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Conservatives Take Away Free Parking Period

Sadly we have to report that at the Annual Council Budget meeting in February the Conservatives who control Havering Council voted to take away the 30 minute free period from our Car Parks in Upminster and in Hornchurch and raise other parking charges substantially. This was despite fierce opposition to this from your local Residents Association Councillors, who all voted against the proposals, and petitions from over 10000 local residents. This will do our local shopping centres no favours at all ! Many local residents merely need 30 minutes to pick up a paper or buy a few items and others travelling through will be less likely to stop and shop in our area. Our centres are already up against it with shopping on the internet increasing and free parking available at Lakeside, Bluewater and out of town supermarkets. We will continue to fight for our area !

Your Local Residents Association Councillors

Memberships

Thank you for the thousands of Emerson Park Residents who renewed or took out a new membership to the Residents Association of Emerson Park, your kind support enables us to continue to look after your interests in our area. If you missed the application form there is another printed on page 22 or just give us a call (07973 856195) and we can have one dropped round to you.

Upminster Pitch and Putt

Although not in our area this is something that many of us have enjoyed in the past and now the Conservative administration want to replace it with a development of 48 flats and houses. We have added our objection to this loss of a popular local amenity which should be maintained especially when the government are trying to encourage people to keep fit and exercise.

Councillor Clarence Barrett

Sadly Clarence passed away on the 1st of March just as last months Bulletins were being delivered. Clarence moved to Cranham in 2001 and was first elected to Havering Council for Cranham in 2006. In 2010, 2014 and again last year he was elected



with huge majorities. Once elected he immersed himself into Council work taking on hundreds of complaints where respondents would receive a clear well written reply. He lead a number of campaigns continuously battling to get the Dartford Toll charges dropped for local residents and opposing various planning applications such as the plans to build on Chapmans Farm, Hall Lane. Clarence took a lead in setting up the Friends of The Mini Golf Course in Hall Lane. He was a prolific writer to the local and national press and I always smiled at his letters in The Times on a wide range of issues and still think of the support he received for his suggestion of a cheaper stamp at Christmas encouraging more usage. Pursuing that the £10 Christmas addition for the

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Councillor Clarence Barrett

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elderly should be raised to a realistic level.

For the Association he wrote hundreds of articles for The Bulletin in particular setting out in plain English details of Council Finance.

Clarence set up the Associations web site ensuring local residents could access the latest information in the community.

He lead the Residents Group on Havering Council for many years and following the 2018 Election he was the leader of The Upminster & Cranham Residents Association Councillors.

Working for many years as a senior Finance Officer for Redbridge Council his knowledge on local Government Finance was irreplaceable.

From 2014 to 2018 he was a Cabinet member on Havering Council leading on Finance and at the time of his passing he was actively involved on an alternative budget for the 2019/20 year and was pursuing to keep the 30 minute free parking period and substantial reductions in the current administration in power at Havering Council proposals to raise charges! Clarence loved football, a Spurs supporter and was looking forward to going to their new stadium.

He was delighted to run for charities in particular First Step, St.Francis Hospice, Haven Hospice and the Bobby Moore Cancer Research and we remembered when he ran the London Marathon with his huge smile when he finished the run. Together with the Community we have lost a huge friend. There is not a home locally and indeed Havering who has not benefited from Clarence's work. Our sincere condolences go out to Corinne and their children Erin and Aidan, family and friends.

Cllr RON OWER

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all the kind messages and support since we lost Clarence on the 1 March 2019. These messages have brought us a great deal of strength and comfort during this difficult time and it has been lovely to hear from many residents regarding how appreciated Clarence was within the Upminster and Cranham community. Clarence loved helping those in the community, so it has been touching to see how much of an impact he has had.

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simply a money making exercise for the Council as the current parking restrictions maintain protection for local residents. Members of the Emerson Park Team attended a protest recently against the changes and met with other locals who also objected to the budget proposals.

Badminton Club

Emerson Park Badminton Club require players 16 plus for social badminton on Thursday Nights at Emerson Park School. Term time only 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with no membership, just turn up and play for £4.50. Phone Kevin Purton on 01708 250803 for further details.

Budget Feedback

The Conservative administration budget has proved to be extremely unpopular with Residents who will now lose the 30 minutes free parking especially when the Residents association had an alternative proposal that would have balanced the budget but was ignored. Evidence that the best people to run Havering are local residents who actually care about people rather than politics. The introduction of permit parking schemes around our stations is

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Cllrs LINDA HAWTHORN RON OWER CHRIS WILKINS

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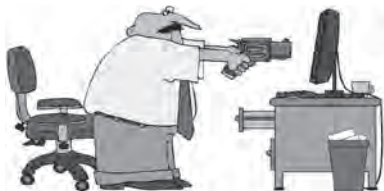
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Parking Charges

We felt that you should also see this from long term local resident David Parish, this is typical of the comments we have been receiving on the Conservatives taking away the 30 minute free period and substantially raising the cost of parking!

