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I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the election on 10th August. Whilst it was not a large turnout, mainly due to holidays, it was wonderful to receive over 70% of the total votes placed on the day. I am honoured and privileged to be following in the footsteps of the late Councillor Linda Hawthorn, someone I respected very much. I have big shoes to fill, but I pledge to do my best for the community and those that live here in Upminster & Cranham. I'm looking forward to the challenges which may lie ahead and being of service to all in the ward I represent.

I am always available on my email or mobile number listed on page 2 of the Bulletin and am happy to assist wherever I can. So please do contact me if there is anything you wish to know or need help with.

Cllr JACQUELINE WILLIAMS

Local Government Finance

I have been involved with Local Government affairs for over fifty years and have never seen so many financial struggles that local Councils are facing today. Our Residents' Councillor Chris Wilkins has been pointing out in the Bulletin the problems Havering Council is facing. I read in the national press that six Councils have declared themselves bankrupt since 2020, and we can expect more to follow. Councils are pointing the figure at 13 years of Government imposed austerity, this has led to huge cuts to grants to Councils at a time when the demands for services are rapidly increasing. Going forward reports show that due to the state of local authority finances many Councils are stating that they will not be able to provide basic services. Whilst Havering has not sold off libraries and leisure services, it is important to point out that we have the largest elderly population in London and this places huge pressures on the finances. Whilst Havering is under severe pressure financially, earlier this year Councillor Chris Wilkins was able to report a number of areas that the Council are injecting cash into The following had been included in the 2023/24 Council budget.

- £6 million investment in roads and pavements.
- £290k to continue Council funded Section 92 police officers.
- £3.5 million to push forward upgrade of CCTV in the Borough.
- £2.5 million for improving school classrooms and buildings.

We will keep you up to date on this very important situation

RON OWER

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We are very proud of The Bulletin and know that it is very well received when it drops through the letterbox each month. Keeping you up to date with what's going on in the local area and of course supporting local firms and traders with our advertising space. We are looking for editorial support, do you have editorial experience, or are you an experienced administrator who might enjoy the challenge of writing, reviewing and editing articles to support The Bulletin's production. If you have some free time and have a good level of competency with MS Word would you be interested in making a commitment to join the team and support the Bulletin on a voluntary basis? If you are interested please email us on Bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk



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Congratulations

The September Bulletins went to press before examination results were published.

May we take this opportunity to congratulate local students for another magnificent set of results. Very well done. As you are reading this many children would have started school and many changing schools, as well as a large number going to University or starting their careers. Best luck for the future from The Bulletin.

More on ULEZ

At an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 30 August a day after the introduction of ULEZ, Councillor David Godwin spoke out to share his views on why he is against ULEZ for the people of Havering. He had much to say and we share some of that below.

"I am appalled by the decision to implement ULEZ, I have family, friends, residents with non-compliant vehicles, how has this democratic country been bullied and misled so badly with dodgy data? I have attended 6 London

ULEZ demonstrations, and on that note, I would like to thank the support of HRA Cllr Garrard, Cllr O'Sullivan & Cllr Middleton who accompanied me to 3 or more demonstrations in central London.

Why am I against ULEZ?

The air quality in Havering is very good. ULEZ will affect so many people that come from surrounding counties that work in the Borough, staff in care homes, hospitals, builders, gardeners, shop assistants, the retired, school runs, weekend sports activities ... Kenilworth Avenue, for example, has a camera facing down the dead end towards the football pitches, and the same with the Crematorium, with people attending cremations and funerals from all over the country, and lastly the Council, which has non-compliant vehicles.

Food for thought - someone on minimum wage £10.42 per hour working 35-hour week earns £364.70. An annual salary of £18,964, which after tax & NI leaves £16,918. Payment of ULEZ for 48 weeks equals £3000 / or 18% of their net salary leaving just £1,159.28 per month. Not much to live on when faced with mortgage

/ rent, council tax, utilities, food, running a car ... It's even worse for zero-hour contracts.

I have written to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Transport, with zero response. Does the Mayor have more power than the House of Commons and Prime Minister?

I emailed the Daily Mail / ITN / The Sun about the sad situation of Upminster crematorium and the ULEZ camera situated 150 yards away from the exit, just before a pub that holds wakes. The Daily Mail published the article online. I received a phone call from ITN to meet at the Crematorium, 4 HRA Councillors, including myself and 10 members of the public with non-compliant cars. This was broadcast featuring one of our residents, a lady that works in a hospital, visits the Crematorium but drives a non-compliant car so may be forced to quit her job and go on universal credit. I thought the idea of Government was to get people back to work, off benefits, sadly one man with absolute power thinks otherwise."

