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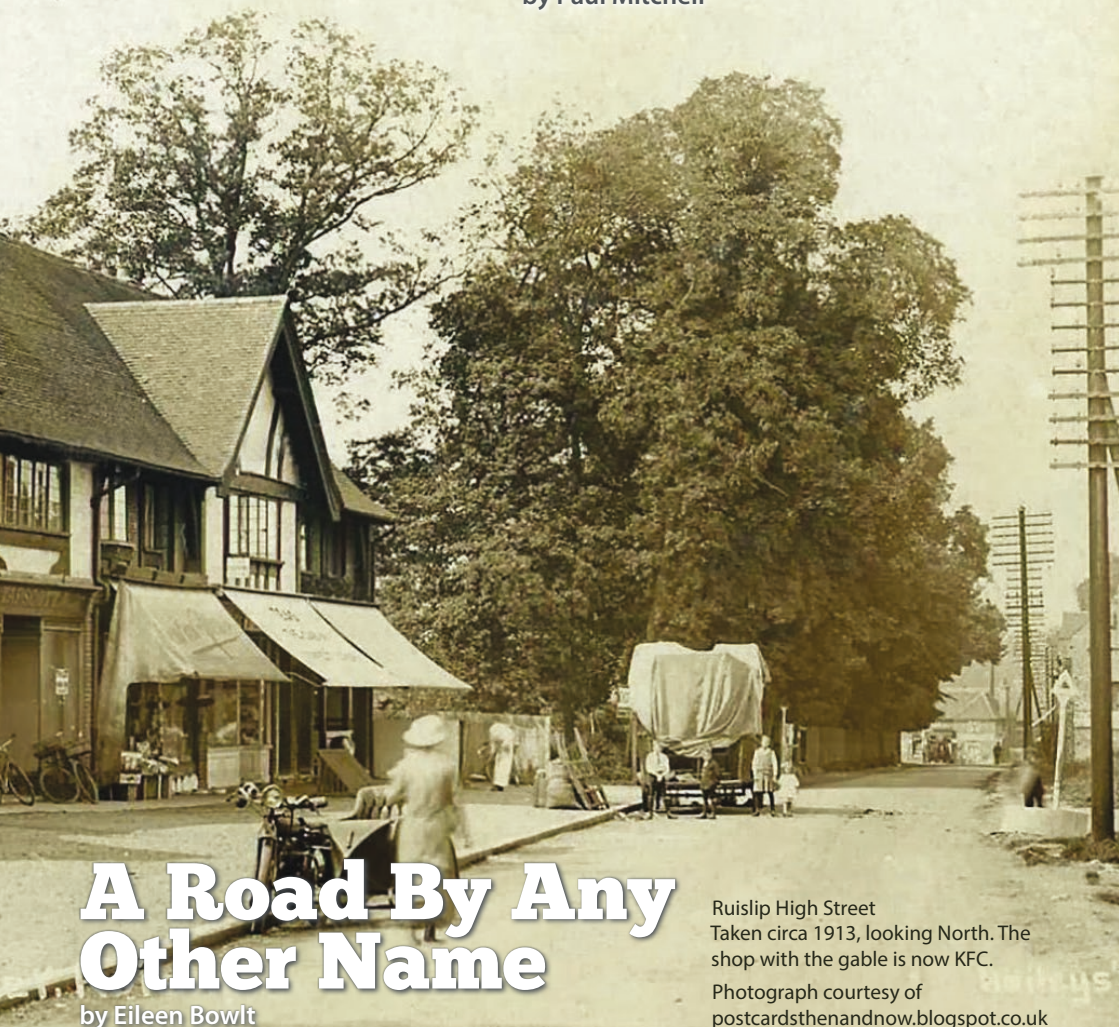
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## **Conservation in Ruislip**

by Paul Mitchell



## **A Road By Any Other Name**

by Eileen Bowlt

Ruislip High Street  
Taken circa 1913, looking North. The  
shop with the gable is now KFC.

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# Editorial

## *Normal Service is Resumed...*

Thank you for your feedback on the last issue, with its extra articles. It seems to have been well received, so I believe it will be worth repeating the exercise. Sadly I didn't have time to collect these more diverse articles for this issue, so it's back to the tried and tested formula for the moment, but hopefully the next issue will have some more 'first time' articles.

Since our last edition, we have a new volunteer on the executive - Graeme Shaw is now helping us with the woodlands portfolio. We still need some more help to carry out the work of the Association. If you are interested in helping us with the Traffic, Environment or Membership portfolios, as the Deputy Chief Road Steward or *Town Crier* editor, please get in touch with me.

