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Houses in Multiple Occupancy

In response to a worrying trend of a few unlicensed and unregulated Houses in Multiple Occupancy, developers buying up a large number of properties predominantly in Harold Hill, Residents' Association councillors unanimously voted to set the wheels in motion "urgently" for the Council to impose what is called an Article 4 Directive. This Directive forces a developer to obtain planning permission for turning a regular dwelling house into an HMO. Currently this is not an obligation. Your RA councillors will keep you informed on this issue, and likewise if you suspect an HMO is being developed near you, please get in touch.

Cllrs ALEX DONALD, BRIAN EAGLING, and DARREN WISE

Free Bouncy Castle

Thanks to our sponsor, Harold Wood Funeral Services, we are providing a bouncy castle free of charge in Painesbrook Park, Church Road, Harold Wood on Monday 25th May from 11.00am to 3.00pm. This event is to promote Painesbrook Park so on this Bank Holiday Monday, mums and dads, bring your children along with a picnic and enjoy the day. We hope to see you there. Resident Association members and your 3 local councillors Brian Eagling, Darren Wise and Alex Donald.

Update on Harold Wood Park

I hope that by the time you receive this *Bulletin*, work to demolish the old changing rooms in the park should have started. I can assure you all that I am monitoring this issue very closely as I feel it has been going on for long enough.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Residents Working with us

A resident contacted me regarding the damaged wire fence and the concrete panel fence in the alleyway connecting Briars Walk and Hamilton Drive. The fences belong to Network Rail and both myself and the resident made contact with them and I am pleased to confirm that as this was an urgent issue the damaged fences were quickly repaired. May I thank local resident, Stuart Weston, for reporting this matter to me.

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

Your Local Councillors



Cllrs ALEX DONALD,
BRIAN EAGLING, and
DARREN WISE

News from Redden Court School

The semi-finals of Havering Young Chef of the Year went well but, unfortunately, neither student was selected to go through to the finals. Brook F was commended on making her own sauce and the judges ate all of her food. Sian W came 3rd in her heat and was only three marks below the second student selected. The judges said it was a very close competition. I am very proud of both students; it was a great experience and gave them the opportunity to work in an industrial kitchen. Congratulations to Katie Cremer Katie, who is in year 10, competed in the Trampoline Competition and became Havering Champion in this event for the fourth year running. Well Done Katie.

Beach Party

P.E fund raising event to be held on Saturday 27th June. For more details contact Redden Court School - Telephone number 01708 342293.

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Harold Wood Evening WI

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Ardleigh House Events

Saturday 21st June, Blackwater Country Show

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entry ticket).

Sunday 5th July, De Panne

De Panne is the most southerly of the Belgium seaside resorts being situated just 45 minutes from Calais; therefore ideal for a Day Trip. The kids 'll love it but if they tire of the beach there is always 'Plopsaland' De Panne's childrens theme Park. Price £45.00; Members £40.00; Children £25.00. Contact: Charlotte Murphy, Ardleigh House Community Association, 01708 440660

Harold Wood Library Events

Please note following events at the Library this month:

Thursday 14th Young at Heart.

Adults welcome to to hear a talk on the work of guide dogs by Brian Breeze. 11am to Noon. £1 Includes refreshments.

Wednesday 20th Animal Masks.

Children 4 to 10 years come along and have fun making a beautiful animal mask 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Members £3. Non members £3.50.

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.

Village Green Fete

On Saturday July 4th, 1pm- 5pm, the Rotary Club of Hornchurch and Upminster will be holding a Fete in the centre of Hornchurch at the Green beside the Queen's Theatre. Entrance is free! There will be amusements and rides for young children, numerous stalls, live music and refreshments. Come along and find out about Rotary, what it is, what it does and

learn more about the three Rotary Clubs based in Havering.

Nightingale Avenue fence

I have received complaints from residents that the fence which separates Nightingale Crescent from the Polyclinic is being damaged by people climbing over it. At the last Safer Neighbourhood Team ward panel meeting, the police announced that following extensive vandalism to the Long Term Condition Centre, they are actively monitoring the area and offenders breaching the fence WILL be prosecuted with a maximum fine of £3000. As mentioned in a previous edition, the Kings Park walkway is set to open around July.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Common Ground

At the start of the Second World War Essex County Council

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enclosed part of Tyler's Common with the view to using the common grazing land for growing food. It wasn't good agricultural land but every spare inch was needed. At the end of the war however, the County Council erected barbed wire fences and local farmers were asked for rent for what had been their traditional grazing land. It seemed their grazing rights had been quietly sold off for £200.

