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Proposed road works on Hall Lane

You may be aware of the housing development currently under construction on Hall Lane at the former Hall Lane Miniature Golf course site. As part of the development, various new service connections to the associated utility provider networks are required to be undertaken, which means occupying the public highway of Hall Lane and Ingrebourn Gardens with various forms of traffic management, which in turn may cause delays to the surrounding road network.

An open drop-in session will be held at Upminster Library on the 12th of June from 11am to 6pm. We have agreed that the contractor Houlihan & Co (Excavations) Ltd who is promoting this works will be present on the day to provide all relevant information including, location, dates, durations and scope of works. Members of London Borough of Havering Highways Network Management team and local Councillors will also be present for you to raise your concerns and any questions you may have.

Councillor Linda Hawthorn

We are very sorry to inform you that as The Bulletin went to press, our Upminster Residents' Association Councillor Linda Hawthorn passed away following a short illness. Linda was first elected to the Council for the Association in 1990. A full obituary will be included in next month's Bulletin. Linda will be a huge loss to the Council and our community has lost a dear friend and a very loyal and committed public servant. Our sincere condolences to Linda's family at this very sad time. The family is happy to share the funeral details. Friday, 30th June at 11.30am at Upminster Crematorium."

The Data Centre

The Council recently heard the full details for the proposed Data Centre in North Ockendon. Whilst the prospect of building in a Green Belt area would be a cause for concern, there are many benefits that would make this worthwhile. The greatest advantage would be the 280 acres of currently arable farmland that would be created into an ecology park for local wildlife accessible to the public with a visitors' centre. Thames Chase is already in communication with the developers to ensure a smooth integration of the existing community forest in the area could take place. There would be approximately 30 jobs on the site when constructed, with more during the construction phase, but also prospects to attract other businesses into all parts of Havering due to the proximity to the Data Centre. The site would be energy neutral and they propose to include vertical farming trials and have engaged with Leicester University. Having heard the proposal, the Council believe this would be a positive development not only for Havering, but also for Europe, as currently the only similar data centres are in America and China. The site would be well screened so as to minimise the impact on the local area and would include a better cycle infrastructure for public and employee access. The proposal will be subject to the full planning process before any decisions are made.

CILrs CHRIS WILKINS and OSCAR FORD

Local Planning Applications

We regularly publicise Planning Applications in The Bulletin and we check the weekly Council Planning Lists. They can also be viewed on our website ucra.co.uk. Interesting to see on Reference P 0539.23 a retrospective Planning

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Cllr JOHN TYLER

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Update on Penalty Charge Notices when payment machines not working

A follow up to my article in the May edition of the Bulletin (P.3), of the issuing of penalty charge notices (PCNs) in a Council car park when all of the machines were inoperable. Whilst Havering Council had previously agreed that parking would be free in such circumstances (including on-street bays where all nearby machines were not working), I was dismayed to be contacted by a resident who had received a PCN in such circumstances and had had their appeal turned down by Havering Council. The reason given for refusal was that they should have used the RingGo app or moved their vehicle to an alternative area. This quite clearly goes against what senior parking officials at the Council have told me, and is certainly not shown on the Council's published guidance on the enforcement and

cancellation of PCNs.

At the time of writing (in early May), I have contacted the Highways, Traffic and Parking section of the Council, asking for urgent further clarification and will update readers when I have more news.

If any residents have had an appeal refused in similar circumstances, please feel free to contact me at councillorjohn.tyler@haverling.gov.uk. I will not be able to act directly on your behalf but it will help provide evidence of whether this has been happening regularly.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Hall Lane Pitch & Putt

Another Planning Application has been submitted to add an additional property on the Hall Lane Pitch & Putt site. Application number P0552.23 has been submitted for the Variation of Condition No. 1 of Planning Permission Ref No. P0112.22 to permit the following: 1. Minor amendments to boundaries of plots 32, 34, and 35 2. Introduction of new Plot 36 using the land around protected tree T15 3.

