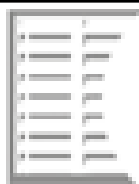
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