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Upminster Park Toilets update

Council Officers have confirmed Upminster toilets will reopen shortly. Initially the Council had planned to shut the toilets as part of their budget saving proposals, but following a successful campaign by your local Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) Councillors, they will remain open for at least another year. Council Officers have advised that there is a need to carry out some repairs prior to reopening the toilets. These repairs should be completed by the middle of May, and subsequently the toilets can reopen. We will provide you with an update once we receive more information.

Cllrs CHRIS WILKINS, LINDA HAWTHORN and OSCAR FORD

30 Minutes Free Parking update

As mentioned in previous Bulletins, the 30 minutes free parking has been reintroduced in Upminster from 3rd April 2023. One free parking session per day will be available in the Pay and Display bays, as well as the Council car parks in Upminster town centre, Hoppy Hall and Wilson Close, where a half hour stay will be allowed during controlled parking periods.

Cllrs CHRIS WILKINS, LINDA HAWTHORN and OSCAR FORD

ULEZ – The continuing saga

Following months of objections from the HRA and your local Councillors, including attending the numerous protests in Romford and Trafalgar Square, it appears that the Prime Minister has decided not to challenge the Mayor according to a recent letter from him in reply to our requests for his intervention. We will continue to object and would urge local residents to help the protest with your presence. Even if you do have a compliant car, you may have local tradespeople or services who may not and will have to pass the £12.50 charge on to their customers. A big thank you to all who attended the protests at the Town Hall and to everyone helping in trying to say no to this unfair tax.

Cllr LAURANCE GARRARD

Your help needed

If you could assist delivering around 40 Bulletins in Upminster each month please contact me. Also if you could drop off Bulletins to 4/5 of our deliverers. Help us to help you. If you can assist please contact me on **07908 916119** or email gio.anastasi@hotmail.com or bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk.



Chris Jackson.

The King's Coronation

We really are living in extraordinary times right now, and the King's Coronation is a fine example. The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 6th May.

I'm sure many of you will be watching on TV or hosting your own celebrations to mark the occasion. The passing of our Queen in September 2022 and the 10 days of mourning is something that we will always remember.

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Which ward

For your information Cranham ward is north of Upminster Station ie the Fenchurch Street rail line and includes the Dury Falls Estate. Your Residents' Councillors are **Gillian Ford, Phil Ruck** and **John Tyler**. Upminster ward is south of the Fenchurch Street line and includes the Cranham Cathedral Estate and North Ockendon. Your Residents' Councillors are **Oscar Ford, Linda Hawthorn** and **Chris Wilkins**.

Please note full contact details of our Councillors are on Page 2.

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We are always grateful to our many volunteers who help deliver the Bulletin each month. In Cranham we currently need help delivering to one side of Waldegrave Gardens (no flats involved) and also to the flats opposite the shops in Avon Road. Each round takes around 15-20 minutes once a month.

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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.

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Update on Lower Thames Crossing

The Secretary of State has recently announced a two year delay to construction. In response, the Planning Inspectorate have raised a number of questions with National Highways, as the delay will affect delivery plans, potential consultation requirements, and the validity of key documents such as those supported by time sensitive data including traffic modelling and environmental surveys.

The Planning Inspectorate has published the Relevant Representations that have been submitted on the Lower Thames Crossing project. In total there are 1,151 Relevant Representations. Council Officers will be reviewing these to ensure that relevant concerns are picked up.

UCRA will continue to monitor the situation and ensure that local views and concerns are fully aired when (or if!) the Examination phase proceeds.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

A Councillor's lot is a very varied one

Many of us view the role of a Councillor as representing residents in matters that affect them. This is true in that we deal with important and wide ranging issues such as housing, adult care, education, road and pavement repairs, the cutting of grass and maintenance of cleanliness in our streets and a great deal more. However, at the last Full Council meeting we agreed a motion that "This Council resolves to declare a Climate Change Emergency".

You might wonder why - but Climate Change has impacted Havering with an increased number of flooding events and wildfires which endangered life and damaged property. The Council approved its Climate Change Action Plan on 17th November 2021 and will update it annually in view of the emergency which exists.

