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May 2022 Local Election update

Following the May 2022 Local Election in Havering, there was again, No Overall Control (NOC), so no one particular Party was in a position to form a Council. Therefore, effectively at least two Parties needed to agree to work together to run the Council. On 26th May the Havering Residents Association (HRA) Councillor Ray Morgan was voted in as Leader of the Council, forming a new Administration with Resident Association Councillors. This is the first time in Havering that there has been a HRA led Council. Following his election, Councillor Morgan made Councillor Gillian Ford Deputy Leader of the Council. The Council will be run on a consensual basis and Senior posts, within the Administration, will also be taken by Councillors from both the Conservative and Labour Parties, but with a majority of them being held by HRA Councillors, who in turn will ensure that our commitments to our local residents are being met. This was ratified by the Council on the 13 June 2022. The HRA Administration's main focus will be to improve services, listening to our residents and ensuring resources are allocated in areas of most need.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

Chairman Uppminster and Cranham Residents' Association

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.

Proposed ULEZ expansion

The Mayor of London has launched a consultation via Transport for London (TfL), on proposals to expand the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in August 2023.

If introduced, the zone would include almost the whole of Havering, and would mean that drivers of vehicles that didn't meet ULEZ emission standards would pay £12.50 per day if they drove their vehicles within the zone. To view TfL's proposals and complete the survey visit haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cleanair. You can also send a response via e-mail to cleanairyourview@tfl.gov.uk or write to TfL at **FREEPOST TFL HAVE YOUR SAY** (that is the full postal address - no stamp needed). The consultation runs until 29 July 2022.



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Which ward

For your information Cranham ward is north of Uppminster station and the railway line, and includes the Dury Falls Estate. Your Residents' Councillors are Gillian Ford, Phil Ruck and John Tyler.

Uppminster ward is south of Uppminster station and the railway line and includes the Cranham Cathedral Estate and North Ockendon. Your Residents' Councillors are Oscar Ford, Linda Hawthorn and Chris Wilkins. Full contact details of our Councillors are here on Page 2.

Councillor surgeries

Although we are aware that COVID has not left us, it appears not to be the threat that it was, and we are keen to re-start our surgeries. Our first one will be at the older Costa Coffee (east side of Station Road), on Monday, 11th July between 10 and 11am. We would love to see you, to catch up on matters concerning Uppminster, and to hear any problems you may have.

Cllrs OSCAR FORD,
LINDA HAWTHORN, CHRIS WILKINS

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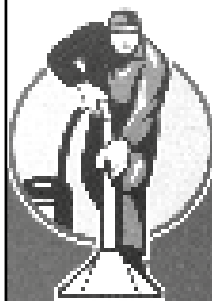
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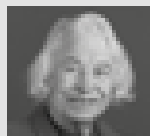
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Bulletin deliverer required

As always, we are grateful to our many volunteers who deliver the Bulletin for us each month. At present, we are looking for an extra deliverer for houses in Front Lane (between Kings Gardens and the Cranham Village shops). If anyone would be able to assist us once a month please contact Cllr John Tyler (details here on page 2). Thank you.

New members needed

Upminster police ward panel is seeking new members to join this important group. The Panel meets quarterly with the Upminster Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and hears about local crime issues and importantly sets the ward priorities which we ask our SNT to focus on. We seek to represent the local community as well as those who work in the ward. We would particularly welcome

representatives from the retail community as well as young people who are often victims of crime. If you are interested in learning more about local policing issues and helping to shape their response please contact our Chair, Christine Hampson for an informal chat. cjhampson@live.co.uk

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Trees

It's great that so many of our streets are tree lined, but sadly they are not always looked after as well as they could be. If you have a tree which needs attention, perhaps appears to be diseased, needs feathering (the growth at the base of the tree removed) or is a new tree now established which has still got it's stakes and ties in place, please let me know.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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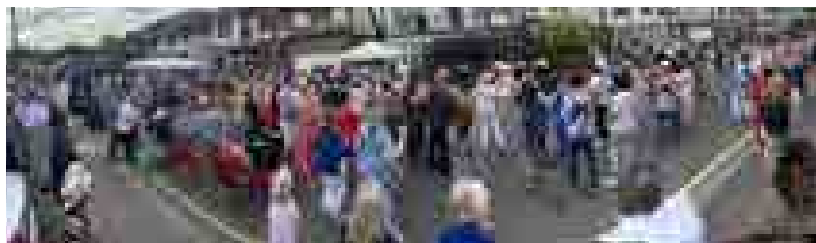
To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee many roads across the borough arranged street parties last month. We hope a good time was had by all. We are pleased to share photos of some of those celebrations - great to see the efforts that residents put in to make this a really special occasion.



