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Editorial

A Wide Range of Activities

We are trying to cover a wider range of activities in this issue, including young ladies' football and choral singing.

The end of the academic year has led to a plethora of school events and we are trying to cover them with a record eight pages of reports and photographs. Have a read through them to see what amazing things our children are up to.

We have an article on page 16 that covers the planting of the Community Orchard on Ruislip Common with the aid of the Mayor of Hillingdon.

Alan Jones has provided two articles, one on the Ruislip Rangers Under 13 Young Ladies and another on some of the street celebrations for His Majesty's Coronation in May.

We are still in need of a town planning officer to help Susan Browne, and someone for health, and someone for the Ruislip retail area, so please let me know if you are interested.

Graham Bartram

Graham Bartram, Editor Pro Tem

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FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDEN

 www.eastcotehousegardens.org.uk

Gardening sessions take place every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year starting at 9.30am, with occasional conservation sessions in Long Meadow as required.

Tools, refreshments and good company are provided – no previous gardening experience necessary. Meet in the car park at Eastcote House Gardens. We welcome volunteer gardeners from surrounding areas including Eastcote, Harrow, Hillingdon, Ickenham, Northwood, Pinner, Ruislip and Uxbridge.

The Gardens Café is now open daily from 9.00am until 3.00pm.

THE ARTS SOCIETY, HILLINGDON

Lecture Programme August-December 2023

Wednesdays at 2.00pm, Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip.

Admission £5 to non-members.

9 August	The Art of the Cartoonist	Harry Venning
13 September	An Actor's Life for Me	Tyler Butterworth
11 October	The Ultimate Luxury: The Story of Chinese Wallpapers in English Stately Homes	Hanne Sutcliffe
13 December	Christmas and Other Festivals in Modern Mexico	Chloe Sayer

WHAT'S ON AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

Some of the upcoming events at the Winston Churchill and Compass Theatres, which are once again open for theatrical productions - check out  www.hillingdontheatres.uk for more information and to book.

11 Aug	<i>Peter Pan and Captain Cook</i>	Booster Cushion Theatre
7 Sep	<i>Russel Brand's Bipolarisation</i>	
7 Dec-6 Jan	<i>Dick Whittington (Pantomime)</i>	DK Productions

Chairman's Message

RRA



Our autumn meeting will be held in Winston Churchill Hall in September. Our speaker will be Cllr Ian Edwards, leader of Hillingdon Council

and an East Ruislip councillor before the ward boundary changes. I'm sure there will be many questions for him.

We celebrated HM King Charles III's coronation in May (see page 18) with street and garden parties. I watched the coronation on a screen in St James's Park and was able to watch the processions as they passed down the Mall. Afterwards there was the strange sight of participants walking through St James's in full ceremonial uniform, with a variety of weapons (longbows for the Company of Archers, partizans for the Yeoman of the Guard, etc).

I've met with our new MP for Ruislip Manor Ward, Steve Tuckwell. Steve is a Councillor for South Ruislip and so knows the area well. He is keen on supporting the new Hospital, keeping an eye on HS2 and planning matters in general.

HS2 has continued to be a problem with road closures and some continuing problems with the Tunnel Boring Machines

affecting the surface as it passes underneath. Cllr Susan O'Brien is looking into the problems in Ruislip Manor Ward (where the TBMs currently are) and we continue to monitor HS2's affect on our community and work to mitigate it.

The Metropolitan Police have been making a big push to promote the Commissioner's new vision for the future of the Met., including a large meeting and demonstration at Brunel University. You can read more about this on page 19. The borough's senior police officer, Supt. Bennett, spent two hours with the Hillingdon Alliance of Residents' Associations answering questions from the various residents' associations.

A lot of people seem to have forgotten their RRA subscription which we asked for in the last issue (it's still £5). You can pay it online using our website, just click the yellow tab in the menu bar:

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We need your subscriptions to pay for the running of the association, including printing the *Town Crier*.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our meeting in September. ♦

Graham Bartram, Chairman, ☎ 01895 673310

Education News

Susan Midgley

BISHOP RAMSEY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

The school held its Annual Prize Giving on Thursday, June 22nd. For the first time the event was not held in the school hall but at the Winston Churchill Theatre. This venue had been chosen as it had been decided that it was important to celebrate all the students' achievements on one evening rather than have two as had happened previously.