Edward Luther, a local eccentric and opponent of all authority, waded in driving around in his slogan-painted little car blasting away with a loudspeaker on a campaign for the return of the commoner's birthright. His threat to hang the guilty Council members at Gallow's Corner attracted publicity and the local MP Geoffrey Bing KC produced a petition which required 300 signatures. This was ready within a day and eventually the Minister for Agriculture conceded it was illegal to fence the common without his consent and Essex Council were ordered to remove what was left of the fencing that hadn't been torn down by protesters, the cost to be borne by the Essex Councillors. The

campaigners celebrated on the site and a Victory stone was unveiled by Lady Clarke Hall who lived nearby. It is still there, hidden behind the dwarf wall of one of the houses facing the common.

It refers to "The Battle of Upminster Common in July 1951 and the victory of the commoners over Essex Council in the name of King John and Magna Carta"

Dennis Goodwin

Camborne Avenue / Melksham Drive areas

Following residents' complaints and concerns with commuter parking in the area, I have raised the matter with the Council to consider some form of parking restrictions to prevent commuter parking as they are parking dangerously and there is no respect for local residents. We shall keep you informed of any decisions.

Cllr DARREN WISE

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Gooshays Drive



Many of you may have seen the double yellow lines that were recently painted in Gooshays Drive have started to wash away. I have raised this matter with the Council and they are going to request the contractor to come back and do a proper job.

Cllr DARREN WISE

St. Peter's Church, Harold Wood, Men's Lunch



News and some Bad News. Bad News first - there is No Lunch this month because May is our annual outing.

This year we are visiting London, and in particular we are looking forward to a special guided tour of St. Paul's Cathedral. St. Paul's has such a long amazing history dating back all the way back to 604, and including famously surviving the Blitz during 1940. Unfortunately the trip is now fully

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booked, but we thought you'd be interested in knowing what we're getting up to.

Oh - and that Good News! Well, normal lunch service will resume on Tuesday, 9th June and we look forward to a 'Summer Special' when St. Paul's comes to St. Peter's! Yes, the 'Stop Press' news is that our VIP guest will be The Very Rev'd. Dr. David Ison, Dean of St. Paul's and a former youth member of St. Peter's. Booking for this event will open on 12th May. More next month.

Chris Knowles, Julian Harris and
the Men's Lunch Team

Internet at King's Park

As a resident on the King's Park estate, I am aware of issues relating to the Open Reach internet connection. Having spoken to Countryside, this can only be resolved through your internet provider who will contact Open Reach.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

Online Portal update

The Council's online portal has been improved to give you up-to-date feedback on issues you report, including sending you email alerts. On the website www.havering.gov.uk, click 'Report' at the top of the page, select the issue you want dealing with, follow the instructions to create a new user account or sign in with your current one. Once you have signed up, you can report as many issues as you like quickly and conveniently, 24/7. Unlike before, you will now be informed when the location is due to be inspected and when the issue is due to be dealt with. These issues include: street cleaning, dog fouling, fly tipping, dead animal removal, graffiti, weeds, shrubs, potholes, trees, and applying for resident parking permits. As ever, if you need any help with using the portal, please contact me.

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commitment from the community in protecting this facility. Working in partnership with Havering College, Kids Activity Expo and Havering Council, the 9-hole Crazy Golf part of the course is also the focus of a community competition inviting fresh and original designs from young people across the borough to design their own crazy golf hole. Winners will be announced on May 17th at the Kids Activity Expo. The course is open weekends and school holidays until 1st November. Fees are £5 for adults and £3 for children, OAPs and students.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cllr GILLIAN FORD

The Cathedrals Express



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There were a number of visitors back in March on the platforms at Upminster Station welcoming the steam train (pictured) that took passengers to Bath and Bristol.

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A number of locals joined the train here.

The trip was organised by "Steam Dreams" who specialise in these trips. On the 19th August they have a steam service from Barking to Weymouth. This coincides with Weymouth's Carnival.

Thames Chase

Celebrating 25 years

Thames Chase Community Forest joins Havering 90 Joggers in both celebrating their 25th anniversary with a 10k Run and Family Fun Run on Sunday 14th June at the Forest Centre, Pike Lane. For more information about the 10k run visit www.runnersworld.co.uk. Details of the Family Fun Run and booking forms can be found on the website www.thamechase.org.uk or at the Forest Centre. Dust off your running shoes and enjoy a run in the country!

