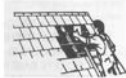




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Maylands Fields Application Rejected

We would like to inform local residents that the planning application for a cemetery on Maylands Fields' Harold Park was unanimously rejected by the Regulatory Services Committee last month. There were a large number of objections from local residents who did not want a cemetery on Green Belt land. Speeches for and against the planning application were made from both local residents, Councillors and representatives of the planning application. We will continue to monitor and update you with any further developments on this.



Cllrs ALEX DONALD, BRIAN EAGLING, DARREN WISE

Budget Set for 2015/16

Against a backdrop of unprecedented budget cuts, the budget and Council Tax for 2015/16 was agreed last month. By working as a Joint Administration we listened carefully to the consultation feedback and made numerous amendments to the original proposals, such as keeping Upminster Library open full time, scaling back parking fees in parks to 20p for three hours and 50p for five hours (free weekends and Bank Holidays), extending the Queen's Theatre Grant reduction over three years rather than two, putting more money into Children's Services and supporting an employee led mutual to run the Youth Service, possibly with the YMCA. After the precept for the Mayor of London, Council Tax for 2015/16 will rise by 1.3%, the first increase since 2009.

Despite the very tough financial challenges we continue to face, it is vital we maintain good front line services while protecting our most vulnerable people. As such, we will make every effort to ensure our residents receive the best possible service and value for money is obtained at every turn.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Harold Hill Foodbank

Your local Harold Wood Ward Councillors were delighted to hear that Havering Council has awarded the Harold Hill Foodbank an extra £10,000 to support the work that they are doing in these difficult times. They do a wonderful job helping those people in need by providing essential food to those families that are struggling.

Cllrs BRIAN EAGLING, DARREN WISE,
ALEX DONALD

News Flash

I am pleased to announce that the Planning Application for number 1 Ethelburga Road to convert to 9 bedsits sharing a kitchen was rejected at the Planning Committee on 12th March.

I would like to thank Councillor Brian Eagling for his speech against this application.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Appeal for Telephone Befrienders

Tapestry (previously Age Concern Havering) runs a telephone befriending service which aims to reduce an older person's feelings of loneliness and isolation by providing a regular phone call to talk about local issues, current affairs, and in some cases to encourage an older person to restart or develop new interests in life. A telephone befriender is a vetted volunteer who will call on a regular basis to talk and - if needed - assist with details of other services. This service is free for all users. Tapestry is also looking for volunteers to spend a little of their time as telephone befrienders. If you would like more information, call Brian Reeves on 01708 479647 or email b.reeves@tapestry-uk.org

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Easter Message

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Yes, Jesus died – that's Good Friday, but Jesus was raised to life on the third day – that's Easter. Sin and evil had been dealt with – that's why Good Friday is good. Jesus' resurrection that first Easter Day demonstrated that his death was not a defeat or a tragedy or an accident or futile, but the glorious news of victory – Easter is the greatest GOOD NEWS the world could ever hear. Bereavement is sad and sometimes painful, but death is no longer the bogey, the boss or the black hole at the end. Jesus is Lord and trumps death.

He alone can take us through death in to God's new world. The modern world pretends not to be afraid of death. It just tries to ignore it and rather desperately believes it can cope. It looks back relentlessly at life in the past, with no message of hope and new life. Without Jesus it can at best mouth some illusory wishful we'll-meet-again sentiments. It refuses to take death seriously and offers vacuous platitudes about the future. But Jesus Christ stared death in the face – "Lazarus is dead" and he wept at his grave-side – and offered new life and hope in the words "I am the Resurrection and the Life." He went on to die and rise again as he predicted and has been the 'true faith and sure hope' for countless millions in history and across the world today, even in horrendous circumstances of persecution, violence and execution.

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www.stpetersharoldwood.org

Adventure Island

Adventure Island, Southend wristbands. Harold Wood Primary School sell these at a reduced price as follows:- Blue Band £14.50 (1.2m+, normal price £27), Green or Red Band £12.00 (Green 1-1.2m normal price £22 and Red under 1m, normal price £17). Please contact by phone or text to NEW telephone no. 07821 600375.

