



Ruislip Residents' Association

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In case you missed the bluebells in Ruislip Woods this year! I for one look forward to it every year. ...and you'll find a little reminder of a more recent spring activity at Ruislip Woods – on 10th May the 12th annual Ruislip Woods Festival—on the back page.

Also in this issue, the first "Chairman's round-up" to give you a broad view of some of Ruislip Residents' Association committee activities that are often overlooked, and some practical, self-help advice on crime prevention.

Talking of crime, our history article features murder, The Six Bells pub and...well, I don't want to spoil it for you.

And there are lots of other snippets for you to enjoy.

Paid your subscription yet? See the note from our Chief Road Steward on the inside back page. *(Ed)*

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Ruislip Residents' Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & *OPEN FORUM*

Monday 15th June 2009 at 7.30pm
Winston Churchill Hall

HAVE YOUR SAY ON LOCAL TOPICS:

Agenda: Chairman's report
Treasurer's report
Election of officers
Proposal to increase subscriptions (*see panel opposite*)
Nick Hurd MP
Open Forum

(NB: the agenda order may be subject to change)

This coming Annual General Meeting will again be largely Open Forum, giving you the chance to give your views and air your concerns. We hope this will offer our Residents a convenient opportunity to get involved.

[Light refreshments will be available]

Officers		Committee	
Chairman:	Peter Lansdown	Janice Andrews	Sue Seagroatt
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If you can help with the work of your Association, please contact our Secretary.

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Subscriptions: A Message from Our Treasurer *(John Perkins)*

A motion will be put before members at the AGM to increase subscriptions in 2010, which have been unchanged since 1995. Your Committee recommend that the standard subscription be increased from £1.50 to £2.00. 90% of our 3,200 members pay the standard rate and you are asked to continue to do so if you are able. Your Committee recommend that the concessionary rate be increased to £1.

We have delayed this increase for as long as possible, but in 2008 we had a deficit of over £800 – our first since 1993 – and in 2009 expect a deficit of over £1,000.

The proposed increase of 33% for our standard subscription compares with an increase of 44% in the Retail Price Index since 1995. Over half our expenditure is for the Town Crier magazine, the cost of which has trebled since 1995. However, we have received much favourable comment about our new look 16 page magazine, introduced in 2008 and believe we should continue with this format.

We do hope that you will agree to our proposed subscription increases to enable us to continue our services to the citizens of Ruislip.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

RUISLIP MANOR FUN DAY

Saturday 4th July 2009, 11:00 to 5 p.m.

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

- Fairground rides
- Charity and trade stalls
- Speciality foods by local Restaurants.
- Kid zone - shows and activities
- Bouncy castle and slides
- Live music and dancing
- Science fiction fancy dress
- Tombolas
- Face painting
- Activities at Windmill Studios
- Fun Day Queen and princess
- Street entertainers, clowns

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

Organised by:

Ruislip Manor Chamber of Commerce

THE MANOR FARM TEA DANCE AT WINSTON CHURCHILL HALL, RUISLIP

Ballroom, popular sequence dance and Latin music provided by Terry and Rita Crump. All levels and back-grounds welcome.

Dances are held every month on Thursdays, from 1:30pm to 4pm at Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

Tickets are £3.00 and there is a FREE tea or coffee with admission. Free on site car parking for patrons.

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL AT MANOR FARM

15th & 16th August 2009

Running from 11:00 am to 5:00pm on both days, the festival will include:

- Battle re-enactments (Pinn Meadow)
- Medieval encampment (orchard)
- Have-a-go activities (Great Barn)
- Displays
- Food Stalls
- Theatre productions of The Canterbury Tales

...and the customary medieval banquet on Saturday evening (tickets £20)

RUISLIP LIONS PRESENTS:

'The Three Musketeers'

An Illyria production.

8th August 2009 at 7.30 pm

Manor Farm Courtyard, Ruislip.