It is important that we continue to help raise awareness and do whatever we can within our capabilities to help limit the

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Cllr PHILIP RUCK

Parking in Council car parks when payment machines not working

I had a lot of contact with Havering Council in mid-March, when one of their wardens issued parking tickets in one of our car parks when all of the payment machines were out of order. When questioned why he was doing this, the warden apparently said that people should use the RingGo app to avoid getting a ticket. This is incorrect. If all machines are not working in a Havering Council car park, then parking is free (any maximum stay times still apply).

I had previously been officially told by Havering Council that tickets should NOT be issued if ALL machines are inoperable and, after contacting them again, was given the same information again.

The same would apply to on-

street parking where payment is required but only where ALL nearby machines are not working.

I would therefore advise anyone who receives a ticket in similar circumstances, to take pictures of the non-working machines and to appeal.

Whilst highlighting this issue on social media, it was also pointed out to me that a local on-street payment machine was displaying the wrong charges. I informed Havering Council and this was rectified within 24 hours.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Roads and Pavements

One item of good news amongst the Council's recent budget announcements was from the Leader of the Council and Residents' Councillor Ray Morgon commenting "committing £6 million for Road and Pavement repairs, although this will only scratch the surface of money that is needed to bring our Roads and Pavements up to the standard that we would like to see".

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I pointed out in the March Bulletin that the present Council Tax system was introduced over thirty years ago based on the then property valuations. I believe

the system is grossly unfair and well past its sell by date. Over the years Havering has been unfairly treated. Please see below comparisons with several other Councils. Please look at Westminster in particular. This clearly shows how unfair the system is. At the end of last year in a letter to Havering Residents, the Residents' Association Leader of The Council Ray Morgon pointed out that

"Funding from Government has been slashed to just £1.5 million today from £70 million back in 2010."

When will one of the National Political Parties have the courage to introduce a fair and just system for the funding of Local Government. With the General Election coming up next year, this should be an Election issue.

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Cllr OSCAR FORD

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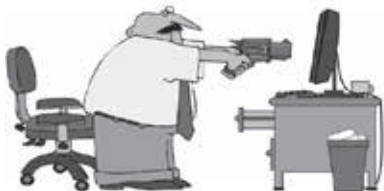
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Officers to discuss the problem
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it was reported that fly-tipping
costs the Government up to £392
million a year - in one recent year
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incidents with just 91,000 fixed
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that London has been the worst
hit area. Criminals are attracted to
fly-tipping as there are significant
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to a number of residents taking
action themselves to combat this
menace. In answer to a question
on fly-tipping at the March Full
Council meeting Residents'
Councillor Barry Mugglestone
and Cabinet Member for
Environment reported that from
April 2022 to March 2023 there
had been an increase in fly-
tipping locally. The Council had
issued 639 Fixed Penalty Notices.
We have reported in the past
what a great job the Council's

cleaning staff do in the Upminster
Town Centre, but sadly shortly
after a good clean up you see
take-away containers, bottles etc
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sad that a tiny minority do not
take care.

Divorce – Pinney Talfourd

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**Do we have to agree a financial
settlement before the divorce
can go through?**

No. However, it is strongly
advised. Proceeding with the
final order in relation to the
divorce before finances have been
agreed by the court may have a
financial impact and may result in
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If you are considering separation
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monarch approaching, there will
be much anticipation for this tour
which includes one night at the
Queen's Theatre on Tuesday, 16th
May. Tracy will be sharing some
tumultuous tales of the good, the
bad, the great and the mad, along
with birth, romance, beheading,
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In Memory of Valerie Morris

Valerie, of Blyth Walk, was closely involved with this Association and of course the Cranham Community Association and the Front Lane Community Association. (CCA). For the CCA, she was its secretary and an Executive Member for many years. Prior to her work for the Association, she was a magistrate and a School Governor for Hall Mead School.

"Valerie and I first met when I joined the CCA's Carnival Committee, and we had meetings in her home from around 1975 to the early 80's. The Cranham Carnival raised thousands for the CCA and it was a real pleasure to be involved because of the support Valerie provided. Together with her husband Brian, they were active at the community centre in Marlborough Gardens when it was opened in the mid 80's. The amount of work they put in was huge. I have many really nice memories of a wonderful lady."

Ron Ower

She then became a champion of the Social Centre on Front Lane.