Organ Donor Register

My friend's dad is one of more than 10,000 people in the UK

urgently needing an organ transplant. Pulmonary fibrosis is a rare, fatal, and poorly understood lung condition that causes scarring of the lungs. In his case, smoking has NOT been a factor. As he waits for lungs to become available on the NHS Organ Donor Register, my friend continues to go through hell. I promised her to raise awareness and ask residents to take a few minutes to register as a donor. You can do this by calling 0300 123 23 23, texting SAVE to 62323, or filling out an online form at www.organdonation.nhs.uk

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Sunflower Way litter

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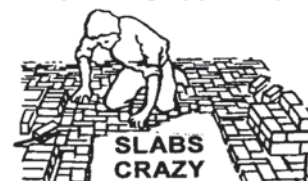
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Grass Verges



I am pleased to highlight that the Council has removed the grass verges and installed hard standing areas in Harlesden Close. This is very welcome and we shall be urging the Council to do similar works in other roads where the roads are quite narrow.

Cllr DARREN WISE

St. Peter's Men's Lunch

TUESDAY, 14th APRIL from 11.30am in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

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Laurance Garrard,
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Cllr ALEX DONALD

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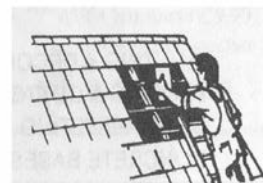
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with old trousers and stout shoes or boots (to cope with mud, nettles, brambles etc), with macs and wellies if it is wet. The climate is dry at this Park, so you won't need wet gear much. Bring a wildflower guide if you want, and a pencil and notebook, and a camera, and a sunhat and anti-insect spray, but none of these items are essential. A small x10 hand lens is essential, but I have ones for loan if you don't have your own. You don't have to be fit, but you do need to be able to stand still and walk gently for 3 hours, and kneel on the ground to study a rare flower, and get up again unaided! Bring a walking stick if it helps, and/or gardeners kneepads. Each walk is a stand-alone, or you can come for all 4 to make a better course, if you want. Please leave your dog in somebody else's care, as, being curious animals, they always try to put their faces exactly where we all want to look!

For further info, or to book, call 01708 228921, or email to mary@smith33gpr.fsnet.co.uk

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 United Reformed Church, Station Road, Upminster on **Saturday 11th April**, between 10.30am and 2.30pm. 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 protect your health.

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Havering Arts Festival 2015

Havering Arts Festival events in the next few weeks include:
Land, Sea and Sky: The Art of Robert Bryan, and exhibition of paintings at Havering Museum from 4th April to 27th May;
The Magic of the Musicals Workshop at Harold Wood Methodist Church on Saturday 11th April;
Havering Heritage Day at Upminster Old Chapel on Sunday 19th April;
Coin Identification and Valuation Day with Havering Numismatic Society at Fairkytes Arts Centre on Saturday 25th April; and

Verdi's Requiem by Havering Singers at Drapers Academy, Harold Hill on Saturday 2nd May. Full details of these, and all other, Havering Arts Festival events, available at www.haveringartscouncil.org.uk Look out for the brochure in local branch libraries."

Olympic Levy Nears Finish Line

Back in 2006, residents may recall a £20 'Olympic Levy' being added to Council Tax bills by the Mayor of London in order to part fund the 2012 Olympics. It may now be of interest, and indeed relief, that this payment is due to be reduced to £8 next year (2016/17) before ceasing altogether in 2017/18. While there is no question that the 2012 Olympics was a tremendous success and extremely well run, perhaps of less certainty is the quantifiable value of the £16million raised by Havering Council Tax payers as compared with our neighbours

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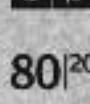
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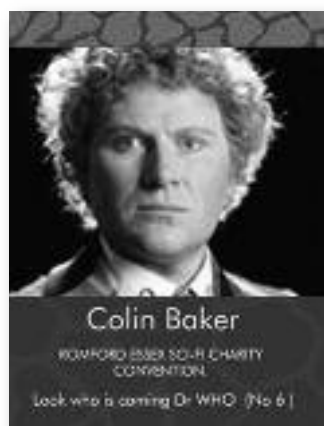
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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

Sci- Fi Charity Convention



The next Charity Convention is at the Harold Hill Community Centre RM3 9LB on Saturday July 25th from 10am till 4pm. This year it is Star Wars - Dr Who - Harry Potter with actors from each. Dr Who No 6 Colin Baker will be attending along with many

other actors, 18 in all. Raising funds for Little Havens Children's Hospice in Essex.

