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Budget setting

Following on from last month's Bulletin article relating to Council finances, I would like to take this opportunity to update our residents regarding this matter. The Administration's Cabinet Members and the Council's Senior Management Team have been working closely to set next year's budget and council tax. There are a number of budget pressures, particularly within Social Services, as these include Adults and Children's services, where there has been increased budgetary demands due to the demographic changes in Havering. There has been a notable increase in both older and younger residents in the Borough. This has subsequently led to increased financial demands on the services. Other areas of concern are in the Neighbourhood Services' budgets. The main areas of expenditure include roads and pavement repairs, grass cutting/weed spraying, street cleansing and parking enforcement as well as other front-line services that impact our residents. It has been mentioned before that Havering Council's Government Grant Allocation has been reduced significantly over the past twelve years. To clarify the reduction has been in the region of £70 million. This, coupled with unprecedented inflationary pressures, continues to put significant financial pressures on Council services. As mentioned above, we have been working hard with Council officers to find solutions to how we can mitigate these concerns, while continuing to maintain and strive to improve our services. In the next couple of months, we will, with the Council officers, be consulting with our residents on next year's budget. The next edition of the Bulletin will cover this in more detail and provide means on how local residents can influence the budget setting process.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS,
CHAIRMAN Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association

Havering Council Administration

As covered by Cllr Chris Wilkins above, pressures on the Council's finances are a key area of focus. Since May, the new HRA Council Administration have been undertaking intensive daily sessions to understand the financial position of the Council, where the pressure points are, and what areas are failing to deliver the services residents need.

It became apparent very early on that the previous Administration had not been outward thinking, had not engaged effectively with partners, and that the level of borrowing they undertook had placed immense pressures on the financial position of the Council. This is all compounded by the increase in demand for support within Adults and Children's services, which account for 70% of the Council tax we all pay.

The new Cabinet want to be open and honest with residents as to what can and cannot be done, this will include having to be innovative and realistic.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD Deputy Leader of the Council



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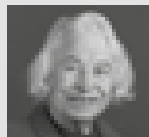
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return this to the address on the front. A number of residents have indicated they are happy to pay by cheque and increase their donation. Any cheques should be made to Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association. We take an active interest in supporting you and will continue to do so. We are active all the time, not just election times.

A new defibrillator for Upminster

A community access defibrillator has been installed by St Laurence Church and is located on the front wall of the hall facing Corbets Tey Road. The church has funded the defibrillator for the use of the whole community.

Upminster Police update

Burglary for both residential and commercial premises for May to July has shown a slight increase on the previous year, with particular concern in commercial

property where power tools and heavy machinery has been stolen. The hot weather has meant doors and windows may have been left open providing easy access. Motor vehicle crime remains a significant issue in terms of theft of vehicles. This has risen from 10 in 2021 to 22 in the most recent 3 months of 2022. Theft from motor vehicles has remained static at 13 in that same period. Vehicles stolen tend to be high value such as Range Rovers and Mercedes. The police recommend a strong steering lock, placing keyless fobs in a Faraday bag or installing driveway posts. Robbery remains low at 3 in the 3 month period, although reported shoplifting is consistently high at 28 crimes in the 3 month period. The Upminster ward panel continue to have vehicle crime, including speeding, and burglary as priorities for the next 3 months. There is concern that a lack of Police resources allocated to the ward needs addressing and representations to the Tri-borough Chief Superintendent is planned.

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

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Dear Mayor of London Re: Proposed Ultra Low Emission Zone

I am writing this letter as an elderly resident living in Cranham. I am rather concerned at the negative impact the proposed ULEZ would have on me and my family and no doubt other residents in a similar situation.

I am nearing my 80th birthday and remember the London smogs in the late 40s and 50s, one of which was particularly bad and resulted in the death of an uncle. I am all for cleaner air.

Unfortunately my car fails the emissions test and there is nothing that can be done about that, other than buy one that meets the criteria. However, at my age and a pensioner, I have limited funds.

