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The Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association has had the privilege of representing the people of Upminster, Cranham and Dury Falls over many years.

We believe our residents come first and foremost. Any problem, however big or small, is treated with the same degree of urgency and respect. We believe our local community is best served by local people and that the interests of our residents are served to the very best of our abilities. We do not appear just before an election and disappear again shortly afterwards, but maintain a constant presence throughout the year with our monthly Bulletin, dedicated website (ucra.co.uk), social media, targeted leaflets and meetings. Even during the COVID pandemic we have been there for our residents, publishing the Bulletin on our website during the lockdown and paying an external company to deliver when our volunteers were not permitted to deliver. For the local elections we welcome and ask for your support in continuing to put Upminster, Cranham and Dury Falls first and making our community a better place to live.

CRANHAM TEAM MEMBERS

London Borough of Havering 2022/23 budget and council tax


The 2022/23 Council Tax and Budget were agreed on 2 March 2021 at Full Council. The Conservative Administration have increased this year's Council Tax by 2.99%. The total rise in Council Tax could be higher, if the Mayor of London goes ahead with plans to increase the Greater London Authority's precept to fund transport and policing. The Administration plans around £13 million in savings for 2022/23, more than half of which (£7m) would come from a reduction of around 400 staff roles. The Leader of the Council tried to justify the increases in Council Tax, service cuts, and staff redundancies. However, many residents in Havering will be very disappointed when they receive their Council Tax bills in early April. Upminster and Cranham Residents' Councillors proposed an amendment to the budget, which included a leaner committee system, which would have significantly reduced Councillors' allowances, and offered up costed savings, which could be reinvested in front line services. These included funding road and pavement repairs, as well as improving street cleaning. This amendment was narrowly defeated. Councillors Ford, Ower, Wilkins and Tyler spoke during the Budget debate and raised concerns about the affect the £13 million cuts will have on services, and what impact of a further reduction of valid staff will have on those remaining, who will have to do more for less, which will have a significant impact on how services are delivered effectively to our residents. Please rest assured that your local Residents' Councillors will continue to hold the Administration to account and will ensure value for money is obtained, and services are delivered effectively in the forthcoming year and beyond.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

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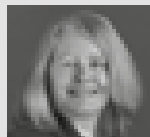
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We will continue to work to ensure that if the road does go ahead, it has the least impact possible on the residents of our ward, be it through increased traffic, pollution, noise, light or any landscape changes in the Cranham area, and that it includes accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians around the A127 area.

Cllrs GILLIAN FORD,
LINDA VAN DEN HENDE and
JOHN TYLER

Damage to grass verges/pavements

We have all noticed an increase in work on properties in the area. The improvements, in the main, are well received, however this has also brought about damage to grass verges and pavements as builders and/or delivery vehicles drive up onto these areas. If you notice this, please contact the Council providing as many details as possible, together with a photograph displaying time

and date, with the vehicle contact numbers.

We have recently taken action with damage occurring in Benets Road and Plover Gardens.

Please go to the Haverling website The London Borough of Haverling for further assistance.

PHIL RUCK

Twittering Tyler!

Our own Councillor John Tyler has recently started up a Twitter page, with news of some of the things happening in Cranham ward and his own personal take on local politics and occasionally, the wider world. He is also happy to receive messages from residents via his account @CllrTyler.

A big 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.

Weekly planning list on our websites

Just a reminder that every week Haverling 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 households, we have been publishing a link to the list on both of our websites each week - ucra.co.uk and raep.org.



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Tragic events in the Ukraine

We will all have been touched by the mindless war taking place in the Ukraine and the need for families to find refuge and safety. At the time of writing, the UK Government is yet to determine the guidance for receiving Ukrainian refugees. London Councils is liaising with Government on behalf of all London local authorities and Havering will liaise with them if we have anyone present to us before guidance is in place.