Clock House Bowls Club

The Club held an open day last May which was advertised in the *Bulletin*. Thanks to this, and other advertising we had nearly forty people attending throughout the day. This enabled us to recruit twenty new members. Thanks to this effort we are now in a much better financial position and are looking forward to the future. Our Ladies who won the Albert Crabb County double fours competition for the first time ever, as well as winning the Warley Woods League for the second year running. The second team also finished second in the second division. The men won promotion to the first division of the Romford Bowling Association Triples, and avoided relegation to remain in the top division of the Brentwood and

District triples league.

We are still in the position to welcome any new members next season, men or women, new or existing bowlers. So if you are interested please contact either Jack Briton on 227054 or Pam Bowden on 222185.



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help you. The course allows you to talk things over in a friendly, confidential environment where you have the opportunity to express feelings and fears. You will learn about the grieving experience, share feelings, and questions with other people who have suffered a loss, and so have a chance of understanding what you are going through.

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 courses starting on Wednesday 15th April in Hornchurch.

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Springtime in Song

Saturday 11th April, 7.30pm
Local Soprano Joanna Marie Skillett is returning to Upminster Methodist Church for a Concert of Celebration. A night of Song featuring a cast of opera's leading performers and music from many

loved shows of Opera and Musical Theatre, this concert marks the launch of JMS Music in the Community; raising money to launch local Music projects across Upminster. Tickets are £15, including interval refreshments. For more information and bookings, tel: 01708 510031 / 07932 416 102 or contact through: www.joannamariesoprano.com

New plan for the Community Forest

After 25 years of landscape regeneration, The Thames Chase Trust has launched its bold new vision for the Community Forest – The Thames Chase Plan. The plan celebrates the existing achievements of the Forest for local communities:

- created 500 hectares of new woodland planting making a 70% increase in woodland

- planted 1.3 million trees
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- transformed 20 square km of quarry sites that covered 20% of the Forest area into green havens for wildlife and for people
- benefited from 12,050 volunteer hours since 2005

The new plan will see a 30% increase in the amount of woodland in the forest by 2030, support improvements in poorly restored land, deliver and lobby for improved access between urban areas and the countryside, and also encourage use of the Forest through recreation, volunteering, training, health and heritage. The Forest's new website www.thameschase.org.uk where you can view the plan will also make it easier for local people to find out about the forest, its natural environment and history, as well as about the

groups and activities which residents can enjoy throughout the forest area.

Events at the Forest Centre

Friday 10th April 3-5pm – Musical Cream Tea. £8 per person

Sunday 19th April 10am-3pm – We welcome Essex Farmers Markets to the Thames Chase Farmers market selling a wide range of regional produce along with local craft stalls.

Friday 31st April to Monday 4th May 10am-4pm each day – Art Exhibition by ARTest.

Children's holiday programme: Tuesday 31st March 10.30am-12.30pm – Learn all about trees including stories and crafts.

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Wednesday 1st April 10.30am-12.30pm – making Easter bonnets inspired by nature, ending with a grand Easter Parade for all the family.

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Upminster CC v Essex CC

Upminster Cricket Club is pleased to announce that another Benefit Match has been arranged this year. The Essex beneficiary is Ravi Bopara. The match will be played on the Recreation Ground, Upminster on Sunday 16th August. Make a note in your diary and further details will be available in due course.

Craft Fair

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Thurs 4th June: "Beautiful", the Musical, Matinee (BY COACH £58) pick up Spice of India Cranham) + Thurs 9th July Matinee (No coach) £48 Ticket only. Celebrating the life story of 60s singer and songwriter Carole King. Brilliant Show.