So a visit to my GP, my dentist, the Post Office, a pharmacy, Upminster shops will all cost me £12.50. Gerpins Lane tip another £12.50. My brother lives in Grays so a visit to him is £12.50. So take

the bus - I have a Freedom Pass but also a mobility problem. I am unsteady on my feet with osteoarthritis in my right foot and ankle. I use a walking stick and walk very slowly. I do not live on a bus route so I would have to walk to the nearest one to me and then again when I get to my destination. I could not do this for shopping as I can't carry anything bulky or heavy. 4 car journeys per week totals £2,600 per year on emission charges alone. This month I turn 80 and I am informed that I will get an 'age related' increase of 25p a week in my State Pension (before tax) £13 per year gross, just above the cost of one trip in my car.

How does this add up? If the scheme goes ahead, consideration must be given to elderly residents who rely on their cars, and perhaps Blue Badge holders.

EDDIE BENHAM

Further M25 noise update

Following on from our previous updates on the problems of excessive noise coming from the M25, I have again spoken to National Highways. They

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explained that following our contact and that of individual residents, our area is being used as a place where new types of noise reduction surfacing are being trialled. They are also looking at whether funding can be found to undertake other measures to reduce the noise.

One explanation given by National Highways for the many comments we received concerning the increased disturbance at night, is that overnight freight traffic, partly linked to online parcel deliveries, has increased significantly in the last few years. We will continue to keep residents informed of any further news we receive, on our website and in the Bulletin.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Integrated Care Systems

As from July 1st, the Council has become part of an Integrated Care System. But what does this mean? The country has been divided into 42 regions, with Havering becoming part of the North East London Integrated Care System (ICS). Joining us in this statutory partnership are The

City of London, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham, Newham and Tower Hamlets. The Clinical Commissioning Group has been disbanded.

As Cabinet Member for Adults and Health I will be chairing Havering's Health and Wellbeing Board and co-chairing the Havering Borough Partnership with Dr. Dan Weaver, which is where the borough's health needs will be determined. This then feeds into the 'Integrated Care Board' where the commissioning of services will take place. Havering Council's Chief Executive Andrew Blake-Herbert will Chair the 'Integrated Care Sub-Committee'. I am also part of the London Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs Network.

The system sounds complicated and it will take time to bed in, but it is clear that there are already stronger relationships developing with a common aim of improving health and care for the residents within the ICS, more importantly for you the residents of Havering.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

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Cllr LAURANCE GARRARD

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RON OWER

Graffiti removal

I recently reported some graffiti to Havering Council via their Love Clean Streets app. The report was marked as completed after a couple of days but the graffiti still remained. After leaving it a further number of days, I chased the Council up and pointed out

that it brought the app (and the Council) into disrepute if reports were closed without the necessary work being undertaken. I received an apology and the graffiti was removed. With an HRA led Administration now in place, this sort of service failure must be one of the things that improves.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

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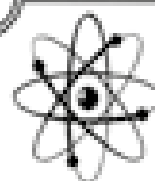


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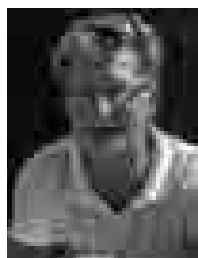
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In common with the human medical profession the veterinary profession is suffering from staff shortages. Vets, vet nurses and lay staff are all in short supply. In addition to this there is a shortage of vaccines and other drugs. A combination of Brexit, a boom in pandemic pet purchases and early retirement or staff attrition in combination with an increased demand for services has put a strain on existing practices.

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Farewell Margaret Roome



Margaret Roome had been a resident of Upminster since the 1940s when her family moved here and made this their home. She was a keen tennis player in her youth and it was at Grosvenor Tennis Club that she met her future husband John Roome - 'A Tennis Club Romance'

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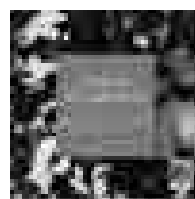
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it was called in the papers.

