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Berther Road Restaurant Expansion

We were alerted to yet another attempt to expand an already too large restaurant with the planning application to convert the first floor to include a wine bar and additional dinning. This could mean 200 plus dinners with still only a possible but doubtful 12 parking spaces not including any allowance for the 20 staff to park.
A full objection has been raised by your Emerson Park Team together with a request to EPAGRA for their support and letters and emails from residents in the road who will undoubtedly be most affected by the increased parking, late night anti social behaviour and cooking smells from the inadequate filtration system.
We hope the planning department will agree to stop this inappropriate proposal in a residential area – Laurance

Oversized Garden Buildings

Last year we came to the aid of a local resident who was rather concerned with the proposed swimming pool complex that her neighbour had hoped to build in his garden adjacent to her garden. An objection was made on the basis that not only was the construction vastly out of proportion to the garden area but also due to a slope in the ground could cause a landslip with the weight of the water in the pool.
Fortunately, the planning department agreed and the proposal was refused but we now learn that an appeal has been raised against the refusal. Once again, we are in the hands of a decision from someone in a different part of the country potentially overruling local common sense – John

Our Next Meeting

Our next open meeting will be at Nelmes United Reform Church on the corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Road on Wednesday 28th February at 8pm.

All Welcome.

Thank you

To all our supporters, deliverers and distributers that have helped us grow to become the only Emerson Park Residents Association that brings you monthly local news updates with the Bulletin, a dedicated Facebook page covering only the Emerson Park area and access to the Emerson Park Team to help resolve local issues and queries you may have with the Council – Laurance

Our Facebook Page

For those of you familiar with Social Media we have now launched our own Residents Association of Emerson Park Facebook page, please feel free to look us up, like and join our page where we will keep you even more updated than our regular monthly Bulletin - David

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Police Report

Pleased to report from local Emerson Park Police team. A combination of Undercover and uniformed patrols has seen a reduce number of burglaries, and Emerson Park Ward has by far the lowest number of burglaries in Havering, and one of the Lowest in London. Be on your guard and keep your eyes peeled.

Butts Green Road

Following Transport for London approving funding a number of "Accident Reduction Programmes" are planned as part of the 2017/18 Havering Borough Spending Plan settlement. Butts Green Road and North Street Accident Programme was one of the schemes approved. A feasibility study has been carried out to identify accident remedial measures in the area. The feasibility study looked at ways of reducing accidents and recommended safety improvements. Traffic surveys showed that two -way traffic flows are up to 1500 vehicles per hour during peak periods along Butts Green Road between Parkstone Avenue and Hillview Avenue. Council Officers found that many vehicles exceed the 30 mph speed limit and felt this to be undesirable and a contributory factor to accidents. The Councils Highways Advisory Committee last month agreed the following in Emerson Park Ward:

Butts Green Road / Slewins Lane Junction -Mini roundabout alteration with kerb build out.

Butts Green Road by south of Wykeham Avenue-Humped Zebra Crossing.

Butts Green Road by Hillview Avenue and Berther Road-Humped Zebra Crossing and Junction speed table.

If you would like a copy of the report that went to the Highways Committee with maps etc drop us a line at info@raep.org

Watch your Speed

We have heard from local PC Ed Zoltan of the Emerson Park Safer Neighbourhood Team that their Speed Gun has recently been calibrated and he has been put forward for a Speed Gun training course. Your local police team will focus on reducing driving offences such as Speeding. May we urge you to "Watch your Speed "when driving...

Elections 2018

We are delighted to inform you that we will be contesting all three seats for Havering Council for Emerson Park Ward in this May's local elections.

At the last local elections in 2014 we missed out by a handful of votes.

Other areas have local Residents Association Councillors why not Emerson Park Ward.

Titanic Docking at Havering Museum

2018 will be a special year for Havering Museum, as they are bringing the national Titanic: Honour & Glory exhibition to Havering. The exhibition will be launched on 7 April and will run until 1 September 2018 and will include artefacts from the Titanic, sister ship and film props in addition to local stories. Four local businesses are sponsoring this exhibition, Mullis & Peake LLP, Kingston Smith LLP, Clemence Hoar Cummings and Havering Commerce and Industry (HCCI).

Do you have a Connect to the Titanic or an Artefact? Ellen Owen, Director of the Museum is seeking local people who may have a connection to the Titanic, as the exhibition will include stories from local people. Two Titanic reminiscences have already taken place but the Museum would like more people to contact them if they have a story they would like to share. Contact Ellen Owen on 01708 766571 or email hmmarketing@btconnect.com.

