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Phil Ruck, Chris Wilkins, John Tyler, Oscar Ford, Linda Hawthorn, Gillian Ford

It is incredible to think that another four years has passed, with the Local Elections here again in May. You will have read in a previous Bulletin that Councillors Linda Van den Hende and Ron Ower will be stepping down from office this time around, having served the community for a number of years. We would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication in undertaking their duties.

We are delighted to have Phil Ruck and Oscar Ford join the team, both of whom are long-term members of the Residents' Association and have senior management experience working for local authorities, which is a real asset in terms of knowing how councils tick,

and how the politics works within local authorities. The Cranham team members: Gillian Ford, Phil Ruck and John Tyler and the Upminster team members: Oscar Ford, Linda Hawthorn and Chris Wilkins, will continue to support the needs of residents

Finance update

As I write, the Tory Administration's budget for 2022/23 is about to be set. Establishing a solid base for next year's budget and the associated charges and income setting, such as Council Tax for that period depends upon an accurate forecast of the current year result (2021/2022). The issue we want to bring to residents' attention is the precarious situation with Council finances and the subsequent utilisation of reserves, with uncertainty continuing due to the pandemic and other factors.

The Local Government Act 2003 states that a council must ensure that it has a minimum level of reserves.

We are led to believe that auditors with the Senior Council Finance Officer have reviewed the agreed minimum level, and that this be established at £20million. Should reserves fall below this level, the Council will not have the financial resilience to withstand further pressures.

Rest assured your RA Councillors will keep on investigating this issue. We will report back on the 2022/2023 Tory budget proposals in the next edition of the Bulletin.

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The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association are proud to be members of Havering Residents Association - working together on behalf of local people across Havering.

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday, 14th March @ 7.30pm in the Derham Hall, Church of St Laurence. The nomination form for Officers can be obtained from Mike Long (email: mike.long1@btinternet.com). The deadline for nominations is 7th March.

Weekly planning list on our website

Just a reminder that every week Havering Council publishes a list of planning applications received within the previous seven days. Since it was highlighted to local councillors that the Council often only sends notice of applications to a very limited number of nearby premises, we have been publishing a link to the list on our website each week - ucra.co.uk.

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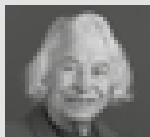
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Upminster Police update (part 1)

It appears criminals are back targeting vehicles in the Upminster area. During December and early January there have been 6 thefts of vehicles, 3 of the vehicles have now been recovered which is down to good police work and social media. There have been two thefts of tools from vans. It appears in one case tools were stolen whilst builders were on site. If you are having building work done it may be worth reminding the tradespeople to ensure their vans are locked to reduce the possibility of this type of theft. Building materials were also stolen from a driveway overnight. A catalytic converter was stolen from a car parked in a town centre car park during this period. Police remind us all that we should always lock our vehicles even when leaving them for a very short time, invest in a steering lock or a faraday bag for electronic keys and do not leave items on

display which may encourage a break in. There have been few domestic burglaries during this time but in one case an arrest was made in Upminster by the Cranham SNT after the victim found the burglar in their home. If a serious crime is in progress always call 999, but if the issue is less urgent call 101.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

A Huge Welcome

May we take this opportunity in welcoming all the new households that have joined us. Our annual subscription is a mere £2 per year. Whilst we hope to cover the cost of The Bulletin through advertising, we need funds to cover any legal bills and in the past have spent substantial amounts on planning issues and expenses to keep your Residents' Association working on behalf of the community. We take an active interest in supporting you and will continue to do so. We are active all the time, not just election times.

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Havering Residents Association

Back in 2018 the Havering Residents Association (HRA) was born. This was the alignment of various Residents Associations from across Havering and since its inception the number of team members has continued to grow across the borough.

Residents in the south of the borough are now experiencing the support that Residents Associations can give to their communities.

We managed to get a number of the HRA team together to get a team photograph, these are just some of the members.