*Graham Bartram*

Graham Bartram, Editor Pro Tem

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### **FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDEN**

[www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com](http://www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com)

Eastcote House Volunteer Gardeners meet on the 1st Friday, 2nd Friday and 3rd Thursday of every month, at 9.30am.

Everyone welcome - tools and refreshments provided - no experience necessary.

Meet in the car park at Eastcote House Gardens.

Gardening dates: September 1st, 8th, 21st; October 6th, 13th, 19th; November 3rd, 10th, 16th; December 1st, 8th, 21st.

Conservation dates: September 28th; October 26th; November 23rd; December 28th.

The Gardens Café is now open daily from 8.30am (10am on Sunday) until 4.00pm.

### **HILLINGDON DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

Lecture Programme September-December 2017

Wednesdays at 2.00pm, Winston Churchill Hall - admission £6 to non-members

13 September A Journey through the Imperial Chinese David Rosier  
Wardrobe

11 October Temples, Tombs & Treasures: in search of Louise Schofield  
the Queen of Sheba

13 December Giles: His Life, Times and Cartoons Barry Venning

### **RUISLIP, NORTHWOOD & EASTCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Lecture Programme September-November 2017

Meetings held in St Martin's Church Hall, 8.15pm. Visitors welcome.

18 September Henry Smith – 17thC businessman, Lucy Lethbridge  
moneylender & philanthropist Historical author

16 October The Lord Chancellor's Wallpaper Graham Goode

20 November Randall's of Uxbridge Ex. Palace of Westminster Manager  
Sir John Randall

# Chairman's Message

RRA



Firstly, an apology. We had hoped to have the new website up and running in June, and shortly after introduce the ability to pay your subscription online. But in the grand tradition of IT projects around the world, we have overrun! Hopefully by the time you read this the new website will be up, and the online payment system should be up and running a few weeks later. Sorry to all of you who tried finding the online payment facility when it wasn't there to find!

A worrying development has recently come to the RRA's attention - the threatening and robbing of children on Ruislip High Street. Incidents have been reported to us of some of our young people being robbed at knifepoint on or near the High Street by boys who seem to have come from outside our area.

Unfortunately, due to the understandable fear of reprisals, it would seem that a number of such incidents had not been reported to the police. However, Brian Gunn, our police liaison, has taken this up with the local police, making them aware of the situation and ensuring action is taken to address the issue. This is not something that can be allowed

to stand - our children must be able to use the High Street safely and without worrying about the prospect of being threatened or robbed at knifepoint.

I am glad to report that the roadworks on Ruislip High Street were completed well ahead of schedule, taking about ten weeks instead of sixteen. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank O'Hara Brothers and Isaac Kwakye at Hillingdon Council for working with us to try and minimise the impact of the works on residents and local businesses.

The completion of CrossRail may bring a new bus route to Ruislip. TfL is consulting on a new route, 278, that would run from Ruislip Station, via Hillingdon Station, Hayes & Harlington Station (which is on CrossRail) and ending at Heathrow Terminals 1,2,3. This would provide Ruislip with a connection to Hillingdon, Hayes, CrossRail and Heathrow. You can comment on these proposals by visiting:

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/74970d79/#Hayes%20&%20Harlington>

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our meeting in September (see the back page), but in the meantime if you see me on the High Street feel free to stop me for a chat! ♦

Graham Bartram, Chairman, ☎ 01895 673310

# Education News

*Susan Midgley*

## BISHOP WINNINGTON-INGRAM'S YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

On Wednesday, July 12th, the school presented its Year 6 Production of *The Lion King* to celebrate their time at the school as the pupils all move to secondary school in September.

The story begins in the Pride Lands where all the animals are gathered for the presentation ceremony of a young lion cub called Simba who is the heir of King Mufasa. The production began with the whole cast and choir singing the opening song *The Circle of Life* with great enthusiasm. They were accompanied by a live band whose members have voluntarily supported the school's concerts on many occasions.

Each scene setting was highlighted by an appropriate slide on the wall at the back of the stage which was particularly effective in creating the atmosphere.

The audience was soon made aware that not everyone was delighted by the birth of Simba. Uncle Scar is jealous that his nephew will inherit the kingdom before him and sets about trying to kill the young cub.

He sets about this task with the help of a group of hungry hyenas. Unfortunately in the process King Mufasa is killed trying to save his son and Scar convinces Simba that he was responsible for his father's death. Simba remains in exile in the jungle.

However, like all good stories, this one has a happy ending. Eventually Simba returns to the Pride Lands to claim the throne. He marries and has a cub, so *The Circle of Life* continues. At the end of the performance the cast sang *Goodbye My Friend* which was quite emotional for many of the pupils and brought tears to the eyes of several mums in the audience.

