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## Maylands Fields Update

Your Residents' Association councillors have supported local residents in the campaign for refusing planning permission for a cemetery on Maylands Fields. As well as speaking out at the Town Hall's Planning Committee, we also submitted our objections to the Government's Planning Inspectorate setting out our reasons to reject the appeal.

Recently, we attended the Inspectorate's inquiry at Town Hall. At the time of writing, the case is being summed up and deliberated. Unfortunately, this process has been known to take months before a decision is made by the Government to either uphold the refusal by Havering Council or to approve the appeal.

Recently, squatters and new age travellers occupied part of the area via Mount Ave and have conducted unacceptable threatening and abusive behaviour towards residents. We informed the site's owners - Gardens of Peace - and they immediately obtained a Court Order to remove those occupying the field. Despite the squatters threatening to return to the site, the situation is being monitored but as it is private land the responsibility to secure the site is with the owner and not with the Council. We will keep readers updated on the decision of the planning appeal.

Cllrs ALEX DONALD, BRIAN EAGLING & DARREN WISE

## Harold Wood Station Update



Further to our update in August that the station ticket hall and lift would be in place by Winter 2016, we have been further advised that the lifts and ticket hall are now unlikely to be in use until Spring 2017. This is very frustrating for all users of the station as initially we were told the station would have been all done by Summer 2016. We appreciate that there are various challenges and complications with undertaking this project but the planning has been poor especially that they are about a year off their original target date. We have made our feelings known to the project team as well as those of our residents. We have been also advised that TFL Rail will consider alternative arrangements for customers who are finding it that little bit more difficult to use the station particularly the elderly who may find it more difficult to climb the footbridge stairs during this work. Rail customers who are finding the stairs difficult are invited to make themselves known to station staff and a member of the Tfl Rail Customer Experience team will contact the customer to see what alternative arrangements can be made.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## TFL Rail Track Closures

We wish to give you advance notice of TFL rail track closures that will be occurring on the weekend of 17/18 September and every weekend right through to the weekend of 5/6 November. This will likely mean that further work will be carried out on Harold Wood station over those weekends and is likely to be closed and a rail replacement bus service in place. We have obtained this information from TFL website and you may wish to double check in case any of this information changes once we have gone to print.

Cllrs BRIAN EAGLING & DARREN WISE

## The Road to Tesco

I am pleased to report the overgrown bushes along Whitelands Way (the road leading to Tesco) have been cut back. Not only was it intruding onto the pavement but it was also blocking certain signs for road users. I am also pleased to report the railings at the pedestrian crossing on the same road have been replaced after being dented.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Nelmes W.I.

The Nelmes Women's Institute meet on the second Wednesday of every month and welcomes 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 2.00pm promptly. After conducting our business and a cup of tea we have speakers on various topics of interest. We also arrange for outings to various places of interest. please contact Ruth McDougall on 01708 448431 or [ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.wellwisher@gmail.com)

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- Have you got enough spare light bulbs?
- Always remember to leave a light on when you leave home
- A good idea is to have a time switch installed on a table lamp
- Ensure your windows and doors are securely locked and fastened
- Always check the identity of the person before opening your front door
- Make sure your safety chain is secure

Cllr BRIAN EAGLING

## Cleaning up

A resident contacted me to report litter along various places in Camborne Avenue and Halesworth Road. After walking round with the resident, I recorded and reported all the places that needed clearing and within a few days, all the litter was removed. The footpaths and channels of Camborne Avenue are cleared every other Tuesday, and the grass verges cut every 3 weeks. The litter is picked before cutting takes place.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## St Francis Hospice

If there are any local residents with a bit of spare time on their hands why not come along and volunteer for our lovely shop in Hornchurch. We desperately need 'drivers mates' one or two days a week, you must be over 18 and able to lift and carry. Please contact Sue on 01708 450990.