Gates open at 6.00 pm for picnics, bring your own rugs and chairs.

Tickets are £13.25 before 25th July and £15.00 after that date.

(Under 16's £8.00).

The 'Last Night of the Proms'

5th September 2009 at 7.30 pm

Winston Churchill Theatre, Pinn Way, Ruislip:

Featuring Grimsdyke Brass and soloist Trish Lewis.

Tickets £10.00 (Under 16's £5.00).

Box Office for both these events is 07806 766993.

CHAIRMANS' ROUND-UP *(Peter Lansdown)*

Held in Ruislip Manor library, on 18th February, our most recent **General Meeting** was very well attended, with standing room only. A report from the local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) was followed by a very lively Open Forum. Cllr. Mills had suggested that residents might like to come along to discuss new proposals for Shenley Park. This they did in numbers and an impassioned debate followed. The outcome is that many of the proposals have been abandoned, at least for the time being, demonstrating that democracy is far from dead. We will continue to invite Councillors and Council officials and employ the Open Forum format for general meetings, giving residents an opportunity to voice their opinions. Next meeting: AGM, 15th June....

Noted in the minutes of a meeting of the Ruislip Manor Chamber of Commerce from the SNT report, interesting:

Shenley Park.

Chris Scott, LBH Council, is working in conjunction with the SNT to provide facilities to keep youths occupied. Cllr Markham said that Penny Maas (Ruislip High School) had done a considerable amount of work on the Shenley Park shelter project and it is a shame that it has failed at the moment, however the outdoor gym project is going ahead.

The second meeting of the re-started **RAF Northolt Community Liaison Group** was held on Thursday, 30th April. This was much better attended than the first one and covered operational and support matters. It concluded with a brief, but interesting, tour of the site. Capital expenditure there is in the order of £300M. There is a Family Day event at Northolt on Saturday, 6th June. This may mean an increase in military air movements between Friday, 5th June and Monday, 8th June.

On Monday, 27th April, two seats were unveiled in memory of **Cllr Solveig Stone**. One is in Kings Gardens off Bury Street and the other is in the field adjacent to Kings College Road by the skateboard park.

Some of the **other committee activities** on behalf of Ruislip Residents::

- Environment: attended workshops on the West London Waste Plan 2011-2025 and Climate Strategy 2009-2012.
- Involvement with other bodies, such as Street Champions, Motorists' Forum, West London Composting.
- Attended the Ruislip Manor C of C meeting on 21st April
- Safer Neighbourhood Team Liaison

CHAIRMAN'S ROUND-UP

There was a further consultation meeting on the subject of **National Cycle Route 6** on Friday, 3rd April. Sustrans have not given up on a route through the Lido, although the Council and most other groups are against this. The route is much more likely to go to the east of Park Woods, probably using Fore Street. I commented that there are several schools in this area, making it ideal for cycling to school, but that Fore Street itself is not suitable, unless significant safety improvement works are carried out

We recently managed to co-opt an additional member on to the committee to cover **transport**. He's already been involved with the Met. Line and with buses soon to follow.

Re the Met. Line, the latest is that new trains are being built and tested. Due to new legal requirements for wheel chair access, the eight carriage trains will have a wide corridor down the middle with walk-through carriages. This means that there will be much more room for standing, but 30% fewer seats. The trains will also be faster, smoother, safer, brighter and have air-conditioning. The intention is for them to be introduced in May 2010 with complete replacement in one year as new trains are built and delivered.

Members of the committee chair both the Ruislip Woods and Lido **Management Advisory Groups** (MAGs). The RWMAG has been busy writing the Management Plan for the next five years. Indeed you may have seen the draft at the Woods Festival day on 10th May.

The latest meeting of LMAG was held on Tuesday, 28th April.

The new Water Feature was officially opened by Cllr. Sandra Jenkins on Tuesday, 7th April, and was immediately in use. Unfortunately there were a couple of minor faults which caused a shut down for a few days, but all is in order now and many children have already enjoyed this facility.