All the pupils played their parts with great confidence, but there were some notable performances which deserve a special mention. They were **Ted Britton** who played Simba, Kayla **Van Zyl** who gave an outstanding performance of the evil uncle Scar and **Georgia Astle** who played Simba's faithful friend Nala who eventually becomes his wife. Others who deserve a mention are **Jayden Stewart** (Rafiki) and **Poppy Lowe** (Zazu). There was also a brilliantly amusing rendition of the song *Hakuna Ma-*

tata by **Luca Kernot** (Timon) and **Ellis Hef-fer** (Pumbaa), the meerkat and warthog who befriend Simba while he is in exile and teach him the ways of the jungle.

This very entertaining production was directed by **Mrs Britton**, the school's music teacher, who left at the end of term and who will be greatly missed by her colleagues and pupils.

### LADY BANKES SCHOOLS' CELEBRATION

On Friday, July 14th, the Infant and Junior Schools hosted a Celebration which was held on the school field on a lovely, sunny afternoon. Both schools had much to celebrate this past academic year. They have formed a *Federated Governing Body* which means they have one Governing Body, resulting in the schools working more closely than they had in the past for the benefit of staff and pupils. The Junior School was graded *Good* at its recent Ofsted inspection. In its previous Ofsted inspection the Infant School was graded as *Outstanding*. Teachers from both schools, together with governors, met to discuss what they jointly wished to have as their Vision and Ethos. The schools' Vision is to be *An Outstanding Place To Learn* which they hope to achieve through *Creating Excellence, Engaging The Community & Improving Efficiency*. The Ethos will expect all staff and pupils to adhere to the following Values: *Ambition, Togetherness, Opportunity, Respect, Curiosity, Happiness – A Torch to carry forward for the future.*



BWI's Year 6 Production of *The Lion King*



Castmembers of *The Lion King*



Boris Johnson was a surprise guest at Lady Bankes Schools' Celebration



As well as parents, pupils, members of the local community, including representatives from the Ruislip Residents' Association and **Clr Michael Markham** were all invited to attend. There was also a surprise guest, **Boris Johnson MP**, Foreign Secretary. Mr Johnson was very popular having selfies taken with parents and pupils as well as signing numerous autographs for the children.

There was plenty of entertainment throughout the afternoon including a great magician, bouncy castles, dance and gymnastics displays by pupils, face-painting and craft stalls as well as an ice cream van which was very busy on such a warm afternoon. Parents and pupils were invited to bring a picnic which they could share on a designated area on the field.

The occasion was very successful in promoting the success of both schools who intend to work together to ensure the best outcomes for all their pupils.

### **BISHOP RAMSEY'S PRODUCTION OF GUYS AND DOLLS**

From Monday, July 17th, to Wednesday, July 19th, the school presented its production of the musical *Guys and Dolls*. I attended the Tuesday performance. The school's productions seem to get better every year and this one certainly lived up to expectations.

The musical is set in 1930s New York where all the gamblers are in town and depending

on the small-time gambler, Nathan Detroit, to secure a venue for *The Oldest Floating Crap Game* in New York. The opening scene is set on Broadway where three small time gamblers are arguing over which horse will win a big race. The band directed by **Mrs S Neale**, Head of Music, assisted by **Miss S Rottman**, strike up the rousing opening music *Fugue for Tinhorns*. The members of Save-a-Soul Mission, led by the strong Sergeant Sarah Brown, arrive carrying their banners urging the gamblers to repent their sins and *Follow the Fold* which was sung by Sarah joined by the chorus.

Nathan Detroit has been engaged to his fiancée, Miss Adelaide, for fourteen years and she is eager that the time has come for them to be married. Miss Adelaide is a show girl who performs at The Hot Box Night Club which Nathan visits later in the show. The audience was entertained by a very cheeky rendition of *Bushel and a Peck* accompanied by the Debutantes.

Nathan requires \$1,000 to secure a venue, so makes a bet with Sky Masterson which he is certain that he cannot lose. He bets Sky he will not be able to persuade Sergeant Sarah Brown to accompany him to dinner at the Cafe Cuba Cabana in Havana. Sadly he loses the bet as Sarah eventually agrees and the couple fall in love. The audience is then treated to a wonderful scene with Cuban dancers and a saxophone solo by **Billy Grimmell**.



There are many twists and turns in the plot but all romantic musicals have a happy ending. Following the Crap Game the gamblers attend a meeting at the Save-a-Soul Mission which means that it does not have to close. Sky marries Sarah and Nathan and Adelaide are married at last in the Mission.