Potholes

Your Residents' Councillors regularly report potholes to the Council. Repairs are continuously chased up by them, it's a never ending problem. As one pothole is repaired another appears that has to be reported.

I was interested to see in the national media that the Local Government Association has called on main national political parties to commit themselves to a ten-year road fixing programme. The cost of bringing local roads in England and Wales up to scratch has been estimated at £14 billion according to the Asphalt Industry Alliance.

For many years reduction in funding from central Government to local road repairs has left Councils like Havering facing a huge task in getting potholes repaired. It is essential that Councils receive extra funding from the Government to resolve this.


The alternative of damage to cars and cyclists who have the enormous task of avoiding potholes must be resolved urgently.

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Residents will be able to make up to twelve bookings per year and up to two bookings in any single month. Local Councillors have asked that this be changed to up to four visits a month, whilst keeping the maximum at twelve per year. We will also monitor whether the new policy leads to an increase in fly tipping.

For further details visit the East London Waste Authority website eastlondonwaste.gov.uk/rrc-bookings/.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Locking of parks returned to normal

In the middle of the summer, Havering Council recommenced the locking of the parks and open spaces in the Borough that have traditionally been locked overnight. The parks were left unlocked from late 2022 after the contract with the previous company responsible expired.

Some parking bays now pay by phone or app only

Residents who drive will likely be aware that in a large number of on-street parking locations where payment is required to park, payment is now by phone or app only. There are around 75 such locations in the Borough, in lesser used locations and where there are only a small number of bays. Locally, these include existing

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Upminster ARP Reporting Centre

Local couple Pat and Brian Flavell were concerned for the future of the buildings situated in Upminster Park. These buildings were believed to be in the process of being vacated by the London Borough of Havering grounds maintenance team, and with their future uncertain, Pat and Brian had contacted Historic England with the hopes of securing their future. Historic England

replied to them requesting more information and for the input of a local historical group regarding the importance of the site prior to them proceeding any further.

Brian contacted Tony Philpot, then Chairman of Hornchurch Aerodrome Historical Trust for his assistance and with the help of researcher Martin Friel, they were able to add some historical content to their project of trying to persuade Historic England to preserve the buildings.

From the research it was shown that the former buildings were once used as a Second World War Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Reporting Centre with the site including a gas cleansing station, Auxiliary Fire Service station (forerunner to the London Fire Brigade) as well as other civil defence buildings on the site in St Mary's Lane. This site was one of 4 Rescue Depots, commissioned by Essex County Council, that were spread over the former Hornchurch Urban District and the only one remaining in a largely untouched state. With this additional information secured, Pat and Brian once again contacted Historic England in July

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End of British Summer Time

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Meadowbanks Garden Party

All staff at Meadowbanks Residential Care Home in Hall Lane, Upminster wish to thank all residents and visitors who attended our garden party held on Sunday 27th August 2023. The home was decorated beautifully by staff members Tracey and Lynne. A fun time was had by all, assisted by Pimm's, Prosecco and homemade strawberry gateau, despite it raining on the day forcing us to hold the event inside.

The entertainment proved a big hit. All residents, visitors, and staff thoroughly enjoyed the very lively 'OUT OF THE BLUE' Ukulele Band. To round off the afternoon our grand raffle was drawn. All proceeds donated to The Willow Foundation Charity. Thanks to all for your continued support.



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25 Station Road Event

We have often mentioned in the Bulletin the history of many of our town centre businesses. Having seen the sign "Boynton's Restaurant" at 25 Station Road with a phone number Upminster 25333 has bought a number of comments locally. I came out here in 1973 and cannot remember Boynton's Restaurant. One resident who has been here all her life mentioned to me she remembered it. I remember the five figured local numbers and then a 2 was added and for many a 5. From memory phone numbers had the area name ie Upminster or Hornchurch etc before the digits until the year 2000. My memories go back to the 1970s and until several years ago 25 Station Road was the home of "Othello Taverna" with the heading Steak House, English and Continental Restaurant on the front. Many residents will have fond memories of Othello Restaurant which was based on a Greek Taverna, with several sittings on Christmas day and

legendary pre-Christmas music nights and of course their Sunday lunches. If you have any memories of Boynton's Restaurant please let us know. Did you know who owned it and worked there, did you ever eat there?
Regarding the future of 25 Station Road, a lot of work has been taking place and I was informed another restaurant will be opening.