Both the Community Centre and the Social Centre were flagged to be converted to housing and Valerie was instrumental in the campaign to stop this happening. In 2006 she stood for Council for our colleagues in the Hornchurch Residents' Association for Hylands Ward. Her contribution to the community of Cranham and the surrounding area was huge and her efforts will be very much missed. Valerie passed away in November last year after a battle with dementia.

Thames Chase

This month's guided heritage walk takes place on Friday, May 12th covering Hornchurch Country Park and the rich history of the surrounding area. The walk will begin at Hornchurch Country Park visitor centre starting at 10.30am for approximately 2 hours where car parking, facilities and refreshments are available. Please call the Thames Chase Visitor Centre to secure your space for £3 on 01708 642970. This May half term children's activities will be available at Thames Chase. Get ready to shake, rattle and roll at a musical

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Weekends including Bank Holiday Mondays and in term time.

School holidays: Tuesday - Sunday only. (weather permitting, please check social media for latest information). There are adult and children's cycles, tag-a-long, buggies that can be attached to adult cycles and adapted bikes including a tandem, a double bucket, wheelchair cycle and various trikes. Hire costs £5 for 30 minutes and £8 for 60 minutes. Please call the visitor centre reception for further details:
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Havering Heritage

We are lucky in Havering to have a number of "Conservation Areas". In Upminster ward alone we have three:

- 1 the Cranham Conservation Area around All Saints Church where James Oglethorpe who founded

the State of Georgia in the USA is buried;

- 2 North Ockendon Conservation Area which incorporates Mary Magdalene Church; and
- 3 the Corbets Tey Conservation Area around the Corbets Tey Village end of Corbets Tey Road.

Councillor Linda Hawthorn who takes an active interest in local heritage has had a number of meetings with Council Officers on Havering Heritage sites. In the Corbets Tey Conservation area she has been taking up concerns on several buildings ie The Anchor and High House. Pleased to inform you that following Linda's pressure, the Council are in discussions with English Heritage on this and a number of other areas. As soon as we have further news we will be let you know.

Dick Whittington at The Queens

This year's panto at the Queen's Theatre is Dick Whittington. The Queens' Theatre is known for its fabulous pantos. It will run from Thursday, 23rd November until the end of December. The Box Office is open now, call **01708 443**

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Escape Room

All Saints Players are presenting Escape Room, a comedy, on Thursday, 18th, Friday, 19th and Saturday, 20th May at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LG.

It is the summer of 2022 and an amateur dramatic group are visiting an Escape Room. They hope the experience of trying to get out will act as a team building exercise and bring them closer together. Unfortunately, things do not go according to plan and their efforts just drive them further apart. Not funny for them but hilarious for the audience.

Doors open at 7.30pm, shows start at 8pm. Tickets £8.50 from boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk or **01708 456683**.

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The Proper Blokes Club

The Proper Blokes Club is a community project for men's mental health. It provides a way for ordinary blokes across London to meet up in a non-judgemental environment and 'walk and talk' to share their experiences. Members of the group go on

weekly walks at different locations across London. The aim is to break the stigma of men's mental health and start talking openly about it.

The club was started in September 2020 by Scott Johnson, a football coach from Bermondsey, who went through two relationship breakups followed by two custody battles in short succession. Struggling with his mental health, he started going on walks around his favourite spots and posting videos on Facebook of himself talking about his issues. He wanted to see if any local lads could resonate with how he was feeling. Other men started joining him on his walk and talks and it's been growing every week. Now there are seven walking groups across London.

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UCRA Coach outing news

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Brighton and St Mary's House & Gardens, Bramber – Saturday, 10 June

A morning visit to Brighton with its extraordinary mix of attractions such as the Victorian Pier to the exclusive boutiques

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Positive Signs, St Lawrence Road, Upminster

It's Deaf Awareness Week from the 1st - 7th May 2023. Let's celebrate and show support for the Deaf community. It is an annual event that aims to raise awareness about deafness and celebrate the culture, language, and achievements of the Deaf community. Why not take this opportunity to learn more about deafness and what we can do to make the world a more inclusive place for everyone? From learning basic Sign Language to advocating for equal opportunities, there are many ways we can show support and make a positive impact. So, let's come together to celebrate and honour the Deaf community during this special week. Let's spread awareness, educate ourselves and others, and work towards creating a more inclusive and accessible world for all.