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Winchester Avenue, Upminster

Jubilee Street Party – Cranston Park Avenue

The residents of Cranston Park Avenue, Upminster would like to thank the following local businesses who generously and kindly donated raffle prizes for

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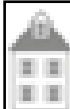


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PAUL CLEMENSON

70 years earlier...

Upminster Councillor Linda Hawthorn wonders how many people are old enough to remember the Coronation in June 1953 and would ever have thought that there would be a celebration again 70 years later. As a 14 month old baby, she does not remember the Coronation, but was there as a babe in arms, top of photo of the street party held in Rounton Road, Bow, where she was born.

Another resident who remembers is Terry Morris of The Shrubbery, Upminster - now 83 years old he sold the souvenir programmes in the Mall, as a 14 year old boy scout - they were two shillings and sixpence (twelve and a half pence now) quite a large sum of

money for those days. If you have any memories to share of that day we would love to cover them in a future issue of the Bulletin. Please send them to bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk



Queen's Theatre – Grade II Listed

It was wonderful to hear the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch has been listed Grade II by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) on Historic England's advice, in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Theatre was one of six sites across the country to be listed and is the only site to be listed in London. Ranging from a hotel and an

archive to a church and markers on a major motorway, the listings aim to highlight some of the many important places from Her Majesty's reign and to reflect the important social, technical and cultural changes which have taken place over the past 70 years.

Queen's Theatre is a quintessential 1970s modernist theatre, named after the Queen. The Theatre was opened in 1975 by Sir Peter Hall, Director of the National Theatre. It first occupied a site in Station Lane, Hornchurch from 1953, in a converted cinema building. The current purpose-built theatre building, designed by the London Borough of Havering architect R.W. Hallam and project architect Norman Brooks, was opened in 1975 on Billet Lane, Hornchurch. It is a distinctive and well-designed example of 1970s theatre design and remains relatively intact. The external features are clearly influenced by the work of renowned German architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. The Queen visited with the Duke of Edinburgh in 2003 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the theatre on its original site, which also coincided with the

50th anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation, the reason for its naming as Queen's Theatre. The visit is commemorated with a plaque still held by the Theatre.



Last entry time at Gerpins Lane

Following recent contact from a resident, we would like to highlight that although the published closing time at the Gerpins Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre is 5.45pm Monday to Sunday, last entry is in fact 15 minutes earlier at 5.30pm.

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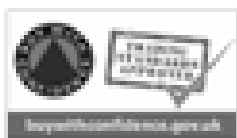
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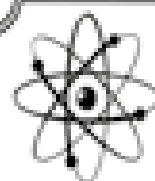
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For children our half term activities begin with the popular Bioblitz on July 24th. Take part and go on a wild minibeast safari, discover the aquatic creatures living in the river, follow the nature trail, plus crafts and much more! This is a free drop-in event. Sign up to let us know you're coming, or pop in for as long as you like on the day.



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Upminster has its own Men's Shed tucked away by Upminster Baptist Church. It opens three days a week and draws men (or shedders) in from all over. Tea and conversation are a large part of what goes on, but the shedders also like to turn their hand to helping the community. They've shown scouts how to build bird boxes, helped nursery children assemble pirate ships and (most

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Southend Adventure Island and Sealife discount tickets

Adventure Island wristbands

tickets £15 and Sealife tickets £6.50. To buy pop into either: Caffe Gelato in Corbets Tey Road, Upminster or Maa Eyecare in Avon Road, Upminster. Cash only please.

You will be given a voucher to take to the kiosk in Adventure Island and there you will be given the wristband for the rides. Wristbands tickets are valid for all days that the park is open up to the end of 2022. All tickets are £15 regardless of height, but height restrictions still apply on rides.

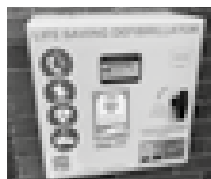
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New Heights Fitness delivers another defibrillator to Upminster

We would like to extend a warm Welcome to New Heights Fitness gym in Corbets Tey Road. A fun and welcoming fitness studio for all abilities offering a range

of group training classes and personal training. We are also pleased to report that the gym has installed a defibrillator and the owner Louis Pickering has been trained in its use.

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Upminster Cricket Club v Essex CCC

Upminster Cricket Club are pleased to announce that following a COVID enforced break, the annual fixture against Essex County Cricket

Club will now resume. This year's match will take place on Sunday, 18 September at the recreation ground. The match is being played in support of the Essex Cricket Foundation, a charity formed for the purpose of enhancing cricketing opportunities and participation within Essex. Upminster Cricket Club hope the match will again be well supported by the general public.

