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ELECTIONS MAY 2010

Following our Selection Meeting, kindly note your Executive Committee are recommending the following as Candidates for the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17th February, 7.30 pm at St. Josephs Hall, St. Mary's Lane.

UPMINSTER WARD

(This also includes Cathedral Estate & North Ockendon)

Councillor Linda Hawthorn; Councillor Linda Van Den Hende; Bulletin Editor, Ron Ower.

CRANHAM WARD (This also includes the Dury Falls Estate)

Our Present Councillors; Councillor June Alexander; Councillor Clarence Barrett; Councillor Gillian Ford.

We look forward to your support to ensure this Area continues to have Resident Councillors who will fight on your behalf.

years. The School Travel Programme has been replaced by "Smarter Travel", but it is very unlikely that the Council will be able to obtain funding for a traffic calming scheme unless it is in response to a casualty problem". I do feel to have to wait until someone is injured or killed before any action is taken is completely unacceptable.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Best wishes for 2010 from your Association and Residents' Councillors.

RON OWER



RECYCLING

Following a Council question, I am pleased to report that Havering now have a recycling facility for the safe disposal of low energy light bulbs and small common usage alkaline (AAA, AA,A) batteries at Gerpins Lane Refuse and Recycling Centre. Council officers are exploring the possibility of establishing battery collection points at other sites in the Borough.

Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

I was asked recently if a 20 mph zone would be appropriate at this location in Champion Road - I initially contacted Council Officers, to see if this was viable, before consulting the residents.

For your information please see below the reply I received from the Council.

"Regarding the proposed 20 mph scheme for St Joseph's School, this area does not appear on the Council's Transport for London funded programme and we are unaware of a casualty problem in the area which would make it worth submitting a bid in future

WELCOME TO REVD. RICHARD POOL



The new minister at Upminster Baptist Church in Springfield Gardens.

Richard was born in Nottingham and went to University in Cardiff. From there he moved to London, married Anne and began

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working for British Gas in Research and Development. Since becoming a committed Christian during university days, Richard has always had a passion for the local church and for helping people understand God's great love for them. Anne and Richard have one daughter Ally who is studying in Canterbury. He's served churches in Newark, Berkhamsted and Bedford over the last 18 years and arrived in Upminster in September 2009. If you see him around town, say hello and tell him what you'd like to ask God, he would be interested to know. Alternatively ask him about English rugby or woodwork, he's interested in those too!

PARKLANDS

Elsewhere in the *Bulletin* we have written on the Clockhouse Gardens. This beautiful area at the end of Corbets Tey Road is also well worth a visit. Upminster

Residents Councillor Linda Hawthorn had several concerns over work taking place here and has received the following reply from the Council. "Thank you for your message about the works at Parklands. The de-silting works is being organised by the Council's Technical Services and local neighbours etc that the works are taking place. The silt is being temporarily stored in a clearing in the trees at the end of the park (near the car park). It will only be there for a short while (until February) to drain, then it will be moved to Harrow Lodge Park for some other works. It is not causing any problems with smells, damage to trees etc. We would like to raise the level about 100 mm so the water level under the bridge is level with the brick edge to the weir. This will make the brick edge less obvious. Also the current water level in relation to the bridge is too low and there is too much of the bridge plinth



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showing above the water. Raising the water level by 100 mm will greatly improve the appearance of the bridge. The work is being done by raising the outlet at the far end of the lake on a temporary basis and whilst the works are being carried out, the bridge we may have to lower the level again for a short while".

Particular thanks should also go to local resident Andrew Griffiths who has put considerable work in getting Parklands improved. The Residents Association would like to thank him.

POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Upminster SNT will be surveying all the residents of the following streets as below:
Four weeks to 16 January, St Mary's Lane;
Week commencing 18 January, Little Gaynes Lane;

Week commencing 25 January, Parkland Avenue

HUNTSMAN DRIVE

I was recently asked if the worn parking bays in Huntsman Drive could be remarked as they are becoming obliterated – thus it is very difficult to see where you can park on the pavement legally.

I have received the following reply from the Council.

"Regrettably, it will not be possible to re-mark any worn bays in Huntsman Drive due to the condition of the footway surface. As there are a small number of parking bays, and a large amount of private off-street parking available, officers will investigate if all of the bays can be removed in order to preserve the condition of the existing, and any repaired footway surfaces". I will certainly be taking this further just in case the CCTV Smart Car should pay a visit and tickets are issued.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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