Havering is not currently engaging with residents seeking to assist with an offer of a room in their own home. This is a complex area, particularly the care required in matching hosts and guests, and how to manage things where for example the relationship between host and guest breaks down.

Specialist charities that work with people who wish to for example offer a room in their property are Refugees At Home and Room for Refugees. AirBNB.org-Get Involved is also seeking new hosts to support people fleeing the Ukraine.

Concerns have also been raised around Council funds being invested in Russia. The Council have no treasury instruments linked to Russia, and in relation to the Pension Fund, they have no direct holdings. However, some of the investments are in funds, where there is some exposure. In total, the Council's exposure is approximately, £3.8m. This equates to 0.4% of the total Havering assets. Based on a valuation of £948m. International sanctions will impact on the movement of funds, and this will be done as soon as possible in line with commercial considerations.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

Riding for the Disabled Upminster

The group have had to change venue and due to that reason we are in need of volunteers to assist our riders. Horse knowledge is not essential, training will be given. We are based at Eastminster Riding School, just off of Upper Rainham Road and ride on

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My sincere thanks

May I take this opportunity in thanking all of you who have been in touch following my announcement that I will not be seeking re-election to Havering Council. I have been touched with your kind comments. As you can imagine it was a very difficult decision, but having been involved with local government affairs for over 53 years I felt it was time for your Residents' Association to choose another candidate. Being a Councillor formerly representing Cranham, and for the last twelve years in Upminster ward, has been a pleasure and a privilege. Local Government has changed considerably. Havering Council is facing enormous pressures and I am delighted that the Association has chosen Oscar Ford to replace me. I believe he will be an excellent colleague for Linda and Chris as a lifelong local resident

and with a wealth of experience as a former council officer. I will still be taking an active part in the Association. My thanks to you all.

Cllr RON OWER

M25 traffic noise in Upminster and Cranham


Have other residents noticed the considerable increase in noise from the M25 over the last 10 years? Since the widening of the M25 from the tunnel to Junction 29 the noise from tyres has become unacceptable. The motorway on this stretch is raised on an embankment and noise baffles that were promised have not been installed. The M25 flyover crossing the A127 is also completely open and requires baffles. Please give your views so that action can be started. Lets' bring back some peace and quiet. Please contact Cllr John Tyler to share your views - see contact details on page 2.

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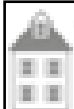


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As we come towards the end of the football season it was great hearing that Hornchurch Football Club were awarded "Sports Club of the Year" at the Havering Sports Council awards. Our congratulations to the Club.

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been separated for less than two years in a difficult position where one party must blame the other party for the breakdown of this marriage. Family lawyers have been campaigning for decades for the law to be changed to allow for a divorce to take place without one party being blamed for the breakdown. After a very long wait, no fault divorces will become effective in England and Wales on 6 April 2022.

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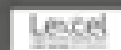
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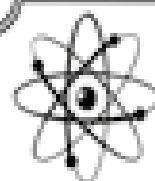


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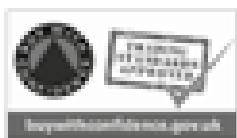
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in 2018 was determined for the change to be made in honour of the selfless actions of the war-time Hornchurch Airfield pilot. Due to the COVID pandemic, celebrations of the name change were curtailed until Mr Brooks and staff decided to mark the event on what was the 79th anniversary of the pilot's death on the 24th March.

As a showpiece of the celebrations and anniversary, the school commissioned extracts from the well-known and very popular "The Good Intent" to be performed by the pupils. The play itself celebrating 25 years since its debut performance as a stage musical at the Queen's Theatre in 1997 which was written by Cranham's own Gerry Sweeney and then Queen's Theatre front of House Manager Dave Ross. Gerry stated that for the play to be chosen and performed at the very school that features so much in the story on the extremely poignant anniversary of Sanders-Draper's death, was a privilege and honour. Sanders chose to guide his stricken aircraft into the grounds outside of the school to protect the buildings and students within.