As we approach the Local Elections to Havering Council in May, there will be a record number of resident candidates standing that are affiliated to the Havering Residents Association. The Residents' Associations of Upminster & Cranham, Emerson Park and Squirrels Heath are proud to be members of the Havering Residents Association.

Chair of the HRA,
Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Crossrail

It was in March last year that I wrote that parts of Crossrail will not open until this year. Construction on Crossrail named as the "Elizabeth Line" started in 2009.

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Crossrail have been running trial trains and hope to open a section before June this year. More information can be found on their website which is continuously updated.

Cllr RON OWER

Marjorie Ware



It is with sadness that I report the death of Marjorie, the widow of former Councillor Owen Ware.

Marjorie was herself very involved with the residents, as an area controller and deliverer, and very much supported Owen with his Council duties. Originally from Ilford, she moved to Upminster after her marriage to Owen, where they lived for many years in Howard Road, with their 2 sons, Nigel and Philip and daughter Isobel. They were grandparents and great grand-parents. I remember every Christmas Owen and Marjorie laying on an

excellent buffet for all executive members, with Owen in charge of drinks, and Marjorie the food. Our thoughts are with the family and friends at this sad time

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Hornchurch Football Club

As I write this I have fond memories of watching Hornchurch at home beating **Lewes** on Saturday, 29th January **3 - 0**. Also great to see a nice crowd of over six hundred in attendance. Please keep an eye on the Club's excellent website for news.


This month they are home on Saturday, 5th to **Corinthian Casuals**; Saturday, 12th to Enfield Town and on Saturday, 2nd April - **Bognor Regis**. Kick off for all games at 3pm. The Club at the stadium in Bridge Avenue has an excellent bar. It's a great family club and you do not have to take out a second mortgage for a ticket. Go along and support The Urchins.
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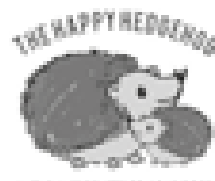
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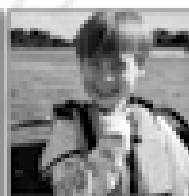
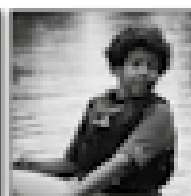
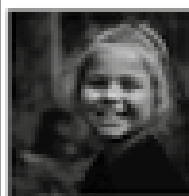
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ROY BRAND,
Chairman of Friends of Parklands

Upminster Park

Following up on information received regarding the change of working arrangements at Upminster Park, Councillors Hawthorn and Wilkins, along with team member Oscar Ford, had a meeting at the depot in the park with the Head of Public Realm and representatives from the parks team. It was very clear from our visual inspection that a number of the storage units are in a poor condition and are not suitable for current usage. However, the staff mess facility adjacent to the entry to the car-park is sound and will continue to be used by the grounds maintenance team.

Many regular users of the park will know Roy and his diligent work ethic. It was confirmed to us that following operational changes, Roy has been joined to a

mobile team and will be attending to Upminster park on 2 to 3 days a week, sharing his duties with two others. It was stated this reflects operating arrangements for other Green Flag parks and will help to ensure continuity of service if, for example, Roy is on leave. We sought and received assurances that standards would not be allowed to decline, and that peak use periods would receive a prompt clean up. We share the view that Roy has been a dedicated worker and has given excellent service to our park and we are delighted he will still be around. We will of course be keeping an eye on the park to ensure that standards are indeed maintained and for the Green Flag status to be retained.

Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN &
CHRIS WILKINS and
OSCAR FORD team member

Update on Lower Thames Crossing

In early February, Residents' Association Councillors received

information regarding a further consultation process on the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC). This is necessary in part because the boundary of the LTC scheme had to be amended to remove a conflict with the area defined for the Thames Freeport. There are a number of other local changes, which follow on from last summer's Community Impacts Consultation.