DAVID PARISH, President
Upminster Cricket Club

Maternity services in Havering

There has been some comment locally on changes made to maternity services based at the Cranham Health Centre. Matthew Trainer, the Chief Executive of Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals Trust provided an update on what has happened and the reasons behind it. Part of this is printed below.

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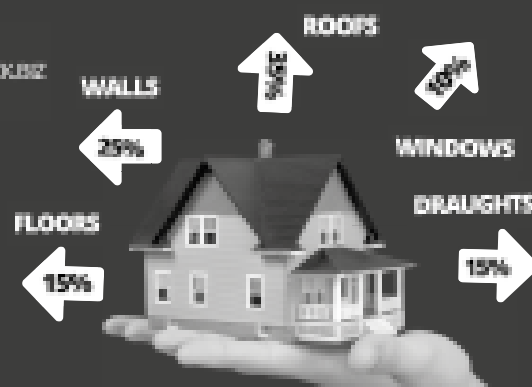
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recommendations of the Ockenden review that was written in the wake of the failure of maternity practices over many years at Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust.

One of the Ockenden recommendations is that the Midwifery Continuity of Carer Model (MCoC) should be suspended until safer staffing levels are in existence. MCoC allows for a small team of midwives to provide care all the way from ante natal appointments, through delivery – where 24-hour care during labour is available – to post-natal check-ups.....We have assessed our current staffing levels (including our vacancy rate) and to be compliant with the Ockenden recommendation on MCoC, we will suspend the service we currently offer from 23 May.

The full text of Mr Trainer's update is too long to be included in the Bulletin but can be found on our website - ucra.co.uk/maternity-services-in-havering/.

First Step Summer Soiree

We are pleased to promote First

Step's summer fund raising event on Saturday 9th July 2022 at Langdon Hills Golf Club from 6.30pm. Tickets £30 per person includes a 2 course carvery dinner followed by DJ and disco. For details and to book, email or call Caroline or Janet on E:fundraising@firststep.org.uk or **01708 556355**.

Jubilee celebrations fit for a Queen



First Step

Over the bank holiday weekend Derham House in Upminster held a garden party with live entertainment with the lovely Joanne Lee, the very talented Faye, daughter of our head of dementia unit who also sang some songs, her brother Nga who opened the show with a reading and Kat and Holly with their horses Star and Teddy, Luigi's ice creams and our guest appearance was the newly elected Deputy Mayor of Havering Cllr Stephanie Nunn and the Consort Cllr Barry Mugglestone. The whole home came together to

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One resident at Derham House said: "The Queen is an amazing lady, everyone wanted to get involved in the celebrations. It is remarkable to think she has been on the throne for 70 years, such an achievement! I can just about remember the Coronation, I was very small but I remember the street party we had then and this was just as much fun. We all wanted to pay our respects and say thank you for all that the Queen has done for this country."

The varied life enrichment programme at Derham House keeps residents active, and provides a daily choice of engaging

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Ilford Football Club

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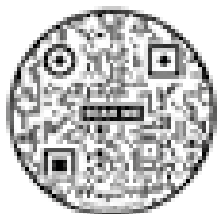
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An act of kindness

A local resident was travelling to a garden party at Buckingham Palace with her daughter. At Upminster Station they became aware of a 95 year old man and his partner also on their way to Buckingham Palace. As they boarded the train, the elderly gentleman was assisted by a very kind and helpful young man. This young man kept an eye on them as they travelled to Fenchurch Street again helping the man off the train, down to the street and to a taxi rank where all invitees

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had agreed to share a cab. The helpful man spoke to the driver, they thought to explain the earlier difficulties, but when they pulled away the driver told them that the kind man had paid him for the fare! Of course they were all very touched by the incredible kindness shown to them all but with no contact details, there was no way to thank him. They all had a wonderful day and very much appreciated the kindness and generosity shown to them by this wonderful stranger.

Bob Orriss



Really sorry to inform you that long term local resident Bob Orriss passed way at the end of May. I knew Bob from when we were children living close to each other in Stratford. Our fathers were close friends and worked together on the local Council.

Bob was a keen supporter of West Ham Football Club having had a season

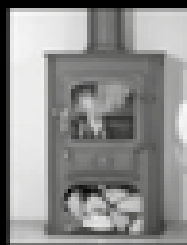
ticket at Upton Park and at the new ground, The London Stadium and recently watched the Urchins play at Hornchurch.