Events at the Forest Centre in May
Friday 8th May 3-5pm - Musical Cream Tea. £8 per person

Sunday 17th May 10am-3pm - A bumper Sunday Market with Essex Farmers' Markets selling fish, cheese, delicious pies, meat and sausages and lots more along with your favourite craft stalls. Free entry.

Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May 10am-4pm both days - Guild of Essex Craftsmen's annual craft fair at the Forest Centre. Watch skilled craftsmen demonstrate their craft and maybe find a special gift or treat from the feast of craft items on display.

Sunday 31st May from 12noon - A wildflower walk to Cranham Marsh starting from the Forest centre. Learn about this unique natural environment and its wide array of wildflowers from the Essex Wildlife warden, Tony Gunton. Cost £3 per person.

Children's half term holiday programme:

Tuesday 26th May 10.00am-2pm - Wellgate Farm are bringing their animals to Broadfields for all the family to enjoy. Cost £5 per person.

Wednesday 27th May 10.30am-

12.30pm - Hut building in the Forest. Make a shelter for yourself using natural materials. Cost £3 per child from 5 years. Booking essential for both children's events at the Forest Centre, Pike Lane. Tel: 01708 642970.

Car Parking - Update

As part of the £60m budget savings plan, the council undertook a review of parking arrangements across the whole borough. There was a three month consultation period (Oct - Dec) which ran alongside the overall budget consultation. The first 30 minutes will be free in all car parks and pay and display bays outside of Romford Town Centre. However, many of the smaller car parks eg Brickfields will not be subject to any parking charges. Evening parking will continue to be free. In addition, and following a lengthy consultation process, initial proposals for car parking charges in parks have been scaled

back to 20p for 3 hours, 50p for five hours and free at weekends and Bank Holidays.

On street charges will be 0-30mins (20mins plus 10 mins grace) free, 1 hour (plus 10 mins grace) £1, 1 - 2 hrs (plus 10 mins grace) £1.50 and 2-3 hrs £2 (plus 10 mins grace).

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Havering Arts Festival

Havering Arts Festival 2015 continues in May with events in the next few weeks including: Verdi's Requiem by Havering Singers at Drapers Academy, Harold Hill on Saturday 2nd May; Wolves and Wildcats, a talk by Essex Rock and Mineral Society at HOPWA House, Inskip Drive, Hornchurch on 12th May; Wesley Players: Ding Dong at Methodist Church Hall, Upminster from 14th to 16th May; All Saints Players: Where There's a Will at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road from 14th to

16th May; and An Evening of Storytelling at Upminster Old Chapel on 15th 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.

Bryant Avenue Exit closure update

I would just like to update and advise residents that we are still in ongoing discussions with Transport For London regarding the proposed closure of the Bryant Avenue exit onto the A127. As the Ardleigh Green Bridge replacement is a major project there are a number of engineers considering all aspects of Health and Safety and the 'knock on' effect for local residents. As soon as we get further news we shall be updating you on any news that we receive.

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Congratulations Linda

Our Upminster Residents' Councillor Linda Van den Hende has been elected as the Council's

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Clarence Runs 10k for First Step

Clarence will be running the Bupa London 10k race on the 25th of this month in aid of First Step. Having raised funds for the children's charity in the past through abseiling down the YMCA building, jumping out of a plane at 12,500ft and running the London Marathon, Clarence hopes to raise well deserved funds for the charity again this year. First Step provide an essential service to the community by providing support to pre-school age children with special needs and support for the whole family. Should anyone wish to support this excellent cause through sponsorship, Clarence's fundraising page can be found at www.justgiving.com/Clarence-Barrett4/ or call 07863 116029.

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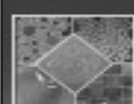
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Adults £5; Children under 14yrs £2; under 5s Free. Any further information contact Nick Joseph 01708 342 348.