The Head Students, **Calum Heanen** and **Kayla van Zyl**, welcomed the audience and then **Dr Hilary Macaulay**, the school's Executive Head, gave her report. Having welcomed everyone to the new venue she explained how important it was that the school could celebrate as a whole as it reinforced the fact that one of the great things about Bishop Ramsey was the genuine community and unity of the school. She continued by saying that all year groups take the opportunity to speak with one another, to be mentored by one another and spend time in several of the clubs which run mixed age groups. She added: "For a school with over 1,200 students I think that's quite an improvement."

Later in her address Dr Macaulay told the audience that this academic year had been exceptionally busy. They have undertaken a full curriculum review and staff had run several overseas trips for students for the first time since the Covid pandemic. These included a ski trip to Canada, a Psychology & Sociology trip to New York and the RE trip to Rome. In two weeks' time students will once again visit their partner school in Malawi. After approximately ten years the new school website goes live towards the end of August.

Having congratulated all the students on their achievements and praised them for their hard work and commitment to their studies, she concluded by saying that there was still more to be done; she then referred to the support and encouragement they all receive from their families, and she was sure they would all want to join her in thanking them.

Following an Instrumental Solo from **Noah Morris**, the Guest of Honour, **Reverend Richard Young**, Vicar of St Matthew's Church, Yiewsley presented the prizes for the Academic Year 2022-23. Each presen-

tation was preceded by a citation from a member of staff from the specific subject faculty explaining why each student had been selected for their prize. As well as academic prizes the celebration also included prizes for Access and Inclusion. These were awarded to **Tas Oldfield**, Year 9, **Tom Howard**, Year 11 and **Sam Jefferies**, Year 13. Finally Special Prizes were presented. Some of the recipients included **James Eden** for Outstanding Learning, **Safiya Roberts** for Services to the Community and **Ella Smith** for the most progress in any aspect of practical musicianship.

The audience was then treated to a beautifully moving performance of *Our Father* by a trio of accomplished vocalists, namely **Tiffany Stringer**, **Kayley Nkoyoyo** and **Rebekah Stephen** who were accompanied by **Ted Britton**.

Finally Reverend Young addressed the prize winners. He referred to his own experience as a twelve-year-old boy to illustrate that with perseverance they can reach a potential in the future that they might never have thought possible. He explained that he remembers having to prepare a speech to present to his class and how he was filled with terror at the thought. However, he never could imagine that as an adult he would become a solicitor and finally a vicar, both of which involved public speaking. It was very relevant and encouraging for all the young people present.



Winner of St Cecilia's Shield for Practical Musicianship Ella Smith



Calum Heanen, Revd. Richard Young & Kayla van Zyl



Tahlia Elliott Prosper & Kian Gray Fazio

The evening drew to a close with an expression of thanks to Reverend Young by the Head Students together with a presentation of a gift.

BISHOP RAMSEY'S KS3 DRAMA EVENING

On Tuesday, June 27th Drama students from KS3 (Years 7-9) presented their Production of *Romeo and Juliet*. The evening consisted of two shows with two different casts in order to include as many students as possible who were enabled to show their talents. The cast and technical team had been working incredibly hard rehearsing over the past term to bring the play to life which they all certainly did.

Each show lasted for half an hour with an interval between, during which the audience was entertained outdoors by a variety of musicians. Each play began with the cast sitting in a large semi-circle facing the audience, then moving forward as a group to give a summary of the plot of Shakespeare's play about the tragic story, set in Verona, of the two lovers from the feuding households of Montague and Capulet. The script had been skilfully modified by the Drama department to present the key moments of the original.

All the actors were dressed mainly in black with a few additions to their costume to indicate specific character. Key moments of the story were highlighted, such as the

first meeting of the young couple at a ball and the famous balcony scene which featured Juliet on a chair surrounded by the cast with Romeo located outside the group and delivering some of the famous lines up towards her. The sword fighting scenes between Romeo, Tybalt and Mercutio were excellently choreographed by the staff and superbly executed by the actors which brought the action to life. The movement of the actors throughout both plays was extremely well synchronised as the action moved forward. Finally, they were able to bring the tragedy of the deaths of the lovers seem very realistic. However, the most impressive part of the whole production was how these young actors could deliver Shakespeare's language so eloquently and professionally. Great credit must go to the staff of the Drama department for such detailed preparation.