Many will remember Margaret for her years of volunteer work in and around Upminster including Riding for the Disabled, St Francis Hospice, Corbets Tey School Governor, Upminster Children's Society, League of Friends of St Georges Hospital and Meals on Wheels. Also, an active member of the St Laurence Church congregation, for many years she organized the flowers, the holiday club and helped distribute the parish magazine. Over the years she also enjoyed spending time serving in Roomes on the Menswear department.

Margaret Roome sadly passed away peacefully on August 11th after a short illness and will be missed by family and community alike.

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As thoughts turn to the change in seasons we welcome back Clare from Bliss Flowers for an Autumn Wreath making workshop. All materials will be provided and you'll come away from the session with your beautiful wreath made from natural materials to last the Autumn season. Date: Sunday 16th October 1pm - 3pm

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Hornchurch Football Club

As I write, Hornchurch have just won 3-1 against Ipswich Wanderers in the FA Cup - congratulations! Please keep an eye on the club's excellent website for further news and note the following home fixtures.

Saturday, 22nd October at home

to Horsham. Saturday, 5th November at home to Wingate and Finchley. Kick offs at 3pm. The home games are at The Stadium, Bridge Avenue. We are very lucky to have such a great family friendly club in our area. Go along and support The Urchins...a great afternoon.

RON OWER

A change in control at Thurrock Council

As reported in previous Bulletins and again on the front page of this issue, Councils are under tremendous pressure. In late August, it was announced that the Tory run Thurrock Council, would be run by government appointed commissioners after amassing over £1.5bn (yes billion) debts after trying to invest in commercial activities such as solar power.

You can rest assured that your UCRA Councillors will be rigorous in investigating the exposure created by the previous

Tory Administration in Havering. Watch this space for further updates.

Cllr PHILIP RUCK

Upminster Fireworks display is back!

Please come along to our Fireworks display on Saturday, 5th November at Upminster Infant/Junior School playing field (next to the Crumpled Horn). Doors open at 4.30pm, display at 6.30pm. The most amazing fireworks, food vans, even MORE GLOW PRODUCTS, and toilet facilities this year! All information, including tickets, will be on our website www.uspfa.co.uk

Street trees

One of the more unfortunate results of the extremely dry weather we had over the summer, is the number of trees growing in our streets that have died or wilted badly.

There are literally thousands of trees in roads around Havering and the Council are unable to

keep an eye on most of them, so they ask that if anyone has a tree near to where they live that looks like it needs a drink, then please give the roots a regular soaking during dry periods.

I often get contacted about trees that need feathering (growth around their roots removed). Havering Council have a pruning schedule but many smaller trees are not included in this. The Council are happy to accept reports of trees that require feathering to prevent pavements and roads being obstructed, but encourage residents to remove smaller areas of growth themselves if it is safe to do so.

To report a street tree that requires attention for any reason, visit havering.gov.uk and enter 'report tree' in the search box.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Film Review: Elvis

The Elvis film (currently available on HBO Max) is an amazing tribute to the king of rock and roll. It was narrated from the perspective of his manager

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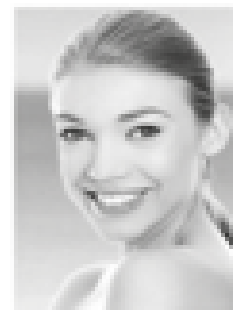
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Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks) and revealed the darker side of his fame.

I hadn't heard a lot of Elvis' music and knew nothing about his personal life before watching this film. Now, I really want to listen to his songs and would even like to visit Graceland!

The director Baz Luhrmann (Romeo & Juliet, Moulin Rouge, The Great Gatsby) uses lots of zoomed-in shots that really captivated me as it creates anticipation of what will happen next. I feel Austin Butler was the perfect person to play Elvis and captured his style and actions without being an imitation.

Whilst on holiday in Croatia I watched this film in an outdoor cinema. We were sitting under the stars, feeling warm from the hot climate and were able to hear outside noises (birds tweeting and planes soaring). This added massively to the atmosphere and made me feel closer to the characters. I was completely transfixed and felt like I was physically present.

There is an outdoor cinema in Stratford Centre (8 minute walk from Stratford train station) and I would highly recommend that you visit it to have a similar

experience - minus the hot climate!