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The next Vanilla Bake Club will be held on Monday 20th April at The Old Chapel, St Mary's Lane, Upminster from 18.30 until 20.30. We are a group of amateur but keen bakers who meet every 6 to 8 weeks to share our baking, stories and support. Please feel free to join us, we bake something to bring along to share. There is a fee of £5.00 to cover hall, teas and coffees. For further information www.vanillabakeclub.com or email

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CLlr CLARENCE BARRETT

Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 8th April - Comedy Tonight - presented by George Saddington who offers a light hearted programme of music concerning clowns, jesters, jokers, buffoons, fools and comedians. Mainly laughs but a few tears as well.

Wednesday 22nd April - That Old Black Magic: The Genius of Stanley Black presented by local musician Brian Luck who will be delving into the recorded music archive of the great pianist, composer and conductor. Best known for his contributions to light music Stanley Black worked with vocalists as diverse as Anne Shelton, Vera Lynn and Cliff Richard but also conducted and recorded music with some well known classical orchestras. Both events at Hornchurch Library, First Floor 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

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Dury Falls Alleyway

The problem of accumulated rubbish along the alleyway leading from Berkeley Close to Upminster Station is a persistent and unwelcome eyesore, particularly on the other side of the railway fence. While the Council do make efforts to keep the path clean, it is most frustrating that a few irresponsible people think it is ok to chuck litter (and assorted other items) over the railway fence. I have now been in touch with Network Rail about clearing away the accumulated rubbish and also the Council about placing bins along the alleyway.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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- 4 Saturday - **The Haverling Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month at Trinity Church, Station Rd, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. This month the talk is 'Men of Bad Character' wage decline in farming 19c with Jeffery Page. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'Family History @ Your Fingertips' by Meryl Catty. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and

visitors welcome to either or both. Admission free.

- 4 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL
5 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL.
7 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** please note there will be no meeting at the hall this month.
10 Friday - **RSPB Haverling Group** will present an illustrated talk by Natural History photographer Peter Warne "Copped Hall" in Hornchurch Library on Friday 10 April at 7.45 pm. Meeting fee £3. Contact Janet Silver on 01708 452171 for more information.
13 Monday - **Essex Wildlife Trust Haverling Group** will present an illustrated talk "Langdon Living Landscapes" by Rod Cole at Hornchurch Library at 8 pm. Requested donations £2. Light refreshments. For further information contact Joy Emerson on 01708 440297.
14 Tuesday **NADFAS(Haverling)** welcomes Mrs Kate Strasdin giving a talk on "A Royal Wardrobe Unlocked" - the surviving garments of Queen Alexandra". Lecture 10.45 am, Coffee from 10.00 am. Visitors welcome at £6. Meetings held at The Willow Hall, Romford Baptist Church, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BL. Further details about the Society and future lectures can be found at www.haverlingdfas.org.uk
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17 Friday - **Coffee & Conversation**, 10.30 am at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, has Speaker Jackie Hurley of BreakAway Tours. Entry £2 including refreshments.
17 Friday - **Haverling Antique Collectors Club** meet at The Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Judith Miller (Antiques Roadshow) on Candle-sticks. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Chairman Mrs Jan Halsey on 01708 373574. (Please note due to Easter falling on our usual date of 3rd Friday, the April meeting will be on 17th instead).
18 Saturday - **Quiz Night** in St Laurence Church Main Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm; quiz starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6. Maximum table size of 10. Bring your own food and drink. Tickets available from St Laurence Church Parish Office

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- 18 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL
18 Saturday **Quiz Night** in support of the Channel 2H Twinning Association of Haverling at The Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. Doors open at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tables of up to 8. Bring your own drinks, glasses and snacks. Tickets £6. To book a table contact Anne Sambidge: 01708 224703.
19 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL.
22 Wednesday - **Upminster Park Townswomen's Guild** Meetings are held in Derham Hall (behind the Library in Upminster) from 1.45 pm - 4 pm once a month.
25 Saturday - **RSPB Haverling Group have arranged a coach outing to Sussex Wild Life Trust, Rye Harbour, East Sussex** for a day's birding. Cost £17 each. Pick-ups in Ilford, Romford and Harold Hill. For further information and booking contact Ed Neller on 01708 558399.
25 Saturday - **Fundraising Quiz** at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster at 7.00 pm for a prompt start at 7.15 pm. Fish and Chips supper, bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be a raffle. Tickets are £7.50 and proceeds will be divided between the church and St. Francis Hospice. Tickets from Sonia

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The Polyclinic

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Sid Giles, Funding and Entertainment Manager

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The group consists of a lead guitar, rhythm guitar, keyboard, drums, 3 female singers and 2 male singers of which the average age is 68.