"I am very disappointed to learn the proposal to increase the parking charges was approved. In my opinion this is very short sighted and does not address the concerns of businesses in Upminster. It will only drive trade away from our Town Centre at a time when retail businesses are struggling. It is difficult to understand the rationale of those who voted in favour at a time when the Government has expressed concern over the plight of retail traders nationally and has suggested that Councils should consider free parking to assist in generating more trade.

It will have the consequence of encouraging more parking in residential streets to the detriment of local residents.

I think the only effective way in dealing with this issue is to monitor its effects and if retailers report a significant down turn in trade and footfall then pressure must be placed upon the Council to reverse this decision."

David Parish

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Plundering Our Green Spaces

Further to the article regarding the planning application for the Mini Golf Course please see the article below from long term local resident Bill England.

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2. Loss of trees and open spaces worsens an already disastrous environmental condition in our cities.
3. Once the green space family silver is sold off, the next means of increasing population density will be to replace our houses with apartments and flats. Romford is a model of this disaster.
4. The long term forward planning includes no proportional provision of infrastructure. Already our hospitals are hugely under needed capacity. In a generation, our schools will also be well under needed capacity.

Probate Fees

A Parliamentary Committee voted to increase probate fees by a narrow margin of nine votes to eight earlier this year. The change will now be put before the House of Commons for final approval and is set to come into force this month.

Probate is usually needed to administer someone's estate after

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they have passed away. Currently the Court charges a fixed fee of £215 if an individual is applying or £155 if a solicitor makes the application. The new fee structure will be based on a sliding scale depending on the value of the estate, and it has been dubbed by many as a "stealth tax". The decision by the Lord Chancellor is strongly opposed by the Lords, various charitable organisations and The Law Society. This month is the last chance to put forward a formal objection and gain a subsequent vote against the proposals. If this fails, the below changes will come into force in April.

At present, any estate valued at less than £5,000 is exempt from the probate fee altogether, and the current proposal is that this threshold will be increased so that all estates under £50,000 will now be exempt. However, for estates that exceed this threshold they will be charged on a sliding scale, with a probate fee on estates valued at £300,000-£500,000 being £750 and the largest estates of over £2million attracting a fee of £6,000.

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Disability Course

Havering Association for People with Disabilities has a long history of delivering a variety of activities for the local community, which help people with diverse needs to attain improved

outcomes.

GHM- Giaro Health Management will be offering a 10-weeks course, which will provide people with mixed abilities an opportunity to access specific training programmes that support them in developing strategies for health and wellbeing. The main focus is placed on encouraging preventative steps, which aim to reduce the risk factors that lead to ill health, and to minimise the impact of limitations caused by illness on general wellbeing.

Anyone over 18 years old with a physical or sensory disability and who lives in London Borough of Havering, can access the programme.

The course starts on 11th April 2019 and takes place at H.A.D, 1A Woodhall Crescent, RM11 3NN on Thursdays: 10am-12:00. Cost: £3.00 pp per session.

More information on the programme content is on www.giarohm.co.uk. To book your place call us at H.A.D. on 01708 476554.

Wednesday Music Evenings

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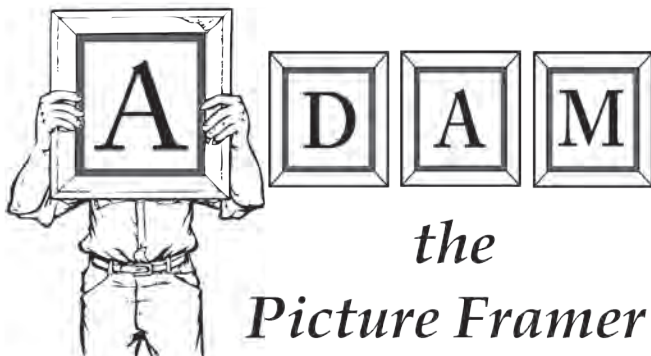
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Choice of clothing is important, as there may well be mud, and Brambles, and unwanted biting insects. Strongly suggested: Wear old and tough clothes that will keep your skin protected, wear old tough trousers, wear wellies or similar, unless the weather has been dry all summer! (As it did this last summer!). Participants

must be able to kneel down on the ground, and get up again, without assistance. We are on our feet for the full 3 hours, but we usually walk rather slowly. Bring some items that might be helpful: Sunhat if it is hot and sunny, skin cream if biting insects are out and about, notebook and pencil, a small hand lens (but I can lend one of mine if you don't have one). No dogs, please, as they are always trying to get to the same spot that we want to look at!!!! If you have a wild flower book, do bring it. Some folk bring a mobile phone with camera in it, but definitely not essential.