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Cllr ALEX DONALD

with the Housing Department who I am working with closely to ensure all the issues are resolved quickly and efficiently.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Community Electronics Event

A free community event where people who know more about electronics help others repair their broken or slow devices is to be held Saturday 10th September 2016, 11.00am to 2.00pm at the Harold Hill Community Centre, Gooshays Drive, Harold Hill. Bring your radio, cd player, laptop, food mixer, hair dryer or what-have-you and our experienced volunteers can advise and help you to repair. Please arrive before 1.30pm if you're bringing an item to fix. Please have batteries charged, bring power leads and back up any data if you can. They'll be tea and coffee provided and it would be great if you'd bring some snacks to share. If you are a

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## Vehicle Crossover Application

I received a request for a dropped kerb and crossover to be installed in front of a resident's property. The application form can be found online at [www.havering.gov.uk/pages/onlineforms/crossover.aspx](http://www.havering.gov.uk/pages/onlineforms/crossover.aspx) or alternatively, please contact me. The decision will be decided by officers purely based on practical logistics and planning law.

Cllr ALEX DONALD

## All Saints Players

This year marks our 50th Anniversary approaching 150 productions. To celebrate our anniversary, the September production will be "It'll be Alright on the Night" written by Audrey

Webb. The village hall of Ardleigh Worthit which has stood for fifty years is under threat by the new incumbents of the "Manor". The plans are to pull the hall down and replace it with up market accommodation for paying guests, thereby depriving the villagers of their long use of village facilities. Protests are set in place to prevent the change; will they be successful? Or thwarted! "It'll be Alright on the Night" will be staged at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, RM11 2LG (next to Havering College). Performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8/9/10 September 2016 at 8.00pm (Doors open 7.30pm) Tickets are priced at £ 5.00 and are available from 01708 725077 or to reserve a ticket e-mail [boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk)

## Foster a cat or kittens

I recently became a fosterer with RSPCA Essex, Havering & Harold Hill branch looking after a mother cat and kittens for a few weeks before they went to their new homes. It was a very rewarding

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experience and one which I would highly recommend. The branch itself is an independently registered

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Cllr ALEX DONALD

## Men's Lunch

St. Peter's Church 'Men's Lunch' new season begins on Tuesday 13th September at 11:30am, we warmly invite any men around on this day to join us here in Harold Wood for a home cooked meal and an interesting talk/presentation. We have some very special guest speakers to look forward to this session. Kick-starting our new season, we look forward to welcoming and hearing from - OLLY ELLIOTT - St. Peter's Youth & Families Minister. To book your place on the 13th, or for more details, please phone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: [welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org), or visit the website: [www.stpetersharoldwood.org](http://www.stpetersharoldwood.org). (type 'Men's Lunch' into the search box). We look forward to welcoming new and existing members - all welcome.

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

charity following RSPCA policies and guidelines, based at Campbell Clinic, Harold Hill where it provides low cost veterinary care to those on benefits and state pensions, and promotes wider responsible pet ownership. It is self-funded receiving no money from Government and currently has an urgent need for more foster homes. Foster care periods can last for a few days to several months so can be worked around what you can provide. The RSPCA also provide everything you would need for your animal so it won't cost you a penny. Veterinary treatment is at the Campbell Clinic on Tuesday am so you will need to be able to transport your animal there on that day. To register an interest and get more information on fostering please call 01708 381 822 or email

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contact 01708 642970 or call in at the Forest Centre to follow the work in progress.

### Thames Chase events

**Friday 9th September from 10.30am** Discovering Thames Chase coffee morning to explore memories of Hornchurch Country Park. This will be followed by a guided walk around the park on **Friday 23rd September from 10.30am.**

**Friday 16th September 2.30-4.30pm** Thames Chase cream tea (booking essential)

**Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th September** the Forest Centre historic farm buildings and architecturally acclaimed Visitor centre will be open as part of the Open House London.

**Sunday 18th September 10am-3pm** Sunday Market with produce and craft stalls from local providers.

**Sunday 25rd September 2.30-4.30pm** Sue2 will present 'September Song', a collection of standard jazz and songs. Tickets £10 per person from the Centre. More information on the Thames Chase website.