We need a bass guitarist, if you read music and are interested in joining us, we rehearse every Friday afternoon, phone Barry on 01708 501 910.

Autism Awareness

World Autism Awareness week runs from the 27th March to 2nd April and yet we find people do not fully understand the needs of those people with this condition. Autism is a lifelong learning developmental disability and there are about 700,000 people

affected in the UK and people with Autism have constant obstacles put in their way by Central Government and local authorities whilst trying to go about their daily lives despite legislation such as the Autism Act being in place and which provides statutory guidance to public bodies.

There was a recent announcement from Central Government for a further consultation to give more rights to people with learning disabilities, autism and mental health conditions and whilst this is welcome, more funding has to come from central government to local authorities to support proposals such as this. Also Local authorities need to get the right infrastructure in place and ensuring that it's Autism strategy and vision is in place for the long term. Sadly, this does not always happen.

People with autism want support, education and training, they want to live independently as possible, they want to feel part of the their community and wider society and they want to be understood by all professionals that support them

and be respected for whom they are by the public at large. Let's not 'walk on by' and ignore people with Autism and let's make them an important part in our society and the starting point starts with local authorities and government. For further information on Autism, go the National Autistic Society internet page at www.autism.org.uk

Cllr DARREN WISE

Gooshays Drive

I am pleased to advise that following requests from residents, double yellow lines have been installed adjacent to the traffic islands in Gooshays Drive. This will prevent commuter parking and improve traffic flow as this was previously blocking traffic and in particular buses from safe movement.

Cllr DARREN WISE

Yesterday Once More

Recently, on our 66th Wedding Anniversary, I resurrected our wedding photograph. It was

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rather sobering, realising, of the fifty or so guests in the grainy monochrome picture, thirty were dead, ten we'd lost touch with and the rest we couldn't recognise! My wife insisted they must have been my friends and I am sure she'd invited them. Even though the war had been over for three years, rationing prevailed. Clothing, tea, meat, bread, sugar, eggs, butter, in fact there was little that wasn't in short supply.

Our two-tier wedding cake had a cardboard top tier! All the relatives contributed from their rations for the spread. It wasn't a boozy "do" as beer too was in short supply. My Burton suit was on coupons and cost £10, as did the wedding ring. £3 for wedding car hire, but the flowers were given by green-fingered friends. Then there were extras, such as photographer and music by a pub-type pianist friend of my father, who'd play all night as long as I supplied him with beer! As a trainee, my weekly salary was £5 and my Army gratuity soon vanished.

We were virgins, we hadn't a home, a telephone or a car, I hoped my job would last, as I was

now in hock for the next year's wages, but we were deeply in love and full of the optimism of youth! Today, the young have different obstacles, which I'm sure they'll overcome, as we did.

Dennis Goodwin

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- 3 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL.
- 5 Tuesday - **Oglethorpe Women's Institute** have their Resolutions and Annual General Meeting. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome as our guests for their first visit.
- 9 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL
- 9 Saturday - **Cancer Research UK** will be holding a fundraising day in Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane 1pm - 3.30 pm. There will be lots to do and see for Adults and Children. Come and be turned into

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- 10 Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at Mill Field, St Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 2QL.
- 15 Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Steve Lester on **"Insights or a Provincial Auctioneer"**. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Jan Halsey on 01708 373574.

ASSOCIATION DIARY

APRIL

1 Wednesday **Upminster Ward Meeting** at St. Joseph's Social Centre at 8.00 pm.

10 Thursday **Cranham Ward Meeting/AGM** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens at 7.45 pm.

Association Coach Outing

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- 2 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. This month the talk is **'Home Office Certified Industrial Schools'** with Dr. Gillian Gear. The

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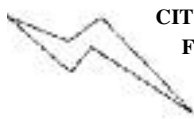
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