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Come Sing

The Haverling Singers will be holding a 'Come Sing' on 13th May between 2pm and 5pm, at St Peter's Church in Harold Wood. New voices would be most welcome - sheet music will be provided along with refreshments and a very warm welcome. The music will be Songs of the 70s! No prior singing experience is necessary and there's no auditions.

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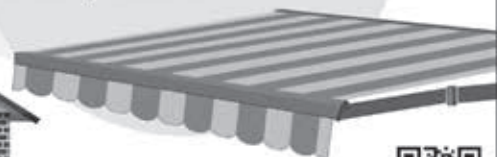
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InFitness Gym

Did you know that there is now a gym behind Tesco Express in Cranham? Having relocated from Franks Farm opposite the Cranham golf course, InFitness is a brand new gym that opened in January this year, right in the

centre of Cranham. As someone suffering from various aches and pains and really needing to get fit, I signed up for a membership at the start of the year and am now more than 3 months into my new fitness regime and feeling better than I've felt in a long while. It really is a great place, everyone is personally welcomed by the team at InFitness and there is plenty of support to help you find out what works for you. With the summer approaching now is a good time to get fit and look your best. Go along and take a look. Check out their advert on page 14 for more information.

PAULINE MASTROIANNI

5th Upminster Guides – welcomes new members

We are a very friendly group who meet at St Peter's Hall, Front Lane, Cranham on Thursday evenings, 7pm to 8.30pm. Our evenings during term time are busy with craft, cooking, badge work and much, much more. Girls aged ten to fourteen are warmly invited to join us for a taster evening. Please ring Diane 01708 558165 for more information.

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Artisan Events UK Craft Markets

Please note this takes place at The New Windmill Hall, Upminster this month on Sunday, 14th May. Trading from 10am to 3pm with a wide variety of stalls.

Upminster South District Guiding

We are in desperate need of adult volunteers to run our Rainbows 4-7, Brownies 7-10, Guides 10-

14 and Rangers 14-18. Without new leaders these units will close and this will affect waiting lists in other areas. You will be supported in your role as you gain your leadership qualification by our other leaders. Please contact Josie on 07835 418914 or josieandsharon6thub@gmail.com for further details. If you cannot commit to every week please contact us and we can discuss the options with you.

Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens

We are pleased to say we are now holding 'pop up' shops. We will be showcasing any local business that wishes to sell their produce. This will be advertised on Facebook and other forums. Please contact the office if you are interested **01708 220941**. We also have our two brand new rooms back up and running if anyone is interested in

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Your Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association Councillors are on facebook

For Upminster search: 'UCRA Oscar Ford'
For Cranham search: 'UCRA Phil Ruck' or 'Councillor Gillian Ford'



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Upminster Library

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Upminster Police

Please note this month the Upminster Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will be at Upminster Park on Friday, 12th May between 5pm and 6pm and at Rooms Restaurant, Station Road, Upminster on Friday, 26th May between 12pm to 1pm. In the event of any urgent business arising the SNT team might not be able to attend.

Upminster Councillor surgery

Please note that the May surgery for your Upminster Councillors' will be held on Monday, 15th May at Caffè Gelato, opposite Stewart

Avenue between 10am and 11am. We would be pleased to see you and listen to your concerns and ideas. In the meantime, if you need to contact us our contact details are on page 2.

Cllrs OSCAR FORD,
LINDA HAWTHORN AND
CHRIS WILKINS

Saturday Night Lounge

The Saturday Night Lounge is going from strength to strength and we are so pleased to announce further dates to add to your diary.

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Weekly Planning Applications list

Each week Havering Council release a list of planning applications that have been received over the previous seven days. It is worth keeping an eye on the list, to see whether any applications have been made near to where you live, as Havering Council normally only inform the minimum number of nearby households and businesses as required by law, when a planning

application is received.

The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association post a link to the current list on our website ucra.co.uk each week, as well as a link to the previous eight week's planning lists. Alternatively, you can go on the council's website haverling.gov.uk and enter Weekly Planning List in the search box.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Community Road Watch volunteers needed

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Peter Bullen, from the Havering Safer Transport Policing Team based at Romford Police Station, has taken over a scheme called Community Road Watch. The scheme has been running for many years and has been a huge success but at present they have a lack of volunteers, which is hindering the frequency of Community Road Watch initiatives.

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