## Upminster Windmill Restoration



Photograph courtesy of Andrew Conway

Building work is well underway at Upminster Windmill. The new Visitor Centre is progressing well and is due to be finished mid to late summer 2016, opening to the public in April next year. There will be a workshop to carry out maintenance on the Windmill as well as a new space to welcome visitors and groups. One of the most exciting phases of the project began in late May - the restoration of the Mill itself. Willem Dijkstra is our appointed Millwright; his first job on site was to remove the cap and sails. The

sails have been removed before, notably in 2007 when two were removed due to storm damage, however, it was still a great sight to see the sails lifted off. The following day was a truly historic occasion; the cap had not been removed since 1803 when the Windmill was built so the task at hand was a delicate one. The job was skilfully executed with the cap safely lowered to the ground. The curb, which sits between the top of the body of the mill and the cap, was also removed a few days later.

The cap, sails, curb and several other components including some of the mill stones have now been taken to Willem's workshop in Holland where they will be fully restored. The weatherboarding on the Mill will be repaired, and a scaffold will go up around the Mill next year to allow for this work. The restoration of the Mill will take two years, with completion in 2018. Volunteers will be working to repair the internal machinery of the Mill also.

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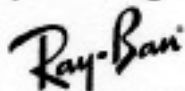
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Cllr DARREN WISE

## ICT Support in Libraries

If you need help in accessing the internet, help is available at certain times in Upminster Library. Times are Thursdays between 10.30 and 12.30 with additional support available on the first Thursday in any month with Techy Teas. Booking for this assistance is essential. 01708 434933. This help can be tailored to your needs and can help you access council and other services with confidence.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

## Cllr Clarence Completes Hospice Run

Cllr Clarence Barrett fulfilled his latest charity challenge by completing the British 10k London Run on 10th July. Thanks to kind donations, he raised £730 for St Francis Hospice in the process. Clarence said: "Firstly may I thank all those who sponsored me. The event was a great experience, good

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weather, terrific crowds and I managed to finish in one piece while raising funds for a fantastic cause - all in all, a day well spent! "I have seen

how the Hospice care not only for those with life-limiting conditions, but also for the families and carers of loved ones. When the need is most, and times are tough, the service provided by St Francis Hospice is an invaluable asset to the community. It is inspiring to see how dedicated personal care, compassion and love are such motivating qualities that embrace the whole philosophy of the Hospice". The Hospice needs £7.7m a year to run, and while the NHS provide some £2.3m, the remaining £5.4m is down to fundraising, gifts, legacies and the generosity of people to undertake their own personal challenges to support a great cause.

## UCRA Coach Outings

Saturday 15th October, CANTERBURY  
Canterbury's skyline is dominated by the stunning cathedral, the oldest in Kent. And although Canterbury is a place steeped in tradition, its attractions are very much alive. Both local and national retailers combine with fine restaurants and welcoming pubs, inviting you to sample what's on offer. Don't forget to check the "Association Diary" each month for booking details on page 22.

## Coach Outing Donations

UCRA is a non-profit making organisation and were able to make charitable donations to the following worthy causes.  
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## Exhibition of Paintings

There will be an exhibition of portfolio paintings and drawings by June Preston at Upminster Library on 26th September until 8th October. Come and see.

## Weed Spraying

After the very wet June, the weed spraying programme fell behind. We have been chasing the Council on a number of areas and should now be back on schedule.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## New Pilates drop-in class

In addition to their regular Pilates classes and courses which run Monday to Thursday in Upminster & Cranham, Charlene & Neil of Upminster Sports Massage & Pilates are introducing Pilates 'drop-in' classes on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings for those unable to commit to regular classes.

Groups are kept to a maximum of 10 to ensure close supervision. Class pass purchases and bookings must be made online in advance. Bookings are also open for new September Beginner Courses. For further information please visit [www.upminstersportsmassage.co.uk](http://www.upminstersportsmassage.co.uk) or call Charlene on 07411 826721, or email [upminstersportsmassage@gmail.com](mailto:upminstersportsmassage@gmail.com)

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## AFC Hornchurch

The 2016/17 Season is well under way please note the following home fixtures at the Bridge Stadium this month- Tuesday 6th Brentwood, Saturday 10th Brightlingsea, Saturday 24th Dereham, Tuesday 27th

Thamesmead. Please note on Saturday 8th October Home to Ashford Town. Kindly note Saturday kick off as usual at 3pm. Tuesdays at 7.45pm. The team has an excellent web site [www.afchornchurch.com](http://www.afchornchurch.com) for further details. Go along and support the "Urchins".