National Highways held a small number of information sessions at short notice, unfortunately after the February edition of the Bulletin was printed. When we have more details concerning the consultation, we will publish them in the Bulletin and on our website. You can sign up to alerts or follow LTC on social media, to keep up to date on the plans. Full details can be found via lowerthamescrossing.co.uk.

Talking Pets

Lynne Stoakes has given a talk to Year 1 pupils on the importance of understanding body language of animals. The aim is to improve

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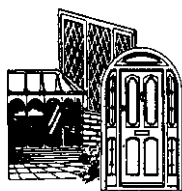
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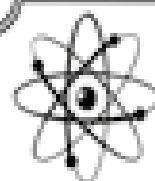


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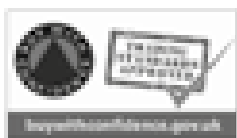
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the interactions of children who may not have pets of their own with animals they may meet while out and about. For instance, does a barking dog mean "Hello I'm excited to meet you" or "Please stay away I am frightened of you"? By looking at the tail we may be able to tell the difference – is it wagging and held high (happy, alert) or is it held low (indicating fear)? Are the ears pricked up (interested) or held flattened back (fearful)? How animals communicate with each other and us is a fascinating subject and differs for different species. A cat wagging its tail may not be happy but be about to scratch or bite and is indicating annoyance. For help and advice on understanding your pet's behaviour please telephone Lawton and Stoakes **01708 384444** and make an appointment with one of our Vets.

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BBC has promised to show a number of events on the 18th. Comic Relief has a great website for further information.

Trolley access into car park behind Aldi

Local Residents' Association Councillors have met with an officer from Havering Council's Highways Department in Wilson Close, Upminster, about the difficulty people with fully loaded trolleys can have when trying to push them over the dropped curbs into the Council car park. At present, there is a small difference in height between the road surface and the dropped curbs, which trolley wheels struggle to overcome when the trolleys are heavily laden.

The Council was unaware of this problem and has agreed to undertake the minor work needed to remedy the problem. Hopefully, this will take place over the next couple of months.

Cllrs RON OWER & JOHN TYLER

Grant funding from the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles

Havering Council recently announced that they have accepted funding of £176,390 from the Government through the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to install electric vehicle charge points (EVCPs) in selected Council owned car parks.

The locations and number of charging points are Balgore Square (2 charge points), Billet Lane (6), Cherry Tree Lane (6), Dorrington Gardens (6), Fentiman Way (6), Keswick Avenue (6), Oldchurch Road (6), Town Hall (Front) (6), Woodhall Crescent (2), Hilldene Avenue (8), Tadworth Parade (8) and Slaney Road (6).

Unfortunately, the Council's criteria for the locations of proposed charging points (see below), means that Upminster

and Cranham will not receive any allocation of charging points.

The primary criteria for charge points in Council owned car parks is that they should be accessible 24 hours a day by residents and visitors. They are also required to be within a 5- 10 minute walk of residential areas with relatively low home charging capability.

To view the decision in full, visit www.havering.gov.uk and enter 'OZEV' in the search box. Residents' Association Councillors will be looking to ensure that any future bids for funding include our areas.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Little Gaynes GP surgery

I would just like to say how wonderful our GP service is at Little Gaynes surgery. Despite all the pressures NHS staff are under at present the service offered is amazing. When I phoned about a non-urgent enquiry, the receptionist answered promptly, suggested what she would do to

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help, and the GP phoned me back about an hour later and all was addressed. I have been a patient at Little Gaynes surgery for over 60 years and feel privileged to have consistently had such good care over the years. Thank you.

DOREEN RUSSELL

Noise disturbance

We recently received a call regarding noise from a party and we felt you should see the following information from the Council.

"In order to determine if the noise may amount to a statutory nuisance, we will need diary sheets to enable us to target monitoring accordingly. As you are probably aware, the Council have not operated an out of hours noise service for a number of years, so are unable to provide a reactive service outside of office hours.