The Spitfire skidded along a cinder pathway, eventually coming to rest against the exterior walls of two end classrooms. Tragically Sanders-Draper did not survive the crash.

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The book has links to true stories, including their references, which makes it seem more exciting and realistic. The language is very advanced and sophisticated and I found myself re-reading sections to help with understanding. I would therefore recommend this book for an older teen age group.

Many books leave the reader with endings that are open to interpretation. However, this book neatly ties up every loose end and would suit people who love reading action adventure stories.

ROSIE MEADWAY

Poppy appeal update

The Royal British Legion of Upminster and Cranham wish to thank the residents, local businesses, schools, local youth organisations and churches for their support during our poppy appeal last year. To date our total stands at £18,985.40. This is an amazing amount and proves we're moving in the right direction.

Our poppy appeal continues until 30th September 2022. We *continued on page 9*

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Welcome Run Active

We are pleased to see at 181 St Mary's Lane, Upminster Run Active Essex have taken over the former Marie Cure Charity Shop. The shop specialises in equipment clothing for runners etc. Please look at Run Active's website for further details. They also provide a personal fitting service so you "RunHappy" - 100 percent staffed by runners.

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Platford Green tidy up

Some local school children were challenged to raise funds for a much needed Trim Trail at

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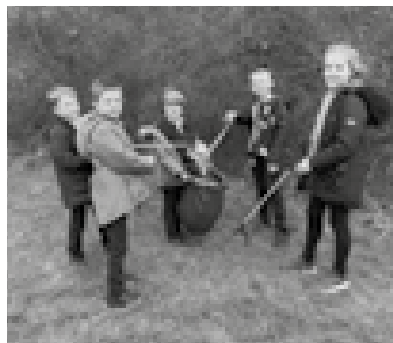
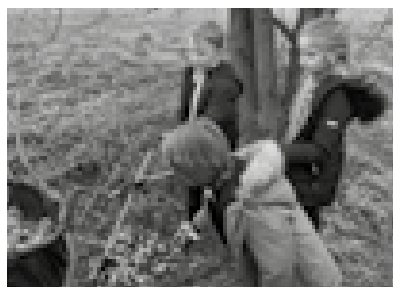
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DOUG RUSHWORTH



Tithe Barn

The Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia has the following open days this year. The Barn is open from 10.30am to 4pm in Hall Lane. There is a free car park and disabled parking space is available. Entry is free.

April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17, October 1.

They have an excellent website upminstertithebarn.co.uk

Big Band event

The Rotary Club of Hornchurch and Upminster are holding their Big Band charity evening at the Windmill Hall in St Mary's Lane, Upminster. The event features the 17 piece Ken Turner Big Band who will entertain with a variety of music from the magical Big Band era. The date is Saturday, 30th April 2022 and the music is from 8pm. Admission is by prepaid tickets only which are on sale at £25 each. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to local charities. The ticket price includes a fish and chips, chicken and chips

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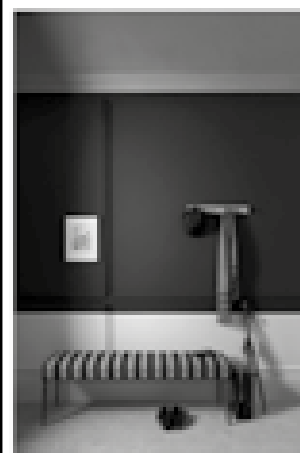
Spring events at Thames Chase

As winter finally gives way to longer sunnier days, it is clear spring is on its way. At Thames Chase this heralds the return to our popular seasonal events, alongside a few new additions this year.