The wooden bridge at the northern end of the circular path is being widened. This will allow safer passage for wheel-chairs, passing for bicycles and easier access for working vehicles.

The dam is in need of some strengthening work, which has been delayed by hibernating bats. The work is expected to take place in the next three months. Modifications planned for the railway buildings will be put in hand after this, probably in the autumn.

...and finally, I want to say a huge well done to all involved in making the 12th annual Ruislip Woods Festival even better than last year! See the back page for more on the festival.

Transport Strategy North of the A40
The expected consultation meeting for local residents' associations, Councillors, etc. was held at Ruislip High School on Tuesday, 24th Feb. It was unsatisfactory in as much that the consultants had not carried out as wide a study as requested and will now do further work. A useful proposal was made by SRRA, suggesting that a possible signed route from the A40 could be from the Target roundabout to Northolt station, left into Eastcote Lane, under the railway bridge and then left before Victoria Road to link up with Stonefield Way and service industrial premises from here. A second consultation meeting is being arranged.

Road layout modifications have been completed at the junction of Midcroft with South Drive.

A new pedestrian crossing has been installed close to the Pinn bridge in Bury Street. It should be noted that this need was identified by the RRA some years ago. It is still not clear what will be proposed for the Bury Street/Ladygate Lane junction.

At our recent committee meeting, ASNT reported that two crimes are on the increase in Ruislip: burglary and theft from motor vehicles. The Police are working hard to fight these crimes but there is much we, as householders and car owners, can do to help protect ourselves, and others.

Most burglaries happen during the day while people are out at work. But as the welcome warmer weather arrives obvious measures such as locking windows and doors when going out can be complemented by checking we have locked all accessible windows (including upper floors) and doors when we turn-in at night.

Valuable often ignored but targeted by burglars are car keys - do you leave yours by the front door? - and then the car! Put all keys out of easy reach!

Common tools used by burglars to gain access to homes are everyday garden implements: ladders, spades and forks. Make sure yours are locked away, both at night and when you are out; for your sake and your neighbours.

If you are parking your car, at home or elsewhere, lock all your valuables (satnavs, bags, laptops) in the boot. The SNT expressed surprise at the number of laptops that still get stolen from cars parked in pub car parks.

DON'T MAKE IT EASY FOR THIEVES!

HISTORY: REVENGE KILLING IN RUISLIP (IN 1837)

REVENGE KILLING IN RUISLIP

The rural Ruislip of the early nineteenth century was a very different place from today's bustling suburb, as revealed by recent research for our Local History Society Journal.

On Sunday 19 February 1837, 15 years old John Brill was found murdered in Ruislip Woods. An employee of local tenant farmer Charles Churchill, Brill had been sent out the previous Thursday to fill gaps in the fence around Youngwood. When he failed to return home in the evening a search with lanterns was begun.

Brill's body was eventually discovered by farm worker James Lavender in a remote hollow in the wood. His clothes were in disorder and his face was covered with dirt. Blood had flowed from a severe blow under his right ear and about six yards away the boy's bill hook and cuff were found, and also his cap on a white thorn tree.

Two months earlier, Thomas Lavender and James Bray had been brought before magistrates at Uxbridge charged with poaching on the grounds of Ralph Dean in Ruislip. John Brill

had given evidence against them, and threats of violence were uttered against him by the prisoners and their friends.

Magistrate Thomas Dagnall issued warrants for the apprehension of Thomas Lavender, James Bray and one Charles Lamb. Police sent from London at the request of the owner of the wood and the tenant of the game rights, together with the Uxbridge constables, obtained further circumstantial evidence against Charles Lamb.

At the Six Bells, the Coroner Mr Stirling swore in a jury that included the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the Reverend Christopher Packe as their foreman. The jury examined the body and noted a severe bruise under the left ear and a mark of a heavy blow on the left temple.