Whilst we appreciate that one-off parties can cause some disturbance to residents, due to their very nature of being a one-off event, they are unlikely to be actionable as a statutory nuisance.

We would need evidence that these events are reasonably regular, which is where the diary sheets assist in establishing if this is the case.

The police may attend if there are issues with public disturbance (in the street). However, if the disturbance is from loud music from the party, it is primarily the Council's responsibility to investigate. If residents do phone the police, they would normally get referred to the Council. The police may attend if they have no other pressing issues that they are dealing with at the time."

We would urge residents who are holding a party to take into account that excessive noise may really upset their neighbours, and consider the following advice:

- 1) Consider carefully the likely level of disturbance to your neighbours. Is the level of disturbance reasonable?
- 2) Notify neighbours in advance if you are having a party that is likely to cause some disturbance. You may wish to notify neighbours further than your immediate neighbours, particularly if you are having music in the garden. Let

your neighbours know when the party will finish. Most neighbours will tolerate some noise if they are warned and know when the disturbance will end.

- 3) Control noise levels, particularly loud music.
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Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations – Big Jubilee Lunch

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to toilets including disabled. There is plenty of parking and is close to the bus routes. We meet every other Thursday 10-10.30am for tea, coffee and biscuits, and 10.30-11.30am for the choir.

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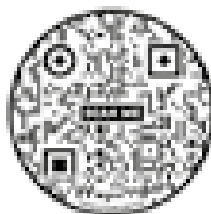
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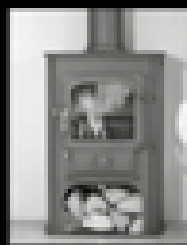
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The Old Chapel Tea and Talks

Wednesday, 9th March - **Flying the Flag for Women**. David Williams a City of London guide and lecturer will talk on the final decades of the 19th century when women were beginning to make their voices heard in a male-dominated society. This talk reveals how women like Octavia Hill, Annie Besant, Josephine Butler, Beatrice Webb and others refused to be silenced and paved the way for the Suffragette Movement of the early 20th century.

The talks are free to registered

members and £2 to non-members with refreshments after the talk. Doors open 9.45am - meeting starts 10.15am.

Contact: **friendsoldchapel@mary.havering.sch.uk** for further information.

Venue: Roope Hall, Trinity URC Church, 29 Station Rd, Upminster RM14 2SJ

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- Wednesday, 9th March - Charlie Haylock will be speaking on **"The Origins of Surnames"**.

- Wednesday, 13th April - Joan Luck will be telling us about her **"Seventy Years a Musician"**.

Doors open 2.15pm. For more information come along or see our website: **u3asites.org.uk/havering**.

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Enquiries: Stephanie Woodburn - **01708 443374**. Come on girls, don't be shy, take a trip to the WI.

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Sunday, 20 March, 3pm at the New Windmill Hall, Upminster. Advance tickets will be available online via www.hcweb.co.uk where more details can also be found.

Havering Antique Collectors' Club

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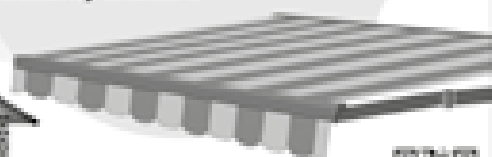
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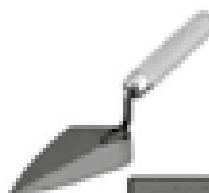


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Miniature Golf Course planning application

Abbey Developments have submitted plans to develop the Miniature Golf Course in Hall Lane. You will recall that Outline Planning had previously been granted for the site, this application is the detail and refinement of the outline application. The outline planning application had been for 37 residential dwellings. The new application proposes 35, with consideration to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, open spaces and related infrastructure.

The planning application number is P0112.22 and full details including plans can be found on Havering Council's Planning Portal. The deadline for objections was the 22nd February, after the publication of the February Bulletin. As the decision is not due to be made until April, late submissions should still be considered. Submissions can be made online or via letter to the Planning Department, Mercury House, Mercury Gardens, RM1 3RL.