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Omission of consented single-storey summer house on plot 35 4. Introduction of new single-storey house on plot 36 5. Minor amendments to the boundaries around the land of protected tree T15, i.e. omission of railing and boundary wall, which will now be under the private demise of new Plot 36 6. Introduction of new hard and soft landscaping to front of new Plot 36 to match consented materials and vegetation. I can confirm there are no further proposed tree losses to the site. Cranham ward Councillors have called in the Planning Application to be heard by the Planning Committee, as it is felt this would not be in keeping with the proposed street scene and would be an overdevelopment of the site.

As you will see the Pitch & Putt site continues to be an area of concern which includes the vehicular activity and the mud deposits on the public highway. All of these have been reported through to enforcement, and the Council are monitoring the situation. We have been advised however that the developers want to close Hall Lane to carry out a new drainage connection to the public sewers which are located within Ingrebourne Gardens. This

will require Hall Lane closing for up to a 4-week period, and the closing of Ingrebourne Gardens for a 2-week period with the use of temporary traffic lights on Hall Lane for approximately an 8 week period. Their provisional thoughts are to carry out the works during the school holidays with the exception of the We Are FSTVL dates. They will be holding a drop-in session on the 12th June in Upminster Library. I am sure you will agree that this will have a huge impact on the area and the transport network. Cranham ward Councillors are working with the Council and developers to see what measures can be put into place to reduce the impact for residents and will update you when details are confirmed.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

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It was an absolute pleasure to meet our young people when they received their exam results, and I continue to visit schools across the Borough from primary, special needs and secondary; my aim is to also visit the colleges and nursery provision.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

Village Green status

A lot of residents were devastated to see the sale of the Upminster Pitch & Putt site for development. It therefore became an area of focus to see what other little gems are within the ward that need protecting. I am pleased to say that having recommended the Fleet Close green, it has been proposed and agreed by Havering Council's Administration to be designated as a Village Green, which would protect it from development in perpetuity. As the Pitch & Putt site had controlled access, this could not have been considered for Village Green status. Formalities will now have to be completed before the site can be classified as a Village Green, and I hope to update you shortly.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

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Twinning with Ludwigshaven in Germany. Frank's legacy is significant and his contribution to the local community so extensive in 2005 he was given Freedom of the City of London in recognition of this.

Frank is survived by his five children, Amanda, Sarah, Jonathan, Piers, and Dominic, plus, Millie, and Tula the family dogs, as well as eight Grand Children, and five Great Grand Children.

Keeping our streets tidy

Every so often we read articles by Councillors about how they have asked, or are about to ask Council staff to clear up litter at various sites – the latest being the area alongside the bus stop opposite Avon Road shops in Cranham. Whilst there is a reasonably grounded expectation felt by residents that it is the Council's responsibility to keep such areas clean, there is also a decent argument for everyone to assume a little additional personal responsibility for keeping our

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JOHN TAYLOR

Lower Thames Crossing fly-through video

National Highways have produced a fly-through video of how the proposed Lower Thames Crossing would look like 15 years after it had opened. To view the video visit ucra.co.uk/lower-thames-crossing-fly-through-video/ and click the link. The Havering section of the video begins at around 11 minutes into the video.

Youth wellbeing boost

The Havering Youth Wellbeing Steering Group is being set up as part of Havering's commitment to amplify the voice of young people in the Borough.

The group will focus on improving young people's wellbeing and we are looking for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who live and go to school in Havering to join the group. The group will meet at least monthly and members will be compensated for their time with gift cards. Please email MyPlace to find out more: myplace@havering.gov.uk

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First Step 35th Anniversary Ball

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Upminster CC v Essex CCC

Upminster Cricket Club have announced that the Annual Benefit Match against the Essex

XI will be played on Sunday, 10 September. Further details will be available in due course.

St Joseph's Centenary

One hundred years ago a new church was opened for the growing number of Catholics in Upminster, dedicated to St Joseph and located on Sunnyside Gardens. The Church moved to its present site on Champion Road in the 1930s, and the site of the old church is now occupied by the Upminster Taproom.