If you come by car, there is a large car park but you have to pay. Better value if you fill your car! The Park requires a small fee, usually it is about £5 per head. Dates: all Wed afternoons: 3rd April; 1st May; 5th June; 10th July; 7th August.

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Recent Knife Crime From A Teenager's Perspective

As a 16-year-old myself, it was shocking to hear of the recent murder of Jodie Chesney in a community as peaceful as ours usually is. A few of my friends were close to her, and pupils at various schools organised a "wear something purple day". The outpouring of support in her memory has deeply touched everyone who knew her.

As we all know, knife crime is an increasingly serious problem. The vast majority of us are perfectly peaceful members of the community who are fearful for their own safety. We have to take a hard look at what has gone wrong in society when people are so terrified of knife crime that they are checking over their shoulders,

no longer walking through backstreets and do not go out after dark. No-one claims to have a definitive solution to this, but if we can all begin to think about how we can improve ourselves in small ways, we may be able to make an overall improvement to society, and help those vulnerable to falling into gangs realise that there is another way, hopefully preventing more tragic deaths like Jodie's.

David Tyler

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Our next meeting is on 6th April, *continued on page 13*

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Watch Your Speed

We receive numerous calls from residents requesting help to reduce speeding. At the time of writing we are waiting



to hear from Council Officers on several further projects to reduce speed in a number of roads locally.

We have also asked the Police again to take action in specific roads where we have had a lot of requests, one in particular is St Marys Lane.

Upminster Residents Councillors Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower and Chris Wilkins together with a resident were present when speed checks were taking place over a period of an hour from around 300 vehicles 7 were reported for speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour. These drivers will be reported and will receive notification.

The Police will be holding further checks.

Please watch that speed.

Thames Chase - Ministerial Visit

The Thames Chase Trust had great pleasure in welcoming the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and the Hornchurch and Upminster MP to the Thames Chase Forest Centre also in attendance were Local Councillors - Gillian Ford, Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower and Chris Wilkins. The Board of Trustees shared and promoted the work of the Thames Chase Trust,

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Know Your Blood Pressure Day

Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club will once again be offering free blood pressure checks in support of the Stroke Associations "Know Your Blood Pressure Day" campaign at

the Trinity Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster on Saturday 13th April 2019 between 10.30am and 2.00pm

Stroke is the most common cause of adult disability and the third most common cause of death in the UK. High blood pressure is the single biggest risk factor for stroke. 40% of strokes could be prevented by controlling high blood pressure, so take advantage of a free check and help protect your health.

Autism Awareness Day

Autism Awareness Day in St Laurence Church, Upminster on Saturday 6th April where there will be lots of stalls as well as refreshments.

Black and Orange Sacks

Further to the article in last months Bulletin. Please note the following that has come in from the Council. "Dear Councillor Ower Thank you for forwarding the further email from your resident in relation to the mixing of black and orange sacks during collection. I have been advised by the Contracts Management Officer that both Serco supervisors and council staff are out monitoring on a

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LOCAL FUTURE EVENTS APRIL

- Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club**, every Thursday 12.30 for 1pm, The Railway Hotel, Station Road Hornchurch Tel: 01708 250855.
- 6 Upminster Tith Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, in Hall Lane Upminster Open.
- 8 Monday - Havering Branch Essex Wildlife Trust ILLUSTRATED TALK:-** From the Tyne to the Thames by Dave Fairlamb, Essex Wildlife trust Head of Landscape Conservation. Meetings are held in the 1st floor meeting room in Hornchurch Library from 8.00 pm to 9.45 pm. Donation of £3 to help cover hall hire, this includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information contact the Secretary Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
- 9 Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society**, presents Climbers and Wall Shrubs with Tim Carter. The lectures are held in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from at 7.45pm until 9.45pm. Entrance is free to members and is £2 for non-members. For more information visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 10 Wednesday - The Front Lane Community Association Tea Dance** at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Doors open 2.15 p.m. Come along and make new friends, whilst dancing to music by 'John'. £3.50