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Bye – Bye Broom

Its farewell to Harold Wood's street sweeper Steve. Local councillor Brian Eagling wished Steve Young our local road sweeper all the very best for the future and thanked him on behalf of the residents of Harold Wood for all the hard work and dedication he has given to Harold Wood over the years in keeping our pavements clean and tidy. Steve, has worked as a road sweeper for the last 10 years and has been sweeping the streets in Harold Wood now since 2012. Steve is very popular and well known in the area and is really appreciated by all the local residents. Steve's dedication and commitment to his job has been outstanding and will be greatly missed.

Havering council are introducing a new system whereby the shopping area will now be swept using mechanical sweepers six days a week rather than the current five days. Steve is being redeployed within this new system, though he is still unaware at this stage what area he will actually be assigned to.

The Residents' Association wish Steve, all the very best for the future and hope that his new assignment will be rewarding for him. Who knows, we may possibly see him once again in Harold Wood applying his unselfish dedication to his work in keeping our pavements clean. We shall also be keeping an eye on these mechanical sweepers to see if they do just a good job as Steve does!

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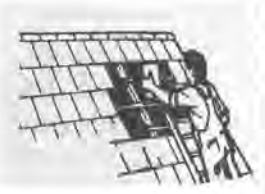

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The general guidance if any machine is out of order is that users should see if there is another machine that is working in close vicinity. Close vicinity is defined as within the range of vision from the first machine. If that machine is also out of order (for example if all three units failed in Aldi Car Park) then no enforcement will be undertaken. As all machine failures are recorded centrally through a database, should anyone receive a penalty charge notice having followed the above guidance they should appeal asap.

The continual failure of the machines has been most unhelpful to residents and local shops alike. I am pleased that our efforts to rectify the situation have been met with a purposeful plan and expect the new machines to be soon in place.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Havering Concert Orchestra

The Havering Concert Orchestra are looking forward to presenting an afternoon concert of "Timeless English Classics" on Sunday 18th March 2018.

Our main featured composer, Eric Coates, is a master of theme music melodies. We perform By A Sleepy Lagoon which was written in 1930 is still used as the theme music for Radio 4's Desert Island Discs. Also, the 3 Elizabeths Songs Suite which was used as the theme to The Forsyte Saga, and the Knightsbridge March from his London Suite.

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Wednesday 28th February
Second Thoughts: Some Programme Postscripts
This evening Alan takes the opportunity to put things right and play the pieces of music previously pruned from his programmes over the past years.
The Music Evenings take place in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, North Street commencing at 7.30pm and ending at 9.30pm. Admission is free of charge but we do request a nominal donation for the interval refreshments. No need to pre-book - just turn up. For more information call Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 or email sraindle@aol.com

Kindertransport Stories

Did you experience the Kindertransport 80 years ago? Was your relative one of the thousands of children rescued through the Kindertransport before the outbreak of World War II? If so, and you're local to Essex / East London, the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch wants to hear from you. To mark the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport, the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch is bringing this rich piece of history to the stage. It is estimated that 10,000 children were evacuated from Europe into the UK through the Kindertransport to escape the threat of World War II. The train came through Harwich to London Liverpool Street with many children being rehomed in Essex.
To share your experience with the theatre please call Rachel as soon as possible on 01708 462376 or email rachel@queens-theatre.co.uk and she will be happy to answer any further questions.
Kindertransport runs at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch from 8 - 24 March.
To book tickets visit queens-theatre.co.uk or call the Box Office on 01708 443333.

First Step Quiz Night

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Rotary Big Band Night

Once again Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club are holding their popular annual St. Georges Day Big Band Concert at the Windmill Hall in Upminster, this time on Saturday April 21st. 2018. Featuring the popular Ken Turner 17-piece Big Band with singer/compere Mark Stratford, the theme will include music from the Glen Miller and Count Basie era. Tickets will be £20 per person, including a Fish or Chicken & Chips supper. The charity FIRST STEP of Hornchurch will be the main beneficiaries from funds raised from this event, with support also going to other Rotary activities in the local area. For ticket reservations please phone either. Brian Taffs (01708 250855) or Jim Haines (01708 226717.

Havering Antique Collectors Club

Judith Miller, best known for her regular appearances on the BBC Antiques Roadshow, makes a welcome return to Havering Antique Collectors Club in March. As a regular speaker for us, her talk this time will be "Treasure or Trash", providing specialist advice on hidden gems. Whether a long standing or new collector this talk will give key advice to help you become an expert on how to spot that rare piece. Friday 16th March 7.30 for 8.00. Guests £7 - The Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane. Buses 294 and 256 stop outside. Ample car parking.