May Day Fun Day and Classic Car Show

All Saints Church May Day Fun Day and Classic Car Show will be held in the grounds of James Oglethorpe School, Ashvale Gardens, Upminster on the 4th May, 11am - 4pm.
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Thorndon Plant Sale

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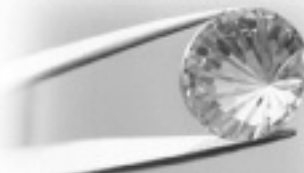
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The Upminster and District Horticultural Society on Tuesday 12th May are holding a Charity Evening and Members' Plant Sale and Wildlife

Gardening Myths and Realities - Dr Stephen Head, who is now a professional conservationist and keen gardener, with a special interest in wildlife gardening. New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Entrance fee for this event will be £3.00, raising money for this year's charity, the Wildlife

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For further information on Upminster Horticultural Society see our website: www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk info@upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.

Lunchtime Recitals

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May 14th Richard Brasier: Organ.

May 21st Tiago Gomes de Matos: Guitar

May 28th Edward Taylor: Organ. All welcome.

Family Fun Morning

To raise awareness of and funds for the work of the Children's Society. The St Laurence Church Committee have organised the

morning in St Laurence Church, Main Hall on Saturday 16th May, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, with children's craft activities, face painting, home-made cakes and cards, refreshments and a raffle. All welcome.

Exhibition of Paintings

Janet and Terry DoYLES' paintings will be on display at Hornchurch Library until Saturday 23rd May. Subjects include Animals, Local Scenes and Landscapes in Watercolour and Oil. The exhibition may be seen during Library open hours and all paintings will be for sale. For enquiries ring 01708 532 967.

Cranham Art Society

The Society will be holding an exhibition of paintings in the Upminster Library until 9th May. Paintings of a variety of subjects and media will be on sale. For further information please telephone 01708 229 715 or 01708 642 114.

Cancer Research Fund Raising Day

Cancer Research UK will be holding a fund raising day in Cranham Social Hall Front Lane on the 9th May, 1 - 3.30pm. There will be lots to do and see for adults and children. Come and be turned into a lion, or a tiger or anything else by our expert face painters, or purchase something for someone special. Please support this worthy cause.

Upminster Library

Upminster Library is a much treasured facility which provides a valuable service to residents across Upminster, Cranham and beyond. As part of the recent budget strategy, original plans to reduce Upminster to part time opening hours were successfully reversed and full time hours maintained. However, we face even more budget cuts over the next few years and it is a priority for us to protect the long term funding future of the Library. The

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potential to better employ underused parts of the Library was raised at the consultation meeting in December, with the possibility of a in-house 'reading cafe' gaining much support. The next step is seeking expressions of interest along those lines, but still maintaining existing services while not impacting negatively on the Library. This process is at a very early stage and any serious proposal would be subject to close examination to ensure that it is right for Upminster. If it is not, it will not happen. We will ensure the residents are kept abreast of developments in this respect and would welcome any further suggestions or ideas that will help us protect the long term future of our Library.

CLlr LINDA HAWTHORN

All Saints Players

All Saints Players present a production of "Where there's a Will" a comedy thriller, written by Norman Robbins, at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LG (next to Havering College). Performances on Thursday,

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Craft Fair

A Craft Fair for Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, Brentwood again this one taking place on Sunday 24th May, exhibitors to arrive 9.30am public from 10.30am. If anyone would like to book a stall they can contact me on my email address or mobile 07910 421 182 for details.

Upminster Park Funday

Saturday 9th May. 11am- 4pm. Friends of Upminster Park Funday. Lots to do and see, including donkey rides, slide, walking balls, castles, kiddies' rides, side shows, brass band. Variety of stalls to browse and ride on a train. Please join us for a family day out.

Wednesday Music Evenings

Wednesday 6th May - Musical Memories of World War 2 presented by Don Poole.

Expect to hear the music of Vera Lynn, Anne Shelton, Gracie Fields, George Formby plus some of the dance bands of the time.

Wednesday 20th May - Frederick Delius & Friends - presented by Stephen Raindle.

Meetings are held in the Main Meeting Room 1st Floor, Hornchurch Library, North Street and commence at 7.30pm ending at 9.30pm. Admission is FREE. A small donation is requested for any interval refreshments. No need to book in advance just turn up in time. Further details from Stephen Raindle 01708 470670 email sraindle@aol.com



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Sat 13th June Summer Fair at St. Laurence Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, 10am- 3pm. Approx 25 stalls and refreshments, with special interests for the children to include a face painter, various games and, hopefully, a real live meercat!