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- 10 Wednesday - Havering U3A** The Red Cross by Philippa Radford Hancock. Havering U3A meets at 2:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford. www.u3asites.org.uk/havering
- 12 Friday - RSPB Havering - Indoor Meeting.** Richard Pople presents his illustrated talk, "Birds, Bears and Whales". Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, 44 North Street, RM11 1TB. Time: 7.30 pm - 9.45 pm. Price: £3.00 per person. Telephone: 01708 434903. E-mail: rspb.havering@gmail.com
- 12 Friday - Scottish Country Dancing**, every Friday at St Laurence Church Minor Hall RM14 2BB. 10.00 to 11.45 am. Beginners welcome. Further details from Fiona 07976 438950
- 14 Sunday - OASIS - A 'disability-friendly' meeting**, 3.00 to 4.30 pm at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. Oasis meetings are for adults with disabilities and their carers. All our meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. Come and start the New Year with us! Contact the Oasis Team on 01708 223551 or 07714 853545.
- 15 Monday - Diabetes UK - Havering Group** Meetings are held at North Street Halls, 24 North Street, Hornchurch - Opposite Iceland, RM11 1QX. Normally on the third Monday of each month (except for August and January) at 8PM. Contact our secretary, Ann on 01708 935779, for more details.
- 16 Tuesday - Upminster U3A** Kate Cole. The Witches of Essex. New Windmill Hall in Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm for a 1pm start. 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
- 16 Tuesday - Cranham 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.
- 17 Wednesday - Deyncourt Ladies Probud Lunch Club** meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month (except August) and welcome new members who are retired. Meetings are held at the Masonic Centre Deyncourt Gardens Upminster. Meetings commence at 11.30 am lunch is 12.00pm and we have a speaker to follow. Please contact Julia Deverill for further details on:- tel. 01708745788 Email:- frelia.deverill@talktalk.net

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- 18 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.
- 20 **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, in Hall Lane Upminster Open.
- 24 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.
- 24 Wednesday - **Upminster and District Probus Club** meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX on the last Wednesday of the month. Graham Parry - The Essex Wildlife Trust, Ingrebourne Valley. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobus.com.
- 26 Friday - **Single Over Sixty lunch**, last Friday of every month 12.30 for 1pm, All

- Saints Church, The Chase Upminster Tel: 01708 228308.
- 27 Saturday - **RSPB Havering** - Coach trip, Paxton Pits nature reserve. The reserve is famous for its nightingales and cormorants and is home to a wide variety of other birds, insects, mammals and flora. £20 per seat. Contact Mike Hughes Tel: 01708 250585 E-mail: mikeboyo15@gmail.com.
- MAY**
- 4 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. 'LOCAL Victorian & Edwardian History' with Peter Layzell. **The Internet & Technology Group** meet at the same venue 11am - where a Q&A session is followed by 'Mine Maps as a Family History Research Tool' with David Cufley. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.
- 4 **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia**, in Hall Lane Upminster Open.
- 7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe W.I.** This is when we discuss WI Resolutions on current topics. Visitors and new members are always welcome to our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1XN at 7.45 pm. For further information contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251 161 or just come along on the evening.

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Ardleigh House Trips

Thursday 16 May 2019. - "Day Trip to Winchester"

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Sunday 15 September 2019. - "Luxury Dinning Pullman Style"

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Bowling Open Day

Liberty of Havering Bowling Club are holding an Open Day on Saturday 4th May 2019 10am - 4pm. New members especially Ladies welcome. Come and have a go, wear flat shoes or trainers. Refreshments available. Contact Anne Phillips 01708 470370 or Sheila Burton 07949307336 - Club is located at the rear of the sports Centre in Harrow Lodge Park Hornchurch.

Woodhall Crescent



Further to the article from Laurance Garrard in a recent Bulletin regarding the protection of the open space in Woodhall Crescent. The space is close to the bridge over the Upminster to Romford via Emerson Park push and pull rail service. The Council have been maintaining the area for many years.

Residents Councillor Ron Ower has confirmation that the land is under control of the Council as Highway Authority. "As maintained highway the land must be kept open for public use. The Council has an array of powers to prevent interference with highway use include prosecution. Should residents have any future concerns over interference with the highway land these can be reported to the Council's highways department."

As Laurance mentioned this action will prevent any unwanted development on a small section of green which many people frequently walk past. Several hundred local residents urged the Council on a petition some time back to adopt the Green. Laurance also pointed out this is a prime example of the Residents Association working with our Residents Councillors and the Council to improve our area!

Thanks again to everyone who assisted in this.



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The Open days will be held on Sunday 5th and Saturday 11th May.

For further information please contact Des Cole 07941 674938. or Rob

Glozier 07814 234763 or by email at info@gideaparkbowling.co.uk

The Area Supervisor has arranged for this location to be visited on a weekly basis going forward."

Wingletye Lane

Further to the article in last months Bulletin we have been chasing the Council to clean up a number of areas in our ward. Please see below one of the messages for your information.

"Dear Councillor Ower,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the lack of street cleaning in Wingletye Lane. I have been informed by Public Realm officers that this location has been visited and cleared of rubbish and has also been litter-picked. In relation to the original spillage of gravel, operators initially cleared over 2 tonnes with a mechanical sweeper. Thereafter, the Area Supervisor arranged for a crew to return and ascertain when it would be safe to remove the residue.

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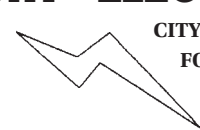
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