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Each course runs weekly for six weeks. The sessions last about an hour and a half and are led by trained facilitators. They are free of charge and open to people of all faiths and none. You are very welcome to join our next HOPE bereavement course starting in February in Upminster.
To find out more contact Pam on 07500 724169, email heathandhaveringhope@gmail.com or write to Pam Addis, Heath and Havering HOPE Group

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

Old Chapel Event

Weds 14 Feb, 10.30am – Wildlife at Hornchurch County Park, Mike Greenslade. Free to attend if you are a Friend of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person, and refreshments are included. Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919

A Big Thank You

Customers at Tesco Marlborough, Mawney Road, raised an amazing £240 on their Christmas raffle organised by Angie on behalf of Damien and his fabulous best friend Rico. Veterans of War are enormously grateful to everyone involved.

Denise 'Gunner' Speight

The Thames Chase

2018 will see the development of a new environmental and heritage project, the Land of the Fanns Landscape Partnership Scheme (LOTF), throughout the Community Forest. This unique, £2.4 million project is being part funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund to the tune of £1.36 million. It is a 5 year project working in partnership with councils and various local groups and charities including Thames Chase Trust who are leading the project. The scheme aims to enable local people to discover, restore and enjoy what's special about the local landscape. (The word Fanns is an ancient Saxon word for fens or marshy low lying landscape.) To find out more or to get involved, visit the Land of the Fanns website www.landofthefanns.org or the Thames Chase website www.thameschase.org.uk

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Sunday Market at the Forest Centre on Sunday 18th February 10am-2pm including craft and produce stalls.
Discovering Thames Chase Guided Walk to Warley Place - enjoy the spring flowers on Friday 23rd February meeting in the car park at Warley Place at 10am.
Children's half term holiday programme on Tuesday and Wednesday 13th and 14th February 10.30am-12.30pm at Broadfields - planting wildflowers and making bird boxes. Thursday 15th February - follow a compass trail round Broadfields starting at 10.30am at the Centre.
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Over £2k Raised for Charity!

Pinney Talfourd once again teamed up with Queen's Theatre Hornchurch and Dawn Chorus for a Christmas concert and raised over £2,000 for charity! The fantastic local choir Dawn Chorus, led by Paul Rhodes, joined us to please the crowd with a series of upbeat Christmas songs including "Let It Snow" and "Merry Christmas Everyone" before enjoying tea and mince pies with the Mayor of Havering, Cllr Linda Van Den Hende. Thank you as always to the Queen's Theatre Club volunteers who helped to serve refreshments. This year also saw the Year 5 and 6 Choir of Benhurst Primary School join in on the festivities, belting out a number of merry songs which got the entire audience up on their feet and singing along.
The charity raffle raised an incredible £2,284.32 in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Pinney Talfourd's own charity of the year, SNAP (Special Needs

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS FEBRUARY

6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** Talk on The History of Music in Motion Pictures with Keith Nott. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.

7 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I.** meet on the 1st Wednesday on the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Hopefield Animal Sanctuary Competition: Bring along an Animal Figurine the best wins a prize. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.

8 Thursday – **Upminster and Cranham W.I.** are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster on the second Thursday in the month. Doors open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on a wide range of subjects. We have lunches, afternoon teas, Outings and more. Why not come along and give us a try and meet new friends. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.

9 Friday – **RSPB Havering Local Group** Indoor Meeting - Members Film Night. As in previous years we are looking forward to a relaxed fun evening where our members show their own photographs. 7:30pm – 9:45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch. Entrance is £3.

11 Sunday - **OASIS** - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone. Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545. 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

12 Monday – **Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust** Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Local Group AGM. Donation of £2.50 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.

13 Tuesday - **NADFAS** (Havering) welcomes Dr Caroline Shenton with a talk on 'Votes for Women! – Art, Suffragettes and Female Politicians'. Lecture 10.45am Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk

13 Tuesday - **Upminster Camera Club** Monthly Projected Digital Image. Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk

14 Wednesday - **Nelmes Women's Institute** meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nelmes United Reformed Church Hall (corner of Nelmes Road and Burntwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM11 3JA). Meetings start at 2 pm promptly. Please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or Ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com for further details.

14 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.