## Shirley's Tours

**November: Thurs 24th:** THURSFORD SPECTACULAR Matinee Show, Raised seating + Xmas Lunch at Pensthorpe Bird Sanctuary: By Coach, Depart 7.15 am. £76 to include Coach, Show and two course meal.  
**December Thurs 15th:** ALADDIN New Disney Spectacular Musical straight from Broadway, with special effects, Prince Edward Theatre London 2.30pm Matinee, Mid D/Circle. Seats/Coach £65.  
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2016 at the Wesley Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, 10, Hall Lane, Upminster, RM14 1AE.

## Rotary Sponsored Walk

The Rotary Club of Hornchurch & Upminster have organised their annual sponsored walk to take place on Sunday 11 September 2016 to raise funds for the Saint Francis Hospice. The start and finish will be at the RSPB Rainham Marshes Nature Reserve, off New Tank Hill Road (A1090) off the A1306 between Rainham & Lakeside, Purfleet, RM19 1SZ. Parking available at the start (Charge £1). Start between 9.00 and 10.00 with drinks at the halfway point. The 7-mile walk will take place over public footpaths through Rainham Marshes and alongside the River Thames. It is not a race - just a pleasant walk through open countryside. Adults and children are invited to take part, children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult. For details and sponsorship forms

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## French Classes for Adults

Starting from Monday 3rd October at Fairkytes Arts Centre, Hornchurch.

**Intermediate year 1:** Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm. This course is not suitable for complete beginners but would suit learners who can

make basic sentences and would like to develop their range of vocabulary and grammar in order to progress towards more fluent conversation.

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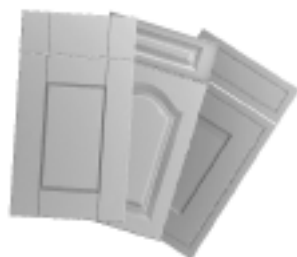


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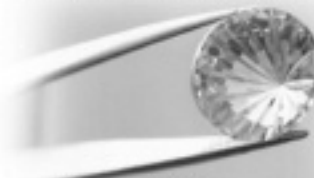
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## Lymphoma Support Group

If you have been affected by lymphoma, myeloma or

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Our programme for the Autumn is:

27th Sept - speaker - pastoral lead Queens Hospital

18th Oct - guest speaker - Late effects of Chemo therapy

22nd Nov - clinical nurse specialist - 'Staying healthy on holiday'

13th Dec - Bring and share lunch

12.30 - 14.30

For more information, please contact the Lymphoma association on 0808 808 5555.

## Free Photography Workshop

As part of the Havering Arts Festival we are holding a FREE photography workshop at St Luke's Centre, 201 Front Lane, Cranham at 2 pm on Saturday 8th October.

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## Trad Jazz Evening

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## Friends of Upminster Mini Golf