Our centenary celebrations began with a Mass in January celebrated by the Bishop of Brentwood, Alan Williams, but we wanted to do something that would involve the wider Upminster community. Our community celebration was held on Sunday 23rd April. Despite the rain disrupting our plans for an outdoor concert, we were able to go ahead with our backup plan, a concert in the New Windmill Hall featuring Brentwood School Big Band, with cream teas served by the Sweet Rose Cakery. Meanwhile, the bouncy castles and beer tent, run by

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the Taproom, went ahead in the park as planned. The Big Band – including a handful of musicians with connections to the parish – gave a fantastic performance to a packed hall, whilst the outdoor elements were also very popular. Fr Matthew, parish priest since September, said: “This is a great opportunity for us, not just to celebrate and give thanks for the past 100 years, but also to look forward to the future and remind people we are here at the heart of the Upminster community.” Later this year the Sion Community based in Brentwood will be leading a parish mission with events open to all, and we are also hoping to leave a permanent legacy of the centenary year with a new bell and prayer garden. For more information visit stjosephschurchupminster.com/centenary.

Michael Caton

Elsewhere in the Bulletin we have an article on the “push and pull” rail service between Upminster and Romford. A service that in the past was under threat of closure. Sadly Michael Caton passed away in March this year aged 88, but his campaign efforts

and the fact that this railway service remains today is part of his legacy. Michael set up the Romford Upminster Railway Users Group and spearheaded two campaigns to stop closure. His son Peter shared the following at Michael’s funeral.

“When our local railway, the Romford to Upminster branch, was threatened with closure he set up a campaign group to save it, not once but twice, the line being one of only a few that were twice put forward for closure. He was delighted when the line was eventually electrified (he and I travelled on the last diesel train), especially as when suggesting this during the closure campaign a British Rail manager at Liverpool Street told dad that he could ‘take that idea right out of his head.’ On another occasion when meeting with British Rail he was putting forward a case for a station at Basildon and was told that ‘we can’t stop at every gate post.’ A few years later the station was opened.”

Roy Massey

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Earlier, during Roy's managership of the Colchester youth policy in the 1970s and 80's he discovered numerous U's stars such as Ian Allinson and Tony Adcock.

Now Roy has revealed a hidden talent by putting pen to paper to write his memoirs ROY MASSEY – A Life in Football and a Coach to the Stars, published by Pitch Publishing at £20 tells a fascinating story of Roy's 50 years in football as a player, coach and scout.

News from Thames Chase

We have lots of great events planned for June starting with two

free walks at Dagnam Park both bookable via Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk). **Casual Bird Walk** takes place June 2nd, 10.30-11.30am followed by a **Summer Deer Walk** on June 16th, 10.30-11.30am.

Are you a Dancing Queen or a Super Trouper? Do you wish gigs were not always late at night? Then this is the event for you. Thames Chase are proud to welcome **Abba Eternal** to our heritage barn. Bring your own refreshments (alcohol allowed) and your dancing shoes to this Mamma Mia of an event. Tickets are priced at £15 per person and it is suitable for all ages. This fabulous show will be held on Sunday, 4th June, 2-5pm. Please call the visitor centre reception to book (01708 642970)

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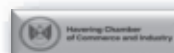


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Hornchurch Football Club

We regularly give updates on our local football team based at The Stadium in Bridge Avenue. What a season the "Urchins" have had being in the play offs and being home to Cray Wanderers in the semi-final - what a night after extra time.

Hornchurch won on penalties thus having a home fixture on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May in the Isthmian Premier Play Offs with local team Aveley, who won 1-0 in front of a sell-out

crowd. Congratulations to Aveley. Please keep an eye on the AFC Hornchurch excellent website for friendly matches etc.

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Art Exhibition

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OUT AND ABOUT - CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Dementia Music and Social Club

We meet every Monday (except Bank holidays) from 1pm to 3pm

at St John's Church, South End Road, Rainham RM13 7XT and every Wednesday, from 1.30 to 3.30pm at the United Reform Church, 58-60 Western Road, Romford RM1 3LP.