- On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of April, we're delighted to once again celebrate our Spring Festival, an annual festival which has been halted over the last two years of the pandemic. On Saturday we will be celebrating the farming heritage of the Thames Chase site, originally Broadfields Farm with guided walk in the morning, followed by explorations of our farming past with our interpretation

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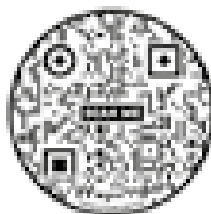
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S.O.S. at All Saints'

Before the pandemic Revd Marion Williams from All Saints' church started a monthly lunch group for local single, over sixties.... S.O.S. It had just got established when the pandemic stopped all such meetings. Despite that hiatus, a number of 'friendships' formed in those early days did continue during the pandemic with people looking out for each other and keeping in contact to avoid the isolation experienced by many during that difficult time. The good news is that these monthly lunch meetings have resumed and I attended the February one. There is a maximum number of 30 people who sit down to a very nice lunch cooked and served by Marion's small band of helpers. It was clear by chatting to many that they valued the opportunity to make new friends, enjoy great food and spend time in a

positive environment just having important social interaction with others. There is always a scramble to get your place booked early. There is no charge for lunch but a donation is welcomed. This is a great initiative which continues to contribute positively to the local community.

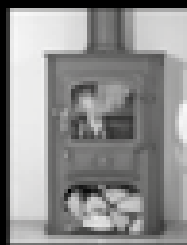
Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Thames Chase 10k and Family Fun Run

The annual Thames Chase 10K and Family Fun Run is back on 5th June after a two year hiatus. The completely off-road event takes place at the Forest Centre site on Pike Lane, Upminster and the multi-lap course follows a network of gently undulating footpaths. All funds raised help to maintain our community's invaluable green spaces and woodland. Why not challenge yourself this year while supporting this brilliant local charity? It's suitable for all levels with no cut-off time.

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Legion in Upminster, as well as those that donated monies but were unable to attend. In particular, thanks to Peter Rowell of Havering Denture, Billet Lane, Hornchurch for his generous donation - I'm pleased to confirm we raised a little under £1,000. Thanks also to Cheryl and Stuart Richardson for organising the raffle and my son Bryan C for doing the children's disco.

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On Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April at 7.30pm, you can relive the last few weeks of Jesus' life, as the Passion Play 2020 returns to the Green by the Queens' Theatre in Hornchurch after a two year delay! With a cast of over 70 and a full choir and band, the experience is one not to be missed. This is a free event (no ticket required, just turn up and watch).

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Wednesday, 11th May - The Ghost walks on Friday. Kate Poole will tell us about the London theatres that are haunted by ghosts - some endearing and some tragic! Please note our AGM will be held at 10.15am before the talk at 10.30am.

Fees: £2 for registered members and £4 to visitors with refreshments after the talk. Doors open 10am - meeting starts 10.30am.

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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Friday, 29th April, Quiz Bingo. Saturday 30th April, Frankie Rockin' Smith.

Saturday 21st May, Gaz Vegas. Friday 27th May, Quiz Bingo. Saturday 28th May, Sly Fox.

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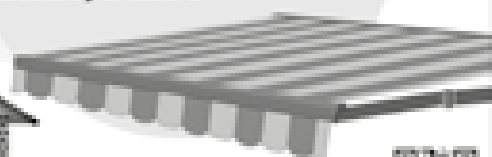
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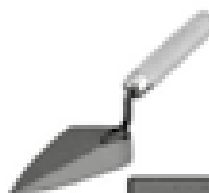


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Weapon/drugs sweep

I joined the Upminster Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and a ward panel colleague to undertake a weapon/drugs sweep of Hoppy Hall car park. There had been reports of anti-social behaviour and drug taking at this location. I am pleased to say no weapons were found, but there was evidence of drug use. The small silver canisters together with other drug evidence was found. The SNT will continue to patrol this location when on shift, especially when on lates. The Council have been asked by Upminster Councillors many times to have the barrier replaced as this would prevent vehicles accessing the car park at night. So far those attempts have been unsuccessful but will continue.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

UCRA quiz night

The quiz night held on 7th March was a big success. Thanks to all who bought tickets and to Caffe Gelato, Pinks Florist, Waitrose and Roomes Furniture for donating prizes for the raffle. The team at the Crumpled Horn really did a fantastic job and with our raffle and a great contribution from the Crumpled Horn's raffle we made

a donation of £351 to the Red Cross DEC Ukraine Humanitarian appeal. Looking forward to the next one!