At the Six Bells. In February 1837 this historic pub was clearly a centre for civic business, now it is sadly awaiting a new tenant.

HISTORY: REVENGE KILLING IN RUISLIP

Mr Charles Patten, an Uxbridge surgeon, who carried out the post mortem, said that the deceased's death was caused by an effusion of blood on the surface of the brain (a cerebral haemorrhage in modern terms). A blow from a stick or flat instrument was more likely to have caused this than a fall, as the ground was soft and the body was not in a position which would have resulted from a fall.

The jury returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown. At the conclusion of proceedings Mr Dagnall told Lamb and Bray that although there was "a case of strong suspicion made out against them, and more particularly against Lamb", the evidence was "not sufficiently strong to warrant him in detaining them in custody". Lamb was immediately re-arrested for sheep stealing.

Local efforts having failed to find sufficient evidence to secure a conviction for what appeared to have been a barbarous revenge killing, the Churchwardens and one of Overseers of the Poor wrote to the Home Secretary Lord John Russell seeking permission to offer a reward for the apprehension of

the murderer(s) of John Brill.

This letter and the reward poster were recently discovered among Home Office Records at the National Archives at Kew.

The poster offers a reward of £100 for information and evidence, plus a further £50 and His Majesty's pardon for any accomplice, but not the person who actually committed the murder. This was a very large sum for those days, considering that local agricultural labourers' wages were about 12 shillings per week and even then they were not very regular.

No-one came forward. Perhaps this is not too surprising, as the population of the Parish in those days amounted to only about 1200 people, many of whom will have belonged to a small number of extended families. John Brill was buried at St Martin's Church, the Relieving Officer being ordered to pay the funeral expenses.

In February 1845 Charles Lamb, one of the suspects apprehended in 1837 but subsequently discharged, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court after another local man,

HISTORY

George Sibley, reported to the Governor of Coldbath Fields House of Correction that Lamb, then a fellow prisoner, had previously confessed to Brill's murder while they were out on a joint poaching expedition.

According to Sibley, Lamb had remarked "I had sooner be took for my murder than go to the House of Correction", and had gone on to tell how he had taken John Brill's cap "and hung it up on a bough and laid his cuff and bill hook by the side of him, so as if he had tumbled out of a tree".

Many of the witnesses heard at the original inquest were called again. It was established that, at the time of the murder, a scream had been heard, and that Lamb had been seen in the vicinity.

However, Lamb's defence counsel Mr Wilkins got Sibley to admit that he had been in gaol for fishing three times and poaching once. He was employed only intermittently doing odd jobs and could not name any of his employers. He did not know that his wife was a common prostitute while he was in gaol.

Mr Wilkins pointed out that the account he attributed to Lamb could have been

based on common gossip, and convinced the jury that Sibley, knowing about the offer of a reward and pardon, was motivated to speak in order to get out of prison. The jury deliberated for only half an hour and Lamb again escaped conviction for killing young John Brill.

**Celia Cartwright & Martin Cartwright
Ruislip Northwood & Eastcote Local
History Society**

Common Cows

We are pleased to report that Longhorn



cattle are grazing Ruislip Common this year.

PLANNING MATTERS *(John Williams & Mike Hodge)*

Firstly an update on four planning applications reported in our last issue. Despite considerable opposition from local residents supported by Ruislip Residents Association, the proposal for a block of quad (back to back) houses at **2 Windmill Hill** was approved.

Also approved was the proposed new Sports Hall at **Whiteheath School, Whiteheath Avenue**. However the application for an extension at the **Baptist Church in Manor Way** was refused.

At Ruislip **Golf Course, Ickenham Road**, the proposal by Top Golf Ltd to redevelop the driving range has been withdrawn, and we understand it is unlikely to be renewed. Members of the Club, who were worried that the proposal would have adversely affected their operations, have already welcomed this decision as do we.