We are self-funded and run by experienced volunteers and offer music, singing and dancing lead by a professional entertainer, with quizzes and a singalong. Anyone who has a dementia diagnosis is welcome to attend. No referral required, but they will need to be accompanied by a relative, friend or carer for the duration of the session as the club is unable to provide personal care. The first session is a free taster, then £5 per person per session - no charge for professional carers. New members welcome, support and information also available. Those attending for the first time are requested to get in touch with Lisa on 07721 458581 or Email dmscenquiries@hotmail.com Further information can be found at: the dementia music and social club (webador.co.uk)

Learn, Laugh and Live

Havering U3A meets monthly in the Hall of Romford Baptist Church, Main Road, RM1 3BL. We meet at 2.15pm, on the second Wednesday of the month, doors open 2pm. Wednesday, 14th June - Ian K Davidson - Consumer Competitions: How to enter and win them. With a career in security and finance, Ian has been entering consumer competitions for over 40 years

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Upminster Old Chapel – then, now and in the future + AGM

Wednesday 14th June – Upminster Old Chapel. Stuart Beck who wrote the funding bid for the Old Chapel restoration will talk about the history and the future of the Old Chapel.

Email: friendsoldchapel@mary.havering.sch.uk

Roope Hall, Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster.

Doors open at 10am – talk starts at 10.30am, £2 supplement for members, £4 admission for non-members. Tel: **01708 224830** or Mob: **07870 558408.**

Craft sale – Trinity Church

Coffee morning and craft sale on Saturday, 10th June from 10 to 12noon at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster. All proceeds to Harold Hill Foodbank.

Havering Local Group Essex Wildlife Trust

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Contact us Lynda Nicholls
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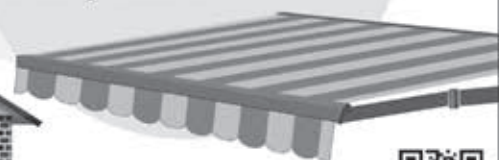
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Havering Astronomical Society

Wednesday, 21st June, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Jerry Workman, regular speaker will present a talk entitled "The Moon - Observation and Science".

Young Astronomers (aged 8-16) - Thursday, 29th June 7-8pm.

There is a mix of space news, talks and observing when possible.

All of the above meetings held at Thames Chase, Pike Lane, Upminster. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us there are more details on the website www.havastro.co.uk or email enquiries@havastro.co.uk or email young.astronomers@havastro.co.uk

The Arts Society, Havering

Our June talk will be: Entertaining Angels Unaware-Angels in the Bible, Music and Art by Patrick Craig. Angels don't speak, they sing. A Vicar Choral at St Paul's Cathedral, Patrick will investigate their roles as guardians, messengers and fighters through imaginative music by Britten, Elgar and Mendelssohn.

Taking place on Tuesday, 13th June at 10.30am at the New Windmill Hall, Upminster. Visitors welcome for a fee of £8. Please visit our website

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Cop corner - welcome to PC Jack Donaldson

PC Jack Donaldson is one of the Police Constables for the Upminster ward and he will be writing occasional items for the Bulletin. Jack is new to the ward so please say hello if you see him around the Town.

The Metropolitan Police Service considers 'Neighbourhood policing' to be the most effective form of community engagement. Neighbourhood policing splits each of the 32 London Boroughs into smaller and more manageable 'wards', which are regularly patrolled by 1 Police Community Support Officer and 2-3 Police Constables.

One policing power that is commonly used by police officers when patrolling their wards is 'Stop and Search'. This allows police officers to stop and search someone if there are 'reasonable grounds' to suspect them of being in possession of illegal drugs, weapons (or something that could be intended, improvised or adapted to be used as a weapon), stolen property and/or any article that could be used to commit crime.

When stopping and searching anyone, police officers are required to tell the person that they are detained for the purpose of a search; and what legislation is being used in order to lawfully detain them. Police officers must also identify themselves and state what police station they are attached to. It is also required that police officers state clearly, the reasonable grounds to suspect this person of being in possession of any of the above mentioned objects; and the specific object they are searching for. At any point throughout a stop and search, police officers are also required to tell the person being searched that they are entitled to a copy of the search record; and if it isn't possible at the time, how they can get one.