He worked for many years in the City of London as an underwriter where he held senior positions. Bob and his wife Yvonne moved to Cranham around 50 years ago where they had three children James, Lisa and Emma who all live locally. He has five grandchildren Sam, Libby, William, Toby and Florence.

He was a keen supporter of the Residents' Association and assisted with delivering The Bulletin. Living in Pond Walk he took an active interest in the pond and the surrounding area helping to keep this local environmental asset in a great condition - putting a lot of leg work in and as you go up Front Lane and see the pond you can see how pleasant this is. He was delighted when the Council assisted in getting rain water diverted to keep the pond alive and kept a close eye on the wildlife that made its home there. It was an honour for me to know Bob and we send our condolences to Yvonne, his children and their families.

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Havering Council opens one-stop shop to welcome Ukranian refugees

Havering Council and YMCA Thames Gateway Group have teamed up to open a new service offering vital support to help Ukrainian refugees to settle in to the borough. The new one-stop shop based at YMCA Romford, Rush Green Road, RM7 0PH has brought together a number of different Council services and local partners to provide essential help to get Ukrainian guests in Havering set up for a new life in the UK. The 'shop' is open every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. There is no need to make an appointment - visitors are encouraged to come along when best suits them.

Broadband social tariffs

Ofcom have recently highlighted

that 'The broadband and mobile markets offer customers a wide range of choice, with different deals available to suit different needs. Some providers offer social tariffs which are only available to customers who receive certain government benefits...'

Major firms who do this include BT, Sky and Virgin Media, with BT also providing social tariffs for voice only landline services. However, many do not advertise this clearly on their websites.

For details of companies that provide social tariffs visit Ofcom's website ofcom.org.uk/ and enter 'cheaper broadband' in the search box.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Upminster South District Guides

The Upminster South District are short of leaders in all sections, but in particular for our last remaining Guide Unit at St Laurence Church (Wednesday 7.30pm - 9pm). There has been a Guide unit at St Laurence Church for nearly 100

years but we are now in danger of shutting through a lack of leaders. If you are interested at all in joining our team and the fun that we have, please email sallyathomson@hotmail.co.uk.

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Queen's Theatre - a festival of new ideas

Queen's Theatre Hornchurch is running a festival of new ideas this September. Blueprint will be an extraordinary fortnight, taking

place from **12 - 24 September**, of new and unusual theatre in different spaces inside and outside the amazing Grade II listed building. With many ideas being tried out for the first time, audiences will be at the start of experiencing some amazing performances, up close and at a distance, intimate and epic. With plenty of opportunities for audiences to discuss what they have seen and meet the makers of the work, it will be a thrilling festival of theatrical discoveries. Here is a selection of what's on offer, but please visit www.queens-theatre.co.uk for details of the full programme of events.

Rice and Peas by Blouse & Skirt Share three West Indian courses with Figgy and Edith, throughout their life, in this acclaimed immersive dining experience written by Mia Jerome. With a menu designed by Jon Benthall (former head chef for Gary Rhodes).

Shakespeare-On-Sea by Mawa Theatre Company Delving into the world of Shakespeare, the sea and estuary - a digital project through the gaze of Black, female, local artists.

A Different Class by Kenny Emson Exploring mental health, masculinity and working-class culture, with a drum and bass soundtrack that will blow the doors off the theatre.

Wake Up People by John Webber A reading with a difference: this is a funny and candid look at a new pandemic sweeping through working class Britain, conspiracy theories.

ONS personal inflation calculator

Everyone is feeling the effects of the increases in household bills at the moment, particularly heating and vehicle fuel. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has a personal inflation calculator, that



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Watch your speed

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Upminster and District Probus Club

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The Old Chapel Tea and Talks

Wednesday, 13th July - **The Branfills of Upminster Hall**. Upminster local historian Tony Benton will give an illustrated talk about the history of Upminster Hall - now the Upminster Golf Club and the Branfill family who

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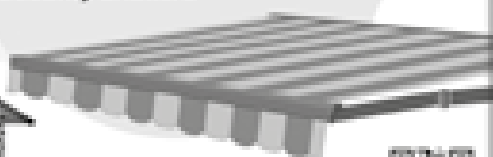
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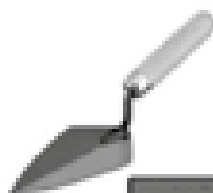


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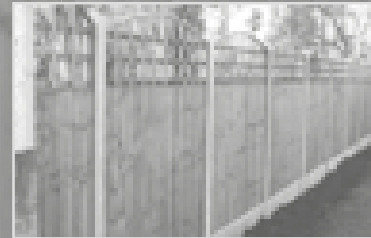
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Council weed control schedule

Every year, all roads and pavements in the borough receive four weed treatments at regular intervals between Spring and Autumn. The first treatment for Upminster ward was due in March, followed by Cranham ward in April.