Despite a marked drop in the number of planning applications this year, there are still a few which have generated comment from local residents. In **Kingsend** a revised proposal for a three storey block of flats to replace the demolished house at **No 45** awaits a decision from the Council. At **No 8**, following the recent refusal by the Council for a 2 Bed house in the rear garden, the applicant has now served a notice of Appeal.

Another application, which has been of concern to residents is at **No 1 The Uplands**, where the Planning Inspectorate has just overturned the Council's refusal for a 3 bedroom house. The view of both local residents and the Council was that the proposal would be detrimental to the street scene and the amenity of adjacent properties, but the Inspector took a different view and has granted permission.

At **121 Herlwyn Avenue**, an Appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate. This relates to an enforcement notice issued by the Council requiring the removal of an existing side/rear extension and for which the Council has previously refused to grant retrospective planning permission.

In the **High Street** Ablethird have applied to move their current Amusement Arcade operation from **No 70** to the vacant premises at **No 80** (previously Supa Snaps). Members may recall that the original proposal at No 70 was controversial at the time and was only allowed on Appeal. Also, following the Council's approval last year to extend the Kentucky Fried Kitchen at **No 56-58**, there is now a proposal to increase the illuminated signage. As all the premises affected by these proposals are in the recently extended Conservation Area your Association is currently considering a response to both applications.

PLANNING MATTERS *(from page 11)*

Your Association has written to the Council regarding the proposed new parking area at the front of **Berkley House, Bury Street**. Of particular concern is the impact the proposal would have on both the street scene and the probable harm to the existing listed trees on the site.

Although outside the Association's area, **RAF Uxbridge** has been causing increasing concern about the impact redevelopment of this large site, with 700 plus homes, would have on local services and traffic. Following the recent public consultation and the adoption of the Council's Supplementary Planning Document for the site the developer, VSM Estates Ltd, has ar-

anged a public exhibition showing details of their proposed redevelopment. Although this exhibition will take place before publication of this edition it should be possible to see details of the proposals on the Internet at www.vsmestates.co.uk/rafuxbridge.

Did you Know ?

Neighbour's hedge too high?

Help could be at hand. Under recent legislation the Council can now act as a mediator or adjudicator in disputes between neighbours where an ever-green hedge obstructs light or a view. Full details of the scheme are available from the Council's Trees and Landscape Team at the Civic Centre

HEALTH MATTERS *(Joan Davis)*

Hillingdon Local Involvement Network (LINK)

The LINK' is getting up to speed. Its first major project is on "discharge from hospital". Please get in touch if you want to give information about your own experience – good or bad. There are still spaces for more volunteers to work on this project and, if training is needed, this will be provided free. All out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

Other projects will be starting soon, so also make contact if you might be interested in learning more about

working with the LINK on isolation and depression, diabetes, nursing homes or dementia.

Anyone interested in health services or social services in Hillingdon can become a LINK member, either as an organisation or as an individual. Ruislip Residents Association is already a member organisation.

'Phone Joan Davis, on 01895 636095 to find out more.

Hillingdon Hospital News

Firstly the **good news....**

Both the new Treatment Centre on the Mount Vernon site and Bevan Ward at Hillingdon Hospital have opened since our last Town Crier - a double achievement by the Trust, of which it is rightly proud.

The Treatment Centre is receiving elective surgery and out-patients and its operating theatres are busy, including weekends. We have received enthusiastic reports from patients.

Bevan Ward is a national pilot, with 24 beds, all in single rooms with en suite facilities, allowing comparison of three different room designs. This has been widely praised. Single rooms are quieter, visitors are more welcome, infection control is easier, and staff like working there too!

Now for the **bad news...**

The Trust had 17 cases of MRSA in 2008-09, against its target of 12. The Board is taking this issue very seriously and requires reports at every meeting – I counted 27 pages of papers on the issue at one Board Meeting! Every case is analysed closely; all elective surgery patients are to be pre-tested for this infection; hand hygiene is closely monitored; pressure sores are vigorously avoided. It is difficult to know what more could be done.