Every student who took part performed at the highest level, but special mention has to go to the actors who played Romeo, namely **Kian Gray Fazio** and **Nathan Taiwo** and those who played Juliet, namely **Tahlia Elliott Prosper** and **Tilly Blake**. Another student who also deserves individual praise is **Oscar Stanley** who gave a very believable interpretation of Juliet's Nurse. It is to be hoped that some of these talented young actors who took part in this excellent evening's entertainment will take part in the school's future Drama productions.

WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL'S YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PRODUCTION

On Wednesday July 5th the Year 6 pupils presented their leavers' production, *Mary Poppins*, to parents and friends. The evening began with a warm welcome from Mrs Anwar, Assistant Head Teacher, who told the audience that the children had been working very hard to prepare for the performance, that they had a good dress rehearsal the previous day and she was confident that the cast would "*blow you away*" which they certainly did!

The musical tells the story of the Banks family who need to employ a new nanny for their children, Jane and Michael. The children are pleasantly surprised by the arrival of the magical Mary Poppins who takes them on a series of adventures with her friend Bert, a cockney chimney sweep and pavement artist. She tells Mr Banks that she is "*kind but extremely firm*".

Mr Banks, a bank officer, is a strict father who believes his family should be run efficiently like a bank which makes him a distant father and husband. **Shaunav** portrayed this character very realistically; his tone of voice and general demeanour together with his smart suit excellently portrayed the essence of this man. **Genevieve** who played Mrs Banks, a woman who is very committed to the suffragette movement of the period, much to the displeasure of her husband, also gave a very



Nathan Taiwo & Tilly Blake



Oscar Stanley



Genevieve, Madeline, Shaunav, Daniel, Charlotte & Maya

believable performance of a strong woman. The children were very credibly portrayed by **Charlotte** and **Daniel**, both very able to convince the audience of their excitement about the idea of playing games and going on outings, in fact, just having fun (a new experience for them under their father's strict regime) which their new nanny has introduced them to.

The various locations of the action were portrayed by using appropriate images projected on a large screen at the back of the stage which was very effective. The stagehands worked very professionally throughout the performance ensuring that furniture and props were moved efficiently so that the action was allowed to run smoothly. Those responsible for lighting and sound ensured that both were appropriate to accompany the locations that were being portrayed and are also to be commended for their effort.

To play the character of Mary Poppins for a year 6 pupil could be quite a daunting prospect but that seemed not to be the case for **Madeline**. She portrayed the nuances of the character from strict nanny to someone who loves to have fun with confidence and obvious enjoyment which she was very successfully able to convey to the audience which heightened their enjoyment. Two other pupils worthy of special mention are **Maya** as the Bird Woman who gave a beautiful rendition of

Feed the Birds and **Ryan** who played Bert. His interpretation of his character – the demanding nature of his work as a chimney sweep contrasting with his enjoyment of being a pavement artist and his friendship with Mary Poppins, was very naturally conveyed.

For the audience part of their enjoyment of the performance was the familiarity of the many songs throughout the show such as *Chim Chim Cher-ee*, *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, *Let's Go Fly a Kite*, etc. which had many tapping their feet to the music. Another feature which enabled the audience to feel involved with the characters and action was the movement of the actors up and down the centre aisle and round the back of the hall. At the end of the performance even Mr Banks, who had experienced a character change and became a better father due to Mary's influence, joined every other character in dancing around and flying a kite – actually having fun!!

Every pupil involved in the performance put their heart and soul into their acting, movement and singing which meant members of the audience left with a lovely warm feeling. Well done Year 6. You will be leaving Whiteheath with fond memories. Very best wishes for your futures at secondary school.

BISHOP WINNINGTON-INGRAM SCHOOL'S SUMMER SHOWCASE

Like many schools, Bishop Winnington-Ingram has been unable to have public performances due to the Covid pandemic. It was, therefore, no surprise, that in his welcome speech Mr Szurgot, Deputy Head, expressed his delight that the pupils could once again display their musical talents to parents and friends in the Summer Showcase 2023.

The opening performance was from the Choir accompanied on the piano by Mr Owen, Music Coordinator, who sang *Roar* (Katy Perry), *Count On Me* (Bruno Mars) and *Half The World Away* (Oasis).

This set the joyful tone for the rest of the concert. Next the audience was entertained by several piano solos by pupils from different year groups. These were **Alice** (Year 1) who played two pieces, **Riley** (Year 2), **Hollie** (Year 3), **Phoebe** (Year 3) who also played a duet with Mr Owen, her sister **Naomi** also performed and finally **Dawid** (Year 6) who closed this part of the show with a very polished performance of a delightful piece by Mozart.