VIVIEN SOUSTER

Cranham Community Centre

We were all very sad to see the roofing felt of the Community Centre in Marlborough Gardens fold back as a result of the recent storm. Unfortunately this led to damage that has kept two rooms out of action due to the internal damage the leaks have created. The positive news is that the insurance company has confirmed that they will not be repairing the roof, but instead replacing the roof due to the extensive damage. This will keep the rooms out of action for the foreseeable future, but the centre is working to the best of their abilities to accommodate all groups during this period.



Councillors call-in mini golf planning application

Regarding the former mini-golf site in Hall Lane and the current planning application P0112.22, Cranham Ward Residents' Association Councillors have jointly called-in the application. Among the many reasons given are the following:

- The application is not in accordance with the adopted Local Plan.
- The application represents over development.
- The proposed housing mix does not meet local needs i.e. 20 x 5-bed, 11 x 4-bed and 4 x 3-bed.
- No energy rating has been provided.
- There is no evidence of sustainability and net zero design, to meet Havering's 2030

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- Out of 35 properties, only 7 would be provided with Electric Car Charging points.
- The application proposes the removal of several Tree Preservation Order (TPO) protected trees.

The call-in means that should the application be recommended for approval by the Council's Planning Department, it would automatically go before one of the planning committees for a decision to be made. Should the Planning Department recommend refusal of the application, then this would potentially be refused without going before a planning committee, under delegated powers. We will keep you updated of further developments.

Cllrs GILLIAN FORD,
JOHN TYLER and
LINDA VAN DEN HEND

Easter Greetings from the local churches

Easter is a poignant season for all Christian people - the most important festival of the year, as we remember the brutal death of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and 3 days later, we celebrate His triumphant resurrection from the tomb. That weekend in history authenticated His mission to save Mankind and make it possible for you and I to have our sins forgiven and begin a new personal relationship with God. This has got to be the best news ever! We invite you to join our churches on a March of Witness on Good Friday as we walk from Upminster Methodist church at 10am, followed by an open-air service in

Upminster Park at 10.30 (in poor weather, we will hold the service in Upminster Baptist Church, Springfield Gardens instead). Please see <https://ctucno.org> for contact details of events at our different churches - you would be so welcome to visit us, this Easter or at any time.

Happy Easter!

PAUL THOMPSON - Leader of Leader of King's Church, Upminster

Bulletin deliverers needed in Cranham

We are grateful to all of our Bulletin deliverers who assist each month but we are always looking for more help. At present, in Cranham we need deliverers in the following roads - Ingrebourne Gardens (from Holden way to Front Lane only), Isis Drive, Brunswick Avenue and Wingfield Gardens/Griffin Avenue. Each round would take around 10-20 minutes once a month. Please contact Cllr John Tyler if you are able to assist (contact details on page 2).

More trees to be planted in Front Lane

We are pleased to report that Havering Council have agreed to add the grassed area in Front Lane, Cranham near to Griffin Avenue and Moultrie Way, to the Council's tree planting planning list for next Autumn/Winter. We had a row of trees planted here a couple of years ago but thank you to the resident who suggested adding more.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

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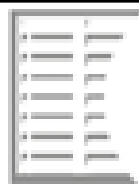
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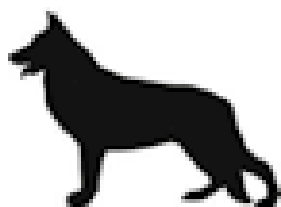
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