There were some outstanding performances by a very talented cast directed by **Mrs Helen Simmons**, Head of Drama. These included **Alfie Hall** (Nathan Detroit), **Nathan Pike** (Benny Southstreet), **Miles Da Silva** (Nicely Nicely Johnson) and **Louis McDonnell** (Sky Masterson). **Mr Wilcock**, Headteacher, gave a convincing performance of the long-suffering Lt Brannigan who was always trying to outwit the gamblers. The two female stars were **Deborah Jardine** (Sarah Brown) and **Eleanor Taylor** (Miss Adelaide), who gave a show-stopping performance of *Marry The Man Today* in Act II. Many of the student performers were from Years 9 and 10 which makes their performances even more amazing.

To produce a show of this standard requires team work and this was certainly evident. The stage crew were managed very efficiently by **Miss Elaine Neal**; Sound: **Matthew Ide**, a former student; Costumes: **Mrs M Mcpherson & Mrs J Mcpherson**, as well as many other supporting staff and students. It certainly was a brilliant evening's entertainment!

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**Relaxing at Lady Bankes School's Celebration**



**Bishop Ramsey's Production of *Guys and Dolls***



**Billy Grimmell plays the saxophone**

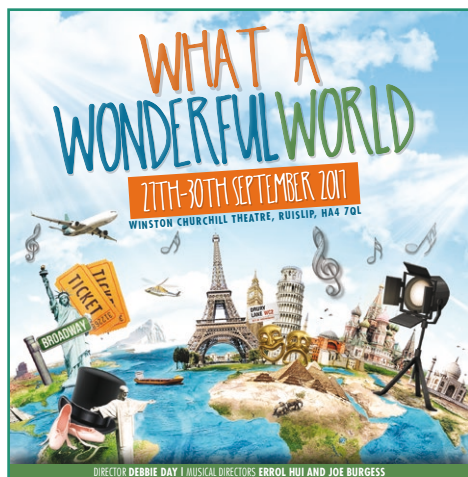
# Local Societies' News

*Graham Bartram*

## RUISLIP OPERATIC SOCIETY

*What A Wonderful World* - join us on a whistle stop worldwide tour of song and dance in ROS's musical compilation show. Featuring songs from your favourite West End and Broadway shows, including *Miss Saigon*, *The Lion King*, *42nd Street*, *Les Mis* and many more!

The show is on at the Winston Churchill Theatre from 27th to 30th September 2017 at 7.30pm. There is an additional 2.30pm matinee on Saturday 30th September. Tickets are £15 each, but £13 on Wednesday 27th and for concessions. Visit their website for details: [www.ruislipos.org](http://www.ruislipos.org).



Poster for *What A Wonderful World*

## HARROW CHORAL SOCIETY

Harrow Choral Society has just returned from a hugely successful 5-day tour of The Netherlands where the choir sang to audiences in Amsterdam, Monnickendam and Enkhuizen. They received standing ovations at all three concerts and their final performance at Enkhuizen attracted an audience of almost 600 which the tour operators said was the second largest in the 30 years that they have been in business!

The choir comes from both Harrow and Hillingdon. They rehearse on Monday evenings from 7.45pm at St Alban's Church, Norwood Drive, North Harrow HA2 7PF. For more information visit the website at [www.harrowchoral.org.uk](http://www.harrowchoral.org.uk) or contact Jill Mans on ☎ 020 8248 7625. ♦



The Harrow Choral Society performing in the Grote Kerk in Monnickendam

# Annual General Meeting

*7.45pm, Thursday, 14th September 2017  
Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL*

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Talk by Sgt Sam Quinn, Metropolitan Police
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016
  4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts
6. Election of Chairman and Executive Committee 2017-2018
7. Open Forum - with questions to a panel of RRA representatives  
(Items to the Secretary by Thursday, 7th September)
  8. Any Other Business
  9. Close of Business

Followed by informal discussions

Wine, fruit juices and snacks will be served

The meeting will end at 10pm



**The Winston Churchill Hall**



**The Foyer**

# A Road By Any Other Name

*Eileen Bowlt*

The road that runs north to south through the western side of Ruislip enters the parish just below Batchworth Heath, actually at the Hertfordshire/Middlesex county boundary which is marked by a Coal Tax Post, as well as a London Borough of Hillingdon sign. At this point it is named Rickmansworth Road, but shortly turns into Ducks Hill Road, joining Bury Street at Cannons Bridge. At the bottom of the hill it becomes Ruislip High Street, until it changes its name again at Ruislip Station, becoming West End Road. It finally leaves the parish at Down Barnes, where Sharvel Lane crosses the road. The lane, a track much damaged by heavy vehicles dumping refuse, is an important and very old boundary, marking the division of the parishes of Ruislip and Ickenham from Northolt and Hayes. Nowadays it also divides the Boroughs of Hillingdon and Ealing. Should you walk towards the Shooting Grounds you will find the modern farmhouse of Down Barnes and an interesting medieval moated site (much overgrown)

that once belonged to Roger de la Dune, Constable of the Tower of London.