This was followed by a recital by a sextet of accomplished girl cellists who were accompanied by Mr Owen on the piano. Finally, the audience was entertained by a talented ensemble of musicians that consisted of the Choir, cellists, pupils playing ukuleles,



BWI Choir



Dawid



The Periwinkle Family & Pets

Mr Owen on the piano and Mrs Jones playing flute. All the young musicians had obviously worked hard to reach the standard of performance the audience experienced on the evening, and they showed their appreciation with warm applause.

Having thanked the audience for their attendance, Mr Szurgot also praised the staff who had contributed to the success of the evening by giving their time to practise with the pupils and encourage them to perform at their best level.

LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL'S YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE

On Thursday, July 13th Year 6 pupils presented their show to celebrate the end of their time at Lady Bankes Primary School. The title of the production was *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, a fun mixture of pirates, treasure and a great deal of witty dialogue as well as catchy songs.

The audience was introduced to the Periwinkle family: Pearl, the mother and landlady of a tavern, played by **Amber**, her two children, Jack played by **Ralph**, Liza played by **Millie** and their pets Fiddlesticks and Blue Bird played by **Lucas** and **Ellie**. The children believe that their father was “lost at sea” some time in the past. They have in a safe a treasure map which means little to them at this point.

Soon the audience meets the pirate cap-

tain Redbeard confidently played by **Samuel** who lustily introduces himself through a song. We learn that his ship is so named because the pirates and crew eat curry and beans all the time and that they haven't set sail for ages. They declare “*If only we had a treasure map!*” This is when trouble begins.

The pirates become aware that there is a map in the family's safe which they want, so they blow it open using dynamite (the flash and sound effect were excellent). They also capture Pearl and take her on board their ship. The children rush to the docks in search of their mother only to find that the ship has already sailed. However, they manage to board *The Crunchy Frog*. At this point the audience meets Admiral Soratio Sornblower played by **Mia**, Captain Cod played by **Maddie K** and the rest of the crew. The admiral knows absolutely nothing about the sea or ships and the humour surrounding his ignorance was admirably conveyed to the audience by Mia.

Captain Redbeard and his crew believe that having a woman on board may mean that their voyage may be cursed. Strange markings are discovered on the map and it appears the treasure is on the island of Lumbago. Eventually the two captains catch sight of each other's ship, one bearing a naval flag, the other the pirate skull and cross bones. The two groups fight, Pearl is able to board *The Crunchy Frog* and when the crew realise the pirates have a treasure

map they abandon their ship and become new recruits who have chosen the pirates' life! Redbeard performs a happy solo and the whole cast eventually join in.

Later a violent storm takes place: the actors swaying movement portrayed this very effectively. Many are lost at sea but Pearl and her children are saved from the wreck and are washed up on the island of Lumbago where they find a treasure chest. The natives – the Wonga tribe – arrive and the whole cast gave a beautiful performance of *"Lumbago, the island of dreams"* whilst moving to the rhythm of the music. The Chief, played by **Callum**, then addresses everyone present. He tells them they will all be executed as treasure hunting on the island is banned!

All good stories have a twist which ends in a happy ending and this one is no exception. It is revealed that Chief Wonga is actually Stanley Periwinkle who was a pirate, Pearl's husband and the children's father. In the past he ended on the island with the

treasure which he buried; he was then hit on the head by a coconut which resulted in him losing his memory. The islanders later adopted him as their chief. The children's medallion which they always wore turned out to be the keys to open the chest and the contents were shared by all. To celebrate the whole cast performed the final joyful song – *Piratical Style*. Every member of the cast contributed to the success of the production as their enjoyment in taking part was readily transferred to the audience, resulting in a brilliant show.

At the end of the show Head Teacher, **Mrs Kate Needs**, praised the children for giving an outstanding performance, saying that she was very proud of them all. She also commended the pupils who acted professionally as stagehands and those responsible for lighting and sound. Finally, she thanked the Year 6 Teaching Team for all their hard work and support which resulted in such an entertaining show.

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The cast with the Mayor of Hillingdon

Councillors' Comments

Ruislip Ward – Philip Corthorne, John Riley, Peter Smallwood
Ruislip Manor Ward – Douglas Mills, Susan O'Brien



**Philip
Corthorne**



**John
Riley**



**Peter
Smallwood**



**Douglas
Mills**



**Susan
O'Brien**

The Ward Councillors for the RRA area have been exceptionally busy these last few months on a range of issues, some of which fall into the “long term” category as we seek solutions to various problems.