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Jazz Charity Event

The Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club will be holding their next charity fund raising event on

the 7th October. Kid Tidimans' All Star Jazz Band will be playing at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 2QH from 8pm until late. Tickets are £20 which includes fish, chicken and chips or a vegetarian option. You take your own drinks. Tickets are available by contacting: Terry Monk - **01708 226305, ta.monk@btinternet.com** or Jim Haines - **01708 226717, jimhaines@ntlworld.com**

Hornchurch Football Club

As I write this the season started for Hornchurch winning 2 - 1 away to Horsham and 4 - 1 at the first home game against Margate. It looks like an exciting season for our local football team. Please note the following home fixtures. Saturday, 21st October Bognor Regis, kick off 3pm. Tuesday, 24th October Folkestone Invicta, kick off at 7.45pm. On Saturday, 4th November Enfield Town kick off at 3pm. Please keep in touch with the clubs' excellent website for any further cup fixtures etc.

The Push and Pull

We received the following from Stephen Raindle:

London Overground in conjunction with TfL are planning to name all their lines similar to those of London Underground. I have come up with a few suggestions for the Romford to Upminster branch line that I have sent these to TfL who have responded favourably, but it is not known what criteria they will use to actually choose names.

The Havering Line - the entire line is within the boundary of the London Borough of Havering and is therefore the only London Overground line to exist all in one Borough.

The Windmill Line - the station at Romford is very close to where a windmill once stood and Windmill Parade shops in Victoria Road, next to the branch line platform, remain to this day. Enroute to Upminster the line passes close to the newly restored Upminster windmill which can easily be seen from the train.

The Ingrebourne Line - as it

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The Caton Line - in 1963 the line was selected for closure following the infamous Beeching Report on the Reshaping of British Railways. There was much local opposition to the proposed closure and a Romford - Upminster Branch Line Users' Association was established and chaired by Upminster resident, Dr Michael Caton. Thanks to his strenuous work and that of the Association's members the line was reprieved. The Association and Dr Caton were again called to save the line when a new closure plan was announced the following decade. Again the line was reprieved making it one of the few to survive a brace of closure attempts.

We regularly publicise the "Push and Pull" rail service via Emerson Park to Romford - it runs seven days a week and is a great service. If you have any thoughts drop us a line at the bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk. Whilst I suspect locals will still refer to it as the Push

and Pull, a locally themed name would be nice. I am happy to pass your thoughts on and thanks again to Stephen for the above suggestions.

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Upminster Lymphoma and Blood Cancer Support Group

Thanks to U&CRA for their generous donation of £200 which will enable the purchase of a stand-alone sign to direct new people to where our meetings are held and help raise awareness of the group to passers-by. As a small independent support group our limited funds could not cover this cost.

Upminster School Fireworks

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Upminster Windmill

As reported in previous issues of

The Bulletin, Upminster Windmill is now open to the public after a long period of closure for restoration work. The remaining opening weekend is 28th & 29th October. Entry to the mill will be by ticket, ordered on-line from EventBrite, and costs £6 for adults and £2 for children (minimum height 110cm). For full details about visiting the mill on open days and to purchase tickets - please see our website: www.upminsterwindmill.org/visit

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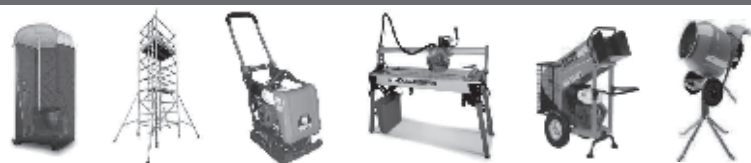
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ULEZ: South Essex Crematorium

Earlier in the Bulletin we heard about the camera at the Corbets Tey Crematorium. As pointed out by Councillor David Godwin, our residents may have seen recent national newspaper and TV reports about the location of a ULEZ camera on the approach road to Corbets Tey Crematorium. All of the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association Councillors are opposed to ULEZ and attended the Extraordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 30 August when the Havering Residents' Association's motion was passed, calling upon the Mayor of London to stop the expansion of ULEZ into Outer London Boroughs (and any roll-out of Pay Per Mile by TFL).