This ancient north-south route is full of historical allusions and parts of it have borne different names over the centuries. The hilly part of Rickmansworth Road was formerly Kewferry Hill. Kewferry is probably derived from the name of John de Kevere, who had dealings with the Abbey of Bec over property in Northwood in the 1290s. The central portion of Bury Street was called Silver Street Green in the 16th century. Several listed timber-framed buildings stand there, almost hidden by modern houses that have been built on land that formerly belonged to them- The Plough (Miller & Carter), Woodman Farm, The Berries, Bury Street Farm and Little Manor Farm that is set back within the boundary of St Catherine's Manor.

Duty had been payable on coal brought into London from medieval times. After the Great Fire in 1666, the proceeds went to-





wards rebuilding the City. The boundary at which the tax had to be paid changed from time to time. In 1845, it was a 20-mile radius around the General Post Office in St Martin's Le Grand and finally in 1861, the Metropolitan Police District was chosen. This accounts for the post in Rickmansworth Road which simply marks the tax area and was not a collection point. There are several other posts on the boundary in Northwood, including one in the grounds of St Martin's School and a somewhat rusted pyramidal one – the type designed for railways – on the side of the Metropolitan Railway line by the footbridge in Eastbury Road.

When I first came to Ruislip I assumed that Ducks Hill and also Drakes Hill in Breakspear Road North were named after birds. Having asked a silly question at a meeting of the RNELHS, I was kindly corrected and told that both were family names. I have since read the 1679 will of John Duck, tile-maker, who had a tilekiln in St Catherine's Manor not far from the bottom of the hill named after his family.

Cannons Bridge carries the road across the stream that was damned in 1810 to form Ruislip Reservoir. There have been cottages there since the 13th century and the much enlarged and modernised Cannonsbridge Farm remains. From 1393 to 1983, Ruislip Vicarage was on the north side of the River Pinn. The hill rising from the river was known as Packe Hill at one

time, after Christopher Packe, Ruislip's longest serving vicar 1834-78.

The term, High Street, only referred to the end by the entrance to Manor Farm as far as Ickenham Road. This applied as late as the 1930s, when the address of the Westminster Bank (now NatWest) was West End Road, which led to West End in Northolt, hence the name. The first six shops near the traffic lights on the east side of the road were called Station Parade, when built in 1911.

West End Road provided a route through the common fields of Ruislip. Apart from the bend at Field End, it is now fairly straight as various small watercourses have disappeared underground. It crosses the Yeadling Brook twice, at White Butts (around Ruislip Gardens Station) and again near the Polish War Memorial. White Butts Bridge was a trysting place where Americans and White Russians who were stationed at Northolt Aerodrome in 1917 used to meet Ruislip girls for a chat. Only the Americans were invited home for tea! ♦



**The Polish War Memorial**

# Conservation Concerns

*Paul Mitchell*

## WHAT IS “CONSERVATION” IN RUISLIP AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Ruislip has a rich historic heritage including the historic Manor Farm site, a 13th Century church and a number of houses from the 16th Century onwards. It also contains a Conservation Area comprising houses built in the early 20th Century, when the area was developed on “garden suburb” lines. The Manor Farm site itself comprises a 13th century Great Barn, a 16th Century Manor House, a 16th Century Little Barn and an early medieval Motte & Bailey.

Conservation is about the protection of these assets, and the preservation of the character of the area, for the benefit of current and future residents. The danger is that without continuous attention a series of minor alterations could, over time, easily result in the gradual but permanent damage to the heritage and character of Ruislip.

## SO WHAT HISTORIC ASSETS DO WE HAVE IN RUISLIP?

Hillingdon Council designates specific areas as “Conservation Areas”, or “Areas

of Special Local Character” (ASLCs), based on a score against nine criteria relating to townscape significance, architectural significance and historic significance.

Conservation Areas are areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. ASLCs are areas which contain elements of local character and identity that the Council also wishes to preserve.