HIGH STREETS

The vibrant High Streets in both our small towns continue to thrive despite the challenging economic times with a range of shops and services. The new fruit and veg shop in Ruislip seems to be popular with residents. Your Councillors and MP's work closely with our retail community to maintain a successful and sustainable local business environment.

BUILDING AND PLANNING

Among the issues we are constantly pursuing for successful resolution are: the re-establishment of “The Duck House” as a

popular venue, the use of the former CAB site next to St Martin's Car Park and looking forward to the regeneration of the former Café Rouge / Swan site. Brown's has been a great success; we hope for great improvements to the other venues and sites at this popular end of the High Street.

We all share the concerns over the proposed development plans for the “Barn Hotel” site and are ready to react to the situation there.

RUISLIP WARD PANEL

We continue to work with our local police across a range of concerns. We welcome expressions of interest from local residents and businesses as new members of this important local engagement group – contact Cllr Corthorne for more information:

✉ pcorthorne@hillingdon.gov.uk ♦

Ruislip Rangers

Under 13 Young Ladies Football Team

Alan Jones

What a great season 2022/2023 has been for Ruislip Rangers U-13 Young Ladies. We finished top team, played 14 won 14 with 42 points, goals scored 96, goals conceded 14.

The team is managed by Matt Fox and Matt Lewis. Their coach is Ryan Capon, who also acts as linesman and helper, he also gives pep talks before the game. Both the managers and coach have done a great job this season and all the team played their part magnificently.

They play their home games on a pitch off King's College Drive, behind the Hockey

Club, on Saturday mornings. All the parents of the girls support them, and I would like to thank them all for their encouragement and help. Also, for getting them to all home and away games, paying the fees, which are not cheap.

I would like to thank Ruislip Residents' Association for sponsoring them, along with some committee members raising £500 for waterproof coats for winter training.

We are all looking forward to the new season in a higher league. Wishing all the team good luck for 2023/2024 season. ♦



RRA Tree Planting News

Patricia Wardle

It's taken some time (thank the pandemic for that), but at last Ruislip Residents' Association has managed to plant the first of its Centenary orchards.

The ten trees are all fruiting species: apple, hazelnut, pear, greengage and quince, and are all heritage varieties. They are planted in the part of Ruislip Common that is next to Bury Street, opposite the Hillingdon Athletic Club (see photo 5).

The money to pay for the new trees came from local businesses and individuals, and Community Funding from the Co-op, who raised £2,100, thanks to the generosity of Co-op customers.

Hillingdon Council's Green Spaces team did most of the hard work of planting the trees, assisted by RRA's Graeme Shaw.

We were honoured to have Hillingdon's Mayor, Cllr Becky Haggart-Kaikitis, join us for a ceremonial tree planting on 28th March 2023. The event was also attended by the three Ward Councillors for Ruislip and a representative of the Co-op.

After the planting we retired for a very welcome cup of tea and a biscuit, courtesy of Hillingdon Athletic Club.

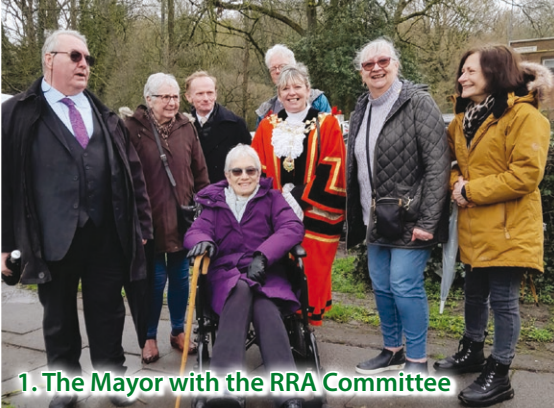
We hope to plant a further Community Orchard in Ruislip Manor Ward, but we are still looking for a suitable location. If you can think of a possible site then please let me know. ♦

1. (L to R) Graham Bartram (Chairman), Sue Midgley (Education), Nick Potter (Treasurer), Vivien Alcorn (Activities), Graeme Shaw (Environment & Woodlands), Mayor Becky Haggart-Kaikitis, Patricia Wardle (Secretary) and Sue Browne (Planning)