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- Monday - **Little Havens Quiz Night** held at The Crumpled Horn, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster, 7.30 for 8 pm start. Raising cash for Little Havens Hospice. Tables to a max of 8 persons at a cost of £6 each and includes a superior ploughmans supper. Please contact Bob Blunden on 01708 226154 for any queries and bookings.
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- 17 Saturday - **Stewart Avenue Gate Sale** - on site 10 am - 12.00 pm.
- 17 Saturday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 18 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 20 Tuesday - **Cranham Engayne W.I.** welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm until 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Cranham, RM14 1SR. Sarah Shehadeh is the guest speaker on "History of the Handbag". Why not come along and join in the fun.
- 21 Wednesday - **Upminster Floral Art Society** have Christine Brazier with her demonstration called "County Diary of an Edwardian Lady" Doors open at 7pm. New Windmill Hall, Upminster. Raffle and Tea and Coffee. All enquiries to Margaret on 01708 471977.
- 24 Saturday - **Cranham Park Friends of Guiding** are holding a **Quiz Night** at 7.15pm for a 7.30 Start. Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens. Tickets are £7.50, includes Ploughmans Supper. Bring your own Drinks and Glasses. Tables of not more than 10 people. Tickets from Barbara Levis, 01708 250 941 or Doris Harding, 01708 226 725.
- 24 Saturday - **Long House Plants** will be open for the National Garden Scheme between 11 am and 5.00 pm. Long House Plants, Church Road (opp church) Noak Hill, Romford, RM4 1LD: 01708 371719 or www.longhouse-plants.co.uk.
- 26 Monday - **Breathe Easy - Havering** is a support group for people suffering from breathing difficulties, COPD, Asthma. Etc. We meet on the last Monday of the month at St. Andrews Church Hall, Hornchurch at 1.30 - 3.00 pm. Light refreshments are served and we have guest speakers talking on a wide range of subjects such as - coping with COPD, gentle

- exercising, home safety, etc. New members, family and carers are always welcome; a voluntary donation of £3 is appreciated. Please contact Joyce 01708 226696 or Elaine 01708 509127 for more details.
- 26 Monday - **Romford & District Historical Society** have Guest Speaker Havering's Horticultural History by Lois Amos. Venue is at myplace, 343 Dagnam Park Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, RM3 9EN. Access from 7.30 pm Meeting 8 pm to 9.30 pm.
  - 28 Wednesday - **Upminster Townswomen's Guild** Come along and join us at 1.45 pm in St Laurence Church, Derham Hall, Upminster. For more details phone Shirley on 01708 224219 or Bertha on 01708 222410.

### OCTOBER

- 1 Saturday - **The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society** hold meetings at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The Internet & Technology Group meet 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.
- 1 Saturday - **Hornchurch and Upminster Sugar Craft** now meet at Fairkytes Art Centre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch. There will be a demonstration on Hallowe'en by Sally Browne. Entry £6 includes Tea and Cake. 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm.
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- 2 Sunday - **Upminster Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia Open Days**, Hall Lane. Open 10.30 am to 4.00 pm. Free Admission.
- 4 Tuesday - **Ogthorpe Women's Institute** have Guest Speaker Bob Begley who will give a talk on "The Great Storm". Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome.
- 5 Wednesday - **Harold Wood Evening W.I** meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. We request a suggested donation of £2.50 towards running costs and refreshments. This month there will be a talk by specialist nurses on breast awareness. The evening will have a pink theme. For further details please call Jeanne on 0787 5670419. We meet at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane, 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm.

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he (God) first loved us." That's  
how love works, how  
relationships start. Someone  
'goes first', takes the initiative,  
makes an invitation, and you  
respond with a 'Yes' or a 'Thanks  
very much' - and off you go to see  
a film or go on a date, or, more  
seriously, get engaged and then  
get married. In Marriage the  
groom 'goes first', declares the gift

of himself in love to his bride who  
receives that love and declares the  
gift of herself in response.  
St. Peter's has had a busy summer  
and opportunities for fellowship  
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Raven. The club now has 121  
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club which is only 2 years old. In  
2015 the club cycled from  
Hornchurch to Paris for a local  
charity Look Essex and made over  
£5000 for the charity. At end of  
2015 the club voted for a new  
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Ride London is a legacy from the  
2012 Olympics. This is on closed  
roads starting at the Stratford  
Olympic Park through to the  
Surrey Hills then finishing on the  
Mall in London at 100 miles. Over  
25 members from Hornchurch  
Cycle Club were up early on the  
morning of Ride London and  
cycled up from Hornchurch to the  
Olympic Park. It is an amazing  
event to see people lining the

streets throughout the course  
cheering and screaming you  
really do feel like a pro cyclist.  
And finishing on the mall in front  
1000s of people watching is an  
amazing experience.  
So far members of Hornchurch  
Cycle Club have collected over  
£5,000 for Saint Francis Hospice.  
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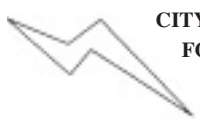
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