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Upminster Police update (part 2)

In comparison to a significant increase in theft of and from vehicles, there is better news on the burglary front. Comparing the past three months with those of the comparable period last year indicates the numbers are stable at 3 for the entire three months. This is 3 too many of course but does indicate that residents are ensuring they lock doors/windows securely and that our police officers are deterring crime. On the robbery front, there have been 2 in the past three months, one resulting in an arrest by our SNT officers. There has been reported vandalism of the litter bins in Upminster Park and in Hacton Parkway. Our SNT are aware of the issue and are increasing patrols, especially when on late shift. Our Sergeant is in discussions with the Council on possible temporary CCTV deployment in that area. The ward priorities for the next three months are motor vehicle crime, robbery and anti-social behaviour, which can include speed checks. I am pleased to say that we have a new Officer join the SNT, PC Mark Nankivell, who joins PC Ed Zoltan



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Branfil School Streets' Scheme update

Following consultation in July 2021, the above Scheme was made permanent by the Council in February 2022. The Scheme covers all of Cedar Avenue and

the part of Southview Drive west of Acacia Drive, making these areas pedestrian and cycle zones only from 8am - 9.30am and 2pm - 3.30pm Monday to Friday, term time only. During this period, access for residents will be maintained, if their vehicles are registered for an exemption. All other vehicles will not be permitted to enter during the closure, but any vehicle already in the restricted zone can exit

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without receiving a penalty. Any vehicles not permitted to enter the zone will be automatically issued with a penalty charge notice. The Scheme was unanimously agreed by residents, who live in Cedar Avenue and in the part of Southview Drive where the Scheme will operate. There was some opposition to the Scheme in roads within a 2 mile radius of the restricted area. As mentioned in previous editions of the Bulletin, your local Councillors have continued to raise concerns with the Council regarding congestion and parking problems in adjoining roads to the Scheme. The Council have stated they are committed to addressing these problems, and putting together plans, subject to funding, to address these issues.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

James Oglethorpe School Streets Scheme

Following informal consultation last year, residents showed significant support for the above Scheme, prompting the Council to agree recommendations to initiate a formal consultation with residents in Ashvale Gardens and Westbury Terrance. The Scheme will be introduced and operated for a period of up to eighteen months, with the first six months being a consultation period where members of the public could raise any concerns or object to the Scheme. Council Officers have confirmed that detailed consultation will be sent out by

the end of the month/early March and then subject to objectives, implementation in May. The Scheme will be pedestrian and cycle zones only from 8am - 9am and 2.30pm - 3.30pm Monday to Friday, during term time. During this period, access for residents will be maintained if their vehicles are registered for an exemption. All other vehicles will not be permitted to enter during the closure, but any vehicle already in the restricted zone can exit without receiving a penalty. Any vehicles not permitted to enter the zone will be automatically issued with a penalty charge notice. Before the Scheme commences, Officers will engage with the school and all affected residents and businesses, providing an information pack, at least one month prior to the implementation of the Scheme, to notify them and to enable them to register their vehicles for exemptions.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

Dogs' Mess

A concerned local resident and dog owner (who does pick up their dog's mess) would like to again raise awareness of the ongoing and increasing issue of dog owners who do not pick up their dog's mess, or leave mess bags on the floor after collecting it. They can face a penalty and prosecution and residents are urged to report anyone seen not collecting their dog mess. Please see the following website for reporting dog mess.

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20013/environment/126/keeping_havering_clean/6

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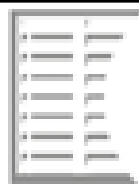
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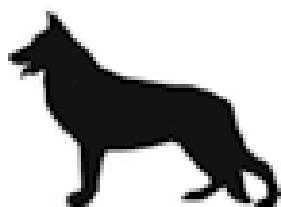
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