2. (L to R) Nick Potter, Sue Midgley, Graeme Shaw, Sue Browne, Mayor Becky Haggart-Kaikitis, Patricia Wardle, Graham Bartram and Brian Cowley (President)

3. Mayor Becky Haggart-Kaikitis and Vicky Brownlee of the Hillingdon Athletic Club

4. (L to R) Cllr Philip Corthorne, Sally Ripper, Samantha Queen of the Co-op, Cllr John Riley, Mayor Becky Haggart-Kaikitis and Cllr Peter Smallwood



1. The Mayor with the RRA Committee



2. The Mayor planting a tree



3. Tea and biscuits courtesy of Hillingdon Athletic Club



4. The Mayor, Ruislip Ward's councillors and the Co-op representative



5. Some of the Community Heritage Orchard on Ruislip Common

Royal Events

Alan Jones



CORONATION PARTY – COTTINGHAM CHASE

What a memorable weekend it was! It was raining all day Saturday, but better Sunday. We arranged the road closure for Saturday, with games in the morning. We didn't have a Plan B for a rainy day. One of our lovely neighbours saved the day by letting us use her house. She had recently added an extension to her kitchen and a glass roof over the patio.

All the neighbours met at 10am to set up for 12 o'clock, putting up tables, chairs, bunting, along with all the food.

Early afternoon the Mayor of Hillingdon, Becky Haggard-Kaikitis, arrived with her husband. The children were in awe of her regalia. She made herself available to chat to the children (see top photo).

Sunday was a different day as the sun came out and so the games could commence. We had the races, ending in a Tug-of-War – that was the children's favourite. All the children received a medal, and each house had a badge to commemorate the King's Coronation weekend.

In the evening we had an inside party to finish the weekend, and what a weekend to remember. I would like to thank my committee and all our neighbours for the help during that great weekend. ♦



Crime & Punishment

Shirish Patel

Crime has changed, policing has changed, and sentencing guidelines have not kept pace with the emergence of cybercrime.

Victims of crime remain unchanged and are pondering over “to be or not to be” a victim. So it is pertinent to be aware of criminal activity in the neighbourhood and safeguard your property and vehicles. Our local councillors are engaging with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams to keep the borough safe and the regular ward panel meetings have shown that crime is reducing in the borough.

With stretched police resources we residents can do our part by taking measures to reduce our vulnerability to crime:

A video doorbell is one of the best measures to help prevent crime as it monitors your doorstep when you are home or away. These affordable and easy to install systems are also a great help to the police as they provide recordings of the doorstep activities, and this helps the police to investigate crime. It is also advisable to register with Online Watch Link (OWL):

www.owl.co.uk/met

as this helps your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to relay community messages and advice on how to prevent crime and stay safe.

The regular OWL messages raise awareness of potential crime in the neighbourhood and public feedback can help the police to effectively safeguard the public.

A NEW MET FOR LONDON

On Tuesday, 25th July, the Metropolitan Police held an event at Brunel University to launch the Commissioner's new plan for policing in London. It was presented by Deputy Commissioner, Dame Lynne Owens and Hillingdon's Superintendent Anthony Bennett.

The event included a chance to meet the mounted unit, the traffic police, the bomb disposal unit, the special tactical group and the firearms unit. Dep. Comm. Owens and Supt. Bennett gave a presentation on the new plan and answered questions from the audience afterwards.

You can find out more at:

www.met.police.uk/notices/met/a-new-met-for-london/ ♦

Treasurer's Corner

Nick Potter

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Harrow Choral Society

Open Workshop

Would you like to try choral singing? If so, Harrow Choral Society's open workshop on Saturday, 23rd September could be just what you're looking for.

The choir welcomes all singers to a special choral workshop at its usual rehearsal venue of St Alban's Church, North Harrow, led by Music Director and professional baritone Sam Evans. Sam will work on a selection of tuneful pieces on the theme of *'Songs of the British Isles'* including traditional Scottish, Welsh and Irish songs and jazz-inspired settings of Shakespeare's *Songs and Sonnets* by George Shearing.

New singers are also most welcome to come along to the choir's first rehearsal of the new season on Monday, 11th September at 7.45pm.

Date: Saturday, 23rd September 2023

Venue: St Alban's Church, North Harrow
HA2 7PF

Tickets: £5 members, £10 non-members

Phone: 07794 253463

Next Concert: Autumn Concert on Saturday, 21st October

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Planning Update

Susan Browne

Within Ruislip there are two Conservation Areas and two Areas of Special Local Character (ASLCs), “Midcroft” and “Moat Drive”.