14 Wednesday – **Tea and Talks at the Old Chapel** 10.30am – Wildlife at Hornchurch County Park, Mike Greenslade. Come and hear about what you might see on a visit to Hornchurch County Park. Free to attend if you are a Friend of the Old Chapel, otherwise £2 per person, and refreshments are included. Booking is required. To book a place please contact the Heritage Officer on 01708 642919.

15 Thursday - **Upminster Wine and Social Club** meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. We hold meetings every month with a variety of speakers and wine tasting. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night. You will be most welcome.

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20 Tuesday - **Upminster U3A** Dudley Chignall, "Beatrix Potter and the Lake District.". University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about membership and current interest groups, come along to a meeting for free or check out our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upminster.

20 Tuesday - C**ranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

21 Wednesday – **Hornchurch Harmonies W.I.**, meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except August) between 7.30pm - 9.45pm at Havering Indoor Bowls Club RM11 1JU. Visitors fee £4 includes tea and cake.

24 Saturday – **RSPB Havering Local Group** Couch Outing - RSPB Frampton Marsh NR, Lincs. A major new extension to this coastal wetland reserve includes reed-beds, large freshwater scrapes and wet grassland. These habitats have all been created to bring the wildlife of the Wash closer to you. Lots of local pick-up points. Contact Michael Hughes for more info or to book your ticket £18. 01708 250585 E-mail: mikeboyo15@gmail.com

26 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. The meetings run from 1.30 - 3pm, £3 donation is appreciated. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma or other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring Joyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127.

28 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild** meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 pm to 4 pm in Derham Hall (behind Upminster Library), Upminster. Afternoon tea, talks and outings amongst a friendly group of ladies, all most welcome. For more information contact Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708 226305 or simply come along.

MARCH

3 Saturday -**The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. 'The Sinking of the Titanic and the Inquiry that followed' is the talk by Stephen Lister. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am – 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Using DNA Techniques for Tracing Family History' – Follow Up with Dr Maurice Gleeson. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

3 Saturday – **Sugar Craft** - Demonstration on "Easter Surprise" by Linda Garnham. Venue, Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane Hornchurch, Time 1.30 – 3.30pm, Entry Price now £7, includes Tea and Cake.

6 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** Guest Speaker Kate Cole will give a talk about Essex Witches. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.

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Harold Wood Charity Run

The Harold Wood Running Club held their annual charity race on the 1st October this year and in total raised £4000 for 2 local charities. Congratulations to Paul Grange and Morgan Campbell who were first male & female. The

Race team presented a cheque for £2000 to the Rainbow Trust & The Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps. They are now planning the next charity race on the 7th October 2018.

Harold Wood Running Club www.haroldwoodrunning.club

Ardleigh House Trip

Saturday 17 March 2018 – 50th Thriplow Daffodil Weekend and Country Fair
A two day show started 50 years ago to raise money for a new church roof by the villagers of Thriplow. Last year they raised over £42,000 for local charities, it is a proper country show with the local Smithy demonstrating his skills, rides on a dray pulled by 2 Shire horses, Morris dancing, live music on the cricket pitch, (Not sure what the batsmen have to say about that!), craft stalls and demonstrations. Displays of vintage tractors, cars and working steam engines. In the fields there are dog shows, Gun Dog Scurry, and continuous shows. The church has organ recitals, Choir singing and their own version of "Songs of Praise". Villagers also open their gardens to the visitor so you can "Have a nose!" there is also a village shop & pub. Price including entry ticket is Adults £24.50, Children (5 -15) £12.50 and under 5's £7.50. (Leave AH at 10.00am giving 4 hours at show). To Book telephone Ardleigh House Community Association on 01708 440660.

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Rainbow Trust Thank You

The Rainbow Trust shop in Harold Wood set themselves a target to raise one million pounds in twenty five years. People find it hard to believe that this small much loved shop will have been open 25yrs in March. Well the million target was given a huge boost on Christmas Eve when the Residents Association arrived at the Harold Wood shop to present the cheque that was a

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result of the Christmas sleigh collection. The generosity of the residents of Harold Wood exceeded all expectations and the cheque presented was for a total of £3168.97. an amazing sum. Of course, it would not have happened without the preparation of Brian Eagling and his dedicated helpers who face the weather every night for ten nights. They have raised over twenty thousand since the collections began which is a big chunk towards our one million. Harold Wood residents really got behind our appeal in 2017 with The Running Club giving us £2.000, the Prize Draw that raised over £1.000 and Ardleigh Green School who sang Carols at Gidea Park Station one evening raising £583.86!
Huge thanks to everyone and PLEASE keep the money coming only three months left to reach the target!
Pauline Obee MBE - Patron
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