I loved this film and would highly recommend that you watch it.

ROSIE MEADWAY

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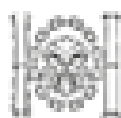
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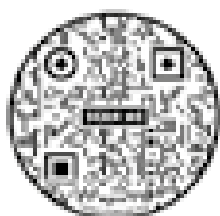
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A date for your diary... from the team that brought you Midsummer Madness. We are now doing Christmas Crazifest on Saturday, 26th November at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens. People were asking if we would do it again and we are!! A night of live music and Christmas joy and all in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity - The Judy D'cruz Fund. Details to follow. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. £3,450 raised last time thanks to all who attended and especially our main sponsors KR Wagstaff Heating & Plumbing and A Touch of Glass.

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A companion book has also been compiled by local people through another of the 'Land of the Fanns Partnership Scheme' projects.

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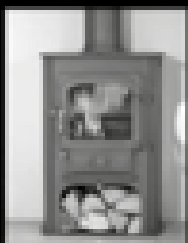
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Garden Lectures

The Upminster and District Horticultural Society launches the new season with our charity evening lecture on The restoration of Upminster Windmill and the evolution of its gardens. Join us on Tuesday, 11th October to hear Paul Sainsbury head gardener and local archaeologist speak about the Upminster Windmill restoration and the building and development of the visitor centre garden which was awarded first prize in the Havering in Bloom 2021 competition.

Doors open at 7.15pm with the lecture starting at 7.45pm and ending at 9.45pm. There will be refreshments served during the interval with a raffle at the end of the evening. Entrance is £3 (all monies raised will be donated to the Upminster Windmill). You can find out more about our society by visiting our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk



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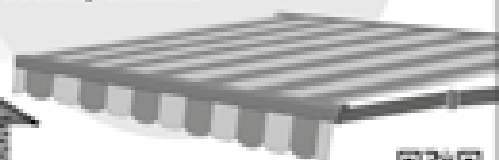
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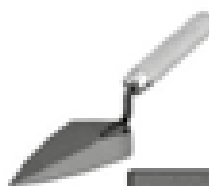
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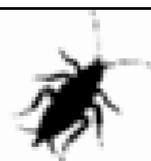
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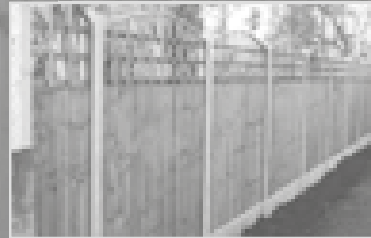
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Upminster ward surgery

Please note that the October surgery for the Upminster ward Councillors will be at Costa Coffee (eastern side of Station Road) on October 10th, 10 - 11am. Please pop along with your thoughts, ideas or problems and we will do our best to resolve.

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Upminster Art Society Exhibition

We have an exhibition of members' work at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch. There is a varied selection of subjects and media and all works are for sale. The exhibition space is in the restaurant area and runs until 9th October. Enquiries to Terry on 07880 770324.

Havering Council community engagement events

Havering Council have been holding a series of community engagement events for people wishing to speak about the Council's Housing Services. These will continue and will be held in The Liberty Shopping Centre, Romford (outside Boots) from 10am - 2pm on the following Tuesdays - 1 November and 6 December.

Wear it Pink – Breast Cancer Awareness month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is back again this October. Wear It Pink, 21st October. By taking part in Breast Cancer Now's biggest and brightest fundraising event, readers can help raise as much money as possible to support world-class research and life-changing support services, helping thousands living with breast cancer across the UK. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the UK. Every 10 minutes one woman is diagnosed with the disease and cases have increased by almost a quarter in the last 30 years.

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Twittering Tyler!

Our own Councillor John Tyler has 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



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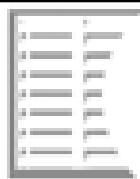
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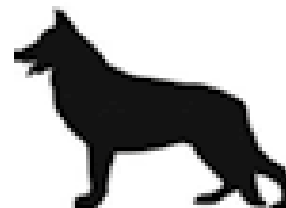
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