RUISLIP VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA

The Ruislip Village Conservation Area (RVCA) is rich in historic buildings and features – containing 23 Statutorily Listed buildings, 26 Locally Listed buildings and one Scheduled Ancient Monument.

RUISLIP “MANOR WAY” CONSERVATION AREA

Manor Way is architecturally and socially important because it has the earliest cottages built by the Ruislip Manor Cottage Society, founded in 1911, to provide attractive and decent housing for working people.

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN 2022

Within RVCA and ASLCs a total of 106 planning applications were received during 2022. Of those 70 plans were approved, 20 refused, 7 withdrawn and 9 were undecided by 31 December 2022. Six of the applications refused went to appeal.

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN 2023 TO THE END OF JUNE

Within RVCA and ASLCs 50 planning applications have been received. Of those, 32 plans were approved, 6 refused, 2 plans did not require ‘Prior Approval’ and 10 were undecided by 30 June 2023. The six appeals (shown in the 1st table) submitted by end 2022 were dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. Out of the 6 plans refused so far in 2023 (see the 2nd table), 3 were for residential extensions, 1 for a roof extension above High Street accommodation and 2 were for redevelopment.

Typical reasons for refusal of applications by the Council are:

- ◆ the development would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area,
- ◆ the development would be overbearing, visually intrusive, and dominant in relation to neighbouring properties and the local street scene,
- ◆ there would be insufficient amenity space
- ◆ it includes sub-standard accommodation (eg. lack of outlook, lack of natural light, low ceilings).

APPEALS

Address	Application
Pavement o/s 80 High Street 77303/ADV/2022/44 Appeal 9851 DISMISSED	Installation of an internally illuminated freestanding double-sided digital advertisement unit
Pavement o/s 63 High Street 77304/ADV/2022/45 Appeal 9852 DISMISSED	Installation of an internally illuminated freestanding double-sided digital advertisement unit
Pavement o/s 145 -7 High Street 77305/ADV/ 2022/46 Appeal 9853 DISMISSED	Internally illuminated freestanding double-sided digital advertisement unit
Pavement o/s 144 High Street 77306/ADV/ 2022/47 Appeal 9854 DISMISSED	Installation of an internally illuminated freestanding double-sided digital advertisement unit
Pavement o/s 100 - 102 High Street 77313/ADV/ 2022/54 Appeal 9855 DISMISSED	Installation of internally illuminated freestanding double-sided digital advertisement unit. Bus shelter
18 Church Avenue 59225/APP/2022/616 Appeal 9824 DISMISSED	Erection of a part single storey, part double storey rear extension, conversion of roofspace to habitable use to include 3 roof lights and a rear dormer and demolition of existing rear extension.

PLANS REFUSED

Address	Application
15 Church Avenue 26493/APP/2023/43 & 26493/APP/2023/1139	Erection of a two storey rear extension, a first floor side and rear extension, a single storey rear extension, front porch extension and changes to the roof.
32 South Drive 20646/APP/2023/148	Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a rear dormer, 2 front roof lights and conversion of roof from hip to gable end (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)
32 Kingsend 9894/APP/2022/3871	Demolition of existing house and garage and construction of a block of seven purpose-built apartments
12 & 14 Poplars Close 51198/APP/2023/111	Redevelopment of no.12 and 14 Poplars Close to provide 4 residential units
88A High Street 77899/APP/2023/628	Conversion of the existing roof space to habitable use to include rear roof lights

PLANNING OUTSIDE CONSERVATION AREAS

In Ruislip Manor Ward two plans have been submitted for a redevelopment at the Barn Hotel. ♦

Address	Application
The Barn Hotel 7969/APP/2023/1473 & 7969/APP/2023/1833	Redevelopment of the site for residential used involving the partial demolition of the existing Grade II Listed Building and conversion to 2 new residential units, demolition of surrounding buildings and erection of 2 new residential blocks with associated amenity space, landscaping and parking.

RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

7.45pm, Thursday, 21st September 2023

Winston Churchill Hall,
Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Doors open at 7.30pm

The talk will be by Cllr Ian Edwards
Leader of Hillingdon Council

followed by an Open Forum, with questions to a panel of
RRA representatives. Drinks and nibbles will be served.

The meeting will end at 10pm

Open Forum items to the Secretary by Thursday, 14th September 2023