Following David's contact with various media outlets about Havering residents' concerns, several of our HRA Councillors met with reporters at the Crematorium to highlight the plight of mourners and other visitors to the Crematorium. We are sympathetic to those grieving for loved ones and those wishing to pay their respects at Corbets Tey Crematorium. Many people from Havering, and beyond, will

be prohibited from making as many visits as they would like in the future. Mourners may unexpectedly be charged if they are unaware they are in a ULEZ zone. This is most certainly something they could well do without at a time of grieving. Councillor David Godwin, and his fellow Emerson Park Councillor Laurance Garrard, have been the Havering Residents Association's main campaigners against the ULEZ expansion into Havering. David has attended most of the ULEZ protests in London.

We recognise generally that ULEZ will harm those on the lowest incomes, the workforce, small businesses and charities, all of which our residents rely on. Here in Upminster and Cranham we will continue to oppose ULEZ and all its implications for all our residents.

Cllr JACQUELINE WILLIAMS

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Well Done Jacqueline

I was delighted when Jacqueline Williams was elected for the Upminster & Cranham Residents Association to replace the late Councillor Linda Hawthorn. To receive 70% of the vote shows the huge support we have in the area for the work our Councillors and Association puts into our Community.

It was not our idea to have an election in a major holiday period.

I understand the Council had to call a by-election as they received several calls from a political party. Frankly, with the huge support we have in this area I would rather that we had been given the opportunity to choose a candidate and be returned unopposed. I hate to think what this cost the Council at a time when they need every penny. Good luck for the future Councillor Williams.

Havering Council has changed dramatically since 1978 when I was first elected as a Councillor. Until around 2002, there was a committee system on the Council which would meet every six weeks or so and decisions would be agreed at a Council meeting where all Councillors attended. Whilst we still have a number of committees ie Planning, Licensing, Highways Advisory, Scrutiny, the main business is now decided through a 'Cabinet System' where the Leader of the Council appoints 6/7 Cabinet members with specific responsibility portfolios ie Housing, Adult Care etc.

Being a member of Havering Council is an honour and a

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privilege. It is very rewarding and fulfilling and with the huge advancements in technology, what used to take several weeks when I was first elected, can now be answered in hours. The amount of information available is incredible.

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Speed Watch

A speed check was undertaken on 16th August at 2pm by our police Safer Neighbourhood Team. The location was St Mary's Lane/ Litchfield Terrace, a place often reported by residents for speeding cars. 171 vehicles were checked with an average speed of 29 MPH. 11 vehicles were travelling at 36MPH or above so will receive warning letters by post. The team will seek to conduct a monthly speed check when resources allow, so please let me know if you have concerns about any specific road in Upminster.

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens

Pop up shops – We started our “pop up” shops earlier this year and they are proving very popular. It was started with a view that

there must be lots of local people that make/bake/sew/sell but don't always have an outlet in which to do so ... we provide the space for them. If anyone is interested in having a stall please let us know. Cost £10.

Christmas shopping event/fayre – Saturday, 25th November 10am to 3pm. There will be a variety of stalls providing lots of Christmas present ideas. We will also be selling tea/coffee etc, hot dogs and a large choice of hot and cold food, cakes etc. A very popular event in the Community Centre calendar. If anyone would like a stall please contact the office on **01708 220941**.

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advertise that on Saturday, 4th November we are holding a Charity Christmas card sale at the church from 10am -12pm. If you are involved in a charity and would like to sell your own cards and promote your charity at this event, please contact us by email **upminstertreefest@gmail.com** or phone **01708228317**. The Christmas tree festival will be back in the church this year from 2nd -10th December and will start with a Christmas market on Saturday, 2nd December. For more details about having a stall at this event, please contact us by email.

Cranham ward 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 drop-in sessions. The next one will be on the 4th October, 11am-12noon, Cafe 4 You, Front Lane. The next date will be 1st November.

Engayne Primary Friends Association (EPFA)

22 October - 1 November. The Scarecrow Trail is back. Follow the trail to find all Scarecrows. Can be completed in your own time over half term. Maps can be purchased from our website **www.the-epfa.com** and cost £3.00. All the money raised goes to the EPFA. Our registered charity number is:1107207.

Sunday, 28th October. Laser show. Join us on the school field for this family fun event and watch coloured laser beams pierce through the night sky to music. Gates open at 4.30pm for refreshments including pizza, hot and cold drinks, hot doughnuts and glow products. Show starts at 6.30pm. Purchase your tickets from our website **www.the-epfa.com**. Adult £7, Child £5 Under 3 Free.



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