By early May, it had become obvious that in many local roads in our area this had not taken place and so Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) Councillors questioned Havering Council about what was happening.

In reply, the Council stated that the contractor responsible had had issues due to staff turnover and absences, and some lost days due to bad weather in March. They promised that this would be rectified, and roads I have seen since, appear now to have been treated.

The second treatment will be due in the near future and UCRA Councillors will continue to monitor the situation.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Congratulations Bell School

Having a prominent position in St Mary's Lane, the Upminster Junior and Infants School has a tradition now of really great displays on the school railings. Really nice to see the Jubilee Celebrations created by the children. Well Done!

Upminster Police update

Motor vehicle crime has again been a priority in this period, although there has been a decrease in the most recent 3 months when compared to 2021. Theft of a motor vehicle is down from 8 in 2021 to 5 this year. Theft from a motor vehicle has also reduced from 16 in 2021 to 10 in 2022. High value vehicles seem to be the target and in some cases the theft from has been the removal of interior fittings which may be stolen to order. On the burglary front there has been a slight increase in these 3 months from 2 in 2021 to 4 in 2022. The

good news however is there were no residential burglaries in March and April. Garages may be vulnerable as there have been some attempted burglaries in this period. As the weather is getting warmer, the police remind us all to close windows and double lock doors when leaving our homes to discourage crime. Priorities for the next 3 months will be violent crime, which is a borough wide priority, and continue to be motor vehicle crime and speeding.

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Front Lane bottle banks update

In mid-May, Cranham ward councillors were informed by Havering Council that the bottle and other recycling banks in the Front Lane car park adjacent to the railway sidings were out of service, as the car park barrier was broken and the contractor was unable to gain access to the recycling area. The barrier was due to be repaired within a week and the recycling area brought back into use. However, at the time of writing (in early June), this has not happened. Hopefully, by the time you read this the matter will have been resolved but, if not, we would ask

residents to refrain from leaving any items at this location while it is closed. The other nearest recycling bins are at Hoppy Hall car park (behind the petrol garage in Corbets Tey Road) and in Wilson Road (opposite the car park at rear of Aldi).

We will update residents in the Bulletin and on our website if repairing the barrier turns out to be a more long-term issue.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Rubbish

We all make mistakes and one which is often made is people putting their rubbish out on their normal collection day, forgetting there's been a Bank Holiday. If you do, please take it in - St Mary's Lane had this huge pile of rubbish over the Jubilee Bank Holiday, encouraging cats, foxes and probably rats. It was cleared up, but the eye-sore was there for a few days.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN



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Our website

Please look out for our website ucra.co.uk. Councillor John Tyler does an excellent job regularly updating the site and sharing really useful news.

Weekly planning list on our websites

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 earlier in the year 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.

Relief Area Controller for Cranham

One important job that some of our volunteers help us with is as Area Controllers, distributing quantities of Bulletins once a month to groups of individual deliverers. We are currently looking for a relief Area Controller in the Cranham area, to cover if a regular controller is unavailable. If anyone is able to assist us please contact Cllr John Tyler (details on page 2).

Queen's Theatre, Kinky Boots the Musical

The New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich and Queen's Theatre Hornchurch have announced a co-production of the first UK revival and regional premiere of the Tony and Olivier

Award-winning musical Kinky Boots. The production will also mark 10 years since the musical's debut at Chicago's Bank of America Theatre in 2012. The new production will run at Queen's Theatre Hornchurch from 28 September - 22 October.

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Havering Rotary Club quiz night

Havering Rotary Club are holding a quiz night on Friday, 12th August 2022 at the Upminster Golf Club, Hall Lane, Upminster. Tables of up to six cost £30 including a platter of sandwiches during the break. A raffle will also be held. The proceeds of the night will go towards supporting a number of local charities. Doors open at 7.30pm and the quiz starts at 8pm. For further information or to book a table please email us at haveringrotaryclub@gmail.com

You may be more familiar with our charity work through the Father Christmas sleigh that visits many streets in Upminster and Cranham every year for the past forty years. The club has many opportunities for anyone that has a few spare hours. We support mostly local charities, many of them connected with children. Any help that you can offer would be gratefully received. Any questions or further information, please email us haveringrotaryclub@gmail.com

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