'Working together for a safer London.'

PC JACK DONALDSON 2422EA
Upminster Safer Neighbourhood Team

Fishy Business 30 years

Terry Murphy has had Fishy Business for 30 years on 30th June. When he took over Fishy Business in Upminster he knew nothing about fish with previous experience in security work, and he has many pictures with

celebrities and the Royal family. Over the years Terry said it has been a hard slog at times, but no harder than now. Local independently run shops are going fast so they need to be supported by local residents. Terry said he diversified many years ago and supplied local restaurants and food outlets and this has helped him survive.

On 1st July (which just happens to be Terry's birthday) Fishy Business will be having local chef Scott Pinson preparing and cooking fish on a BBQ outside the shop to thank all the local people for helping Terry reach this milestone of 30 years, and also to remind everyone that he would love to be here for many years to come. Please see his Instagram posts (fishybusinessupminster) or Facebook page for upcoming events and seasonal products.

Land South of St Mary's Lane

In the March Bulletin we published an article on Planning Application Reference P1963.22 on the old Ruskins site in St Mary's Lane beside Coopers

Coborn School. The location has seen a number of Planning Applications over the years and is in the Northern Section of The Cranham Conservation area. As the May Bulletins started going out we had the following news that Havering Council had "refused" planning permission. Amongst the reasons for refusal the Council confirmed the site is within the area identified in the Local Plan as Metropolitan Green Belt. The proposed development would have a harmful impact on the character and appearance of the Green Belt. Further details of the reasons for refusal can be seen on the Havering Council Website Planning Search by putting in The Reference P1963.22.

Footsteps at St Laurence Church

The Church in the centre of Upminster is holding short services for children under 5 and their parents/carers. This month Monday, 26th June at 9.30am. For further details please contact the Church Office on **01708 220696**.

Your Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association Councillors are on facebook

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Pop-in at St. Luke's, Front Lane, Cranham

Meeting in the Centre on Mondays from 1.30-3.30pm. Pop-In is a weekly group for those who are retired. We offer refreshments, conversation, regular speakers and activities. Come and join us.

Free Haircuts

On Saturday, 24th June Joe Wright of Wise Guys Barbers in Moor Lane, Cranham will be cutting hair (and blow-drys) for free in support of the Brain Tumour Charity - The Judy D'cruz Fund. While you wait for your haircut we will be entertaining you with music and keeping you fed and watered.

If anyone out there would be interested in doing a sponsored head shave Joe would be pleased to do that as well. Please contact me if you are interested in doing this for our charity via judyandwin@ntlworld.com or phone me on **07896 724768**.

Sadly in January of this year Judy lost her battle with this brutal disease but we continue to raise funds in her name so that "terminal" becomes "treatable". As I write the Judy D'cruz fund stands at £83,600.12. Please come along and support and get yourself a lovely summer haircut at the same time.

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Councillor drop-in sessions

Do you have any problems with Council services in the Cranham ward? Your Cranham ward Councillors can be contacted throughout the year, but if you want to talk to them in person you can meet them at one of their

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drop-in sessions. They will be changing the day of their drop in sessions to the first Wednesday of every month. The next one will be on the 7th June, 11am-12noon, Cafe 4 You, Front Lane.

Cranham Councillors drop-in sessions, 11am-12noon first Wednesday of every month (apart from August and January), Cafe 4 You, Front Lane. 7th June; 5th July; 6th September; 4th October and 1st November.

Upminster Police

Please note this month the Upminster Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will be at ACE Creams & Tapas on 6th June between 6pm and 7pm, at Roomes restaurant on 12th June between 12pm to 1pm and Upminster Park on 21st June between 3pm to 4pm. In the event of any urgent business arising the SNT team might not be able to attend.

Upminster station cycle shed

A resident wrote in to report that they have had three bikes stolen from the cycle shed at Upminster

station. It is clear that what was considered to be secure storage is actually very much unsecure. Station staff advised that parking your bike is done so at your own risk. The latest crime was reported to British Transport Police and a crime number was issued, but the crime could not be followed up due to a lack of evidence. Commuter cyclists beware.

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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