Within Ruislip there are two Conservation Areas and two ASLCs:

### **Ruislip Village Conservation Area:**

The Ruislip Village Conservation Area (RVCA) was designated in 1969, and was one of the first such areas to be agreed within the London Borough of Hillingdon. It then contained only the medieval village centre comprising Manor Farm (the administrative centre of the Manor of Ruislip), St. Martin’s Church (the ecclesiastical centre of the Parish of Ruislip), and the ancient buildings at the north end of Ruislip High Street and south end of Bury Street – all of which are “Listed”.

In 2009 the RVCA was extended to include all of Ruislip High Street and the later residential “garden suburb” area immediately to the west, built upon the Park Estate and Withy Crofts - meadowland belonging to the King’s College Estate - as well as the old hamlets of Great King’s End and Little King’s End. It is a good example of “Metroland” development which followed the arrival of the railway in the early 1900s, having many high quality residential houses set in mature gardens.

The RVCA is rich in historic buildings and features – containing 23 Statutorily Listed buildings, 26 Locally Listed buildings and one Scheduled Ancient Monument.

A map showing the boundary of the Ruislip Village Conservation Area is shown on the opposite page.

#### **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.

The two ASLCs are “Midcroft” and “Moat Drive”. Maps showing the boundaries of these and the two Conservation Areas can be found at this link:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/22667/Conservation-areas-and-areas-of-special-local-character>

Ruislip also contains an “Archaeological Priority Area” (APA) called the “Ruislip Motte & Bailey APA” - covering Park Wood, Ruislip Lido and adjacent areas. Within this area are two Scheduled Ancient Monuments: the Motte & Bailey - in the Manor Farm site, and Park Pale - an earthwork forming the boundary of the medieval deer park. These archaeological remains are an important and valuable local and national resource.

#### **WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE CLASSIFICATION OF AREAS AND BUILDINGS MAKE IN PRACTICE?**

Within Conservation Areas, normal ‘Permitted Development’ rights (permission granted automatically for certain works to single family houses) are restricted, enabling the Council to have more control over the size, design and location of extensions and alterations. There are also additional restrictions relating to demolitions and work on trees.

Any planning proposals for sites within a Conservation Area or ASLC require a higher standard of design and use of traditional materials. Any new features need to be complementary to the existing building. One topical point is that planning applications which change the roofline are generally unwelcome in Conservation Areas and ASLCs. Such applications are increasingly common where owners are seeking to convert roof spaces, intended for storage, into living areas.

More information is available via the RRA website under "Conservation". ♦





# Health Matters

*Joan Davis*

## NATIONAL ISSUES

**Review of health systems:** A US think tank, the Commonwealth Fund, has compared health services in 11 countries including the US, Canada, Australia, France and Germany, ranking the NHS top overall, praising its safety, affordability and efficiency – although it was less effective in preventing early death and in its cancer outcomes. This NHS success repeats its success three years ago and is despite the current NHS financial squeeze and lengthening waiting times.

## REGIONAL ISSUES

**GP prescriptions:** The eight NW London boroughs need to save nearly £135m this year, so they are considering the following prescription options:

- (i) Asking patients to buy items that can be bought cheaply without prescription;
- (ii) Asking GPs not to prescribe those items routinely;
- (iii) Obliging patients to re-order prescriptions if needed, to avoid pharmacists doing so automatically.

**Threat to Royal Brompton:** Ruislip Residents' has protested loudly about the NHS

England plans to transfer Royal Brompton's Congenital Heart Disease services to alternative hospitals, because Royal Brompton fails its new rule requiring paediatric services to be based on the same site as CHD services. At Royal Brompton these services are provided by neighbouring Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. There have never been any problems relating to these arrangements. All clinical targets are met and both commissioners and regulators acknowledge that there are no concerns about the quality of Royal Brompton's CHD services, which remain among the best performing in the country. NHS England also admits this requirement has no basis in evidence and is opposed by many doctors. No Trust in the country meets all the new requirements! If implemented, loss of CHD services would break-up the Brompton research teams, seriously threaten the Trust financially (including Harefield Hospital) through redundancy costs and loss of income, and other Trust services would be impossible without currently shared facilities.

## HILLINGDON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)

**Shaping a Healthier Future:** This is the NW

London CCGs' plan to improve local health services. The next step is to seek approvals from the Department of Health and HM Treasury to access the £500m of capital investment required to deliver this programme. In parallel, a number of outline business cases are being developed for (i) community hubs and (ii) the development of models of care in the community to support changed ways of working in local hospitals.

#### **Northwood & Pinner Community Hospital:**

NHS Property Services sees this site as a key opportunity for early delivery of a new health facility and residential development, subject to the necessary consents and approvals. Planning consultants are already appointed.

**Care Homes:** Hillingdon's care homes and the home care market face difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff, leading to delayed transfers of care from hospitals. To help stabilise the market Hillingdon Council is requiring providers to pay their staff a minimum rate of £9.75 per hour, the London living wage.