FUTURE EVENTS

MAY 2015

- Sunday - Carol & Bill Brewster invite you to their **Open Day** 12 noon - 5 pm, in aid of **McMillan Nurses & British Heart Foundation**. Homemade Cakes and Refreshments. Many seating areas at 171a Moor Lane, Cranham, Upminster, RM14 1HN, £4 entrance. Contact Carol or Bill from 5 pm 7 pm on 01708 221085.
- 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.
- Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- 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 a Lion, or a Tiger or anything else by our expert face painters, or purchase something for someone special. Please support this worthy cause.
- Sunday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- Sunday - **Havering Mind** are holding **Bark in the Park Dog Walk** at 11 am at Harrow Lodge Park. £5 a dog. Each dog receives a goody bag and certificate. Dog stalls and refreshments. Please contact Ciaran.white@haveringhamind.org.uk for more information.
- Friday - **Havering Antique and Collectors Club** meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood have Guest Speaker Paul Atterbury (Antiques Roadshow) on **"Aalto to Ikea" The Impact of Scandinavian design**. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Jan Halsey on 01708 373574.
- Sunday - **Children's Activity Day**. Various Venues. Please see www.kidsactivityexpo for further details.
- Monday - **Romford Historical Society**, meet at Myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, RM3 9EN, Doors open 7.30 pm Meeting starts 8 pm, have speakers Mike Tarbard and Paul Addington talking on **"The History of the Bata Shoe Company"**. Visitor fee £2.50.
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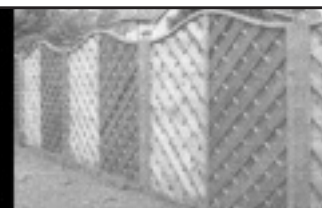
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Cllr ALEX DONALD

Parking in Denmark Lodge

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Cllr ALEX DONALD

Wilde nights in June

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bonfire: Your council can issue an "abatement notice" if a neighbour's bonfire is causing a nuisance. A bonfire must happen frequently to be considered a nuisance. Your neighbour can be fined up to £5,000 if they don't stick to the notice.

Three more Protected Zones for Harold Wood

Residents of Arlington Gardens, Newhall Drive and Sackville Crescent got a knock on the door from the police, or Havering Council's community safety team at the end of February to invite them to help set up a safety zone in their area.

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Crime down in December

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Dangerous parking

Harold Wood Safer Neighbourhood Team has been dealing with dangerous parking by parents outside Harold Court Primary School, reminding them it is illegal to park on zigzag lines near pedestrian crossings or outside schools.

Havering Council has also been using CCTV to enforce the parking restrictions at the school. Sergeant Charlie Routley said: "I can't emphasise enough the need for parking restrictions near schools to be followed, illegal parking could cost a child its life which is why we take such complaints so seriously."



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Essex Wildlife Trust

Essex Wildlife Trust Havering will present an illustrated talk "Walthamstow Reservoir & The New Woodberry Nature Reserve" by David Mooney on Monday 11th May in Hornchurch Library at 8pm. Requested donation £2. More info from Joy Emerson on 01708 440 297.

RSPB Havering Group will hold their AGM followed by a Guest Speaker and slides on Friday May 8th at 7.45pm in Hornchurch Library. more information from Janet Silver on 01708 452 171 On Saturday May 30th there will be a coach outing to Minsmere, Suffolk for a day of birding. For details contact Ed Neller on 01708 558 399.

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21 Thursday - Upminster Wesley Guild has one more open meeting this session at 8pm in the Minor Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, Upminster, when the guest speaker will be historian Ian Porter with a talk entitled "Women and the Home Front in World War I". Meeting fee £1.50.

30 Saturday - **Upminster Windmill Open Day**, 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

30 Saturday - **Havering East Rotary - Barn Dance** at Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, RM14 1SR. Dance the night away to the 6-piece "Most Unexpected" dance band with caller. 7.30 pm start - many raffle prizes to be won and Name the Bear comp. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £20 includes Buffet - tickets available from Sue Wilson on 01708 470 897 or 07971 539 487.

31 Sunday - **Tithe Barn**, Hall Lane **Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.

JUNE

2 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe Women's Institute**. 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.

6 Saturday - **Tithe Barn Open Day** 10.30 am - 4.00 pm. Free Entry.

6 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. This month the talk is 'The Variant Spelling Surnames' with Derek Palgrave. The Computer Group meets at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by a workshop. Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both. Admission free.

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7 Sunday - **Havering Mind** are holding **The BIG BLUE Run/Walk** 10 am at Harrow Lodge Park. £10 to take part (over 12s). Includes sports bag, medal

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