#### **HILLINGDON HOSPITAL NHS FT**

**Car parking charges:** In September a new system in the Trust's pay on exit car parks will have automatic number plate recognition, fewer barriers and payment machines that give change and accept credit and debit cards as well as cash. It is hoped to extend this system to other car parks

later. Disabled drivers will pay £1 per visit and staff will pay an extra 10p per day.

#### **MOUNT VERNON CANCER CENTRE**

**Cyberknife:** This provides very accurate radiotherapy for cancer patients, and is particularly useful for brain treatments. A most generous donor made Mount Vernon the first NHS hospital in the country to have this equipment, so Mount Vernon clinicians taught others how to use it when it became more widely available. However, recently, NHS England decided to pay for only 17 centres to use cyberknife to treat brain metastases and it invited all centres to apply for this funding. Unfortunately the Mount Vernon application by East & North Herts NHS Trust was submitted unsigned and it was therefore disqualified from consideration – requests to simply sign the application later were refused. So, local patients unlucky enough to have cancer with brain secondaries cannot have local treatment – they have to travel to other sites, and face all the problems which that implies – long journeys, unfamiliar surroundings, repeated tests, staff they do not know and trust. The Community Voice, of which Ruislip Residents' Association is a member, is protesting loudly (i) On behalf of patients (ii) Because not using this donated equipment to the full could deter other potential donors from making similar gifts to the NHS and (iii) The Mount Vernon Cancer Centre loses a third of its income from this equipment. ♦



# Police Points

*Brian Gunn*

## POLICE WARD PANELS REPORT

Time really does seem to have flown by since the last edition and my previous report on policing liaison. During that time there have been a number of Safer Neighbourhood panel meetings – most of which I have attended as your representative. I am pleased to report that progress has been made on a number of fronts.

Starting with the Eastcote and East Ruislip panel and a follow up to the issue of anti-social behaviour reported in the last *Town Crier* with regard to youths at Eastcote damaging shop displays etc. – action addressed these issues and the local shopkeepers report no real problems at the time of the April meeting. The police Safer Neighbourhood team (SNT) were able to confirm a significant drop (31%) in the number of burglaries but there were still issues with houses being left without precautions being taken. Problems were reported at the Tube station which the police are tackling and banning orders have been used to prevent trouble being caused by outsiders coming into the area. Sadly, by the time of the July meeting it seemed that there were still problems at

the station car park, with criminal activity being reported to the meeting as well as at the toilets at Devonshire Lodge car park. The police are making patrols to deal with these incidents.

Also at the Eastcote and East Ruislip July meeting we heard of a change in the Police SNT which is led now by Sgt David Peaks. Sgt Peaks explained that the duty roster for the SNT meant they could be on duty up until midnight providing cover and as well as the SNT team there was another proactive team dealing with investigations. The meeting had a troubling report of anti-social behaviour by youngsters in a particular location. The police have been very proactive in following this up and have engaged with these youngsters and their families with positive effect.

We also heard that the police were distributing "Smartwater" kits across the ward – targetting households which were in areas of risk. This is a time consuming job for the local police as the use of the kit has to be properly explained and each officer has, as I understand it, some 300 kits each to deliver! I am sure that

this will be well worth while in their efforts to reduce crime across the area. Nevertheless it is as well to be reminded of sensible precautions – don't leave open windows when you leave the house – do properly lock UPVC doors (just lifting the doorhandle doesn't secure them!) - always lock motor vehicles left on driveways and don't leave keys in places potentially accessible to thieves!

As for the West Ruislip Ward SNT panel meetings, again starting with the April meeting, we heard from the police regarding the changes mentioned above to the police SNT and the new investigative team which will relieve the dedicated SNT officers from responsibility of investigating local crime to allow them to spend more time amongst the public, patrolling and providing visible policing presence. Again anti-social behaviour featured strongly, mainly caused by young people on Ruislip High Street, but also at Great Central Parade, West Ruislip. The police told us that they had high visibility patrols dealing with these issues as well as at open spaces, parks and the Lido. There was however a clamping down on youths coming into the area from outside causing problems – and it was interesting to note that such young offenders faced having their Oyster cards cancelled as a deterrent – which is quite powerful as their parents face having to pay the subsequent costs for their children's transport.

On a another positive front – burglaries across the ward had reduced by some 40% (see also below re arrest of a burglary team!) but again, as above, more can be done by householders to further reduce the incidence of such crimes. "Smartwater" packs were also being distributed across the ward – again with a targetted approach for those identified as being more at risk in this phase.

At our most recent meeting of this panel Sgt David Peaks attended to explain his role, as well as changes in the command structure, as Police Commanders will now work with three Boroughs instead of just one. Additionally we heard that since the last meeting there had been no further reports of anti-social behaviour at Ickenham's Grand Central Parade, nor incidents on Ruislip High Street. In general the Police were still undertaking sweeps for weapons such as knives (Operation Sceptre) and Moped/scooter thefts (Operation Venice). The team had been advising shopkeepers on measures to help prevent shop thefts and a burglary team working across Ruislip, Eastcote and Harrow had been arrested. Police action is being taken with regard to rough sleepers in Ruislip Woods.

The police have been engaging with local residents at various locations such as local libraries – and I endeavour to publicise these events on our website as and when I am notified.



Other community events have taken place such as the Tasking team I mentioned earlier who have been to Field End Junior School where amongst other things, I am told the children had a go at “attacking” the team whilst they demonstrated using riot shields to defend themselves! I am not told, though, who “won”!

I would like to pay tribute to our local police officers who have done some creditable pieces of work (and sorry if I have missed anyone out!) PC Roe – who was responsible for the arrest of a man for thefts from ATMs; PC Kang for an arrest of a shoplifter – resulting in five charges; PC Coopey for having chased a man who decamped from a stolen car, following him for a mile and a half, (aided by the helicopter team tracking the man) and then arresting him! Finally, congratulations to PCs Burton and Fear who helped a local resident who had had a cardiac arrest. The gentleman concerned, thankfully, survived and after his recovery met up with the officers to personally thank them. Well done to all of you!

If you would like to follow the Police SNT for your area and find out more of what is happening you can do this via their live website: <https://beta.met.police.uk/your-area/hillingdon> followed by your area, eg. [/eastcote-and-east-ruislip](#) or [/west-ruislip](#). They also have a Facebook page and twitter account (eg. [@MPSEastcoteXH](#))

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# Planning Update

*Mike Hodge*

## PEMBROKE HOUSE, 5-9 PEMBROKE ROAD:

Various planning applications have been submitted for this site and one of the more recent was for a proposed extension of the 4th floor accommodation to provide two new one-bedroom flats. However this application was refused by the local authority and an appeal was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate, primarily due to the fact that it would have a significant and harmful effect on the character and appearance of Pembroke House and the visual qualities of the area. However, on 20 July, a revised application was submitted to extend the 4th floor accommodation to provide one two-bedroom apartment. Our concerns remain as to suitable development given the Planning Inspectorate decision on the earlier proposal and would expect to raise similar concerns as before.



Pembroke House

## LAND FORMING PART OF 2 ARLINGTON DRIVE:

An earlier application to erect two new detached two-storey houses (4 and 6 Arlington Drive), with detached double garages having been refused by the local authority, a modified application has been submitted without the double garages, but with two new vehicular crossovers. As an association, we do not consider that the proposed changes would make a significant difference, particularly given the proximity of the Grade-2 listed building, Little Manor House, and will reiterate our previous opposition to the plans.



2 Arlington Drive

**REAR OF 2 OLD HATCH MANOR:** This recent planning application proposes erecting a two-storey, three-bed detached

dwelling on land to the rear of the existing house, but constitutes 'back garden development' which is not considered conducive to the existing local street scene, giving a crowded appearance to the site and not harmonising with other dwellings. We have raised our concerns with the local planners and await their decision.



Rear of 2 Old Hatch Manor

**3 BEECHWOOD AVENUE:** A proposal to erect a single storey rear extension is to be decided on the basis of 'prior approval'. This entails informing owners and occupiers of adjoining dwellings and them being given the opportunity to comment and 21 days to do so. Should no objections be raised, the application can proceed - otherwise it would need planning permission in the usual way. ♦



3 Beechwood Avenue

# Houses of Parliament Visits

*Vivien Alcorn*

We have received another special permit from the office of Nick Hurd MP for a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament - a trip that has always proved popular with residents.

The visit is in October, and those member households who have already applied for a previous trip and are still on the waiting list will be contacted shortly. We hope to arrange another trip early next year. ♦



# RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.45pm, Thursday, 14th September 2017

Winston Churchill Hall

Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Doors open at 7.30pm

The talk will be by Sgt Sam Quinn  
Police Sergeant (SNT), Millingdon Division, Metropolitan Police  
followed by an Open Forum, with questions to a panel of  
RRA representatives. The meeting will end at 10pm

Wine, fruit juices and snacks will be served

Open forum items to the Secretary by Thursday, 7th September 2017

The next meeting is on the 16th April 2018