The second bad news is that the worst winter for years put such pressure on the A&E Department that it failed to meet its target of treating 98% of patients within target time of four hours. An extra 35 to 40 patients per day caused the rate to drop to 96%. Additional staff are now being introduced on evening shifts to tackle the problem.

And finally, the Trust's application to become a foundation trust is still unresolved. Until this is achieved the Trust cannot move forward towards its vital rebuild of Hillingdon Hospital, which everyone counts as its top priority

Flu Pandemic

In a recent audit of preparations for a possible 'flu pandemic the hospital scored an assessment of 98%. This was a national audit, in which the London average was a score of 82%, so The Hillingdon Hospital was considered well prepared.

We all hope not to face a pandemic situation but it is reassuring to know that preparations are in hand.

Flu Pandemic Advice from Hillingdon Council and Dept of Health:

If you develop any of the symptoms similar to those of seasonal influenza, you should contact your GP by phone or seek advice from NHS Direct (0845 4647).

HEALTH MATTERS *(Joan Davis)*

Ambulance Station in Ruislip?

Back in 1994 the ambulances were homeless, parked in the road in Midcroft, waiting for calls with no facilities for the crews. Petitions and counter petitions about building an ambulance station in the Pavilion in Kings College Road came and went.

For a time ambulances were based in at Winston Churchill Hall. Then they moved to a temporary home at Mount Vernon Hospital.

Now, still temporarily, they use the old Northwood & Pinner Community Hospital in Northwood Hills – at least it is warm and dry there but hardly central.

In 2006 a site was identified behind shops in Pembroke Road, near the Ruislip Manor traffic lights but three years later, nothing has happened.

Enquiries in 2008 by The Community Voice, of which Ruislip Residents' Association is a member, indicated that Transport for London, head leaseholder of the site, was blocking progress, despite planning permission being agreed with Hillingdon Council. Letters were exchanged with the Deputy Mayor of London, Richard Barnes, asking for his help to resolve this long-standing problem, but to no effect. He passed on letters to the London Ambulance Service, which did not reply.

More recently, letters have been sent direct to the Chief Executive of LAS, asking for an update, again without a reply.

We want a local ambulance station, to provide a prompt efficient service - and the crews deserve a permanent, purpose-built home. We shall continue to press for this. Fifteen years is too long to wait!

Mount Vernon Cancer Services

Ruislip Residents Association has always fought to keep cancer services at Mount Vernon, so the interim report of the current review brought wonderful news, clearly stating that the Cancer Centre will stay at Mount Vernon.

Many of our members campaigned actively within The Community Voice, standing outside local supermarkets to collect petition signatures, writing numerous letters, attending protest meetings and generally making clear that Ruislip people value the Cancer Centre highly and fiercely oppose any proposal to move it. So success is very sweet. Now we await further proposals from the Review, which is considering the possibility of building satellite radiotherapy centres, with the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre as the hub of an enlarged system. We will keep our members posted.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF ROAD STEWARD

It's my job to organize the network of Area and Road Stewards who deliver the Town Crier to your letterbox. Traditionally these volunteers collected all of our subscription income from you at the door; nowadays busier lives means fewer of our Road Stewards are willing to do this.

So if you enjoy reading the Town Crier and value the contribution the Association makes to the local community, please take the trouble to fill in the form below and send it with your subscription to our Treasurer. The standard annual subscription rate for 2009 is still £1.50 per household. Though senior citizens may still pay at the reduced rate of £0.50, we would ask all who can to pay at the standard rate of £1.50.

However, if you usually pay your sub. to your local Road Steward, please continue to do so. Your Road Steward is:

Visit our web site at www.ruislipresidents.org.uk to find out more about the Association's activities. Contact us by e-mail at feedback@ruislipresidents.org.uk. We can now send you a monthly update on current issues by e-mail so please add your own address below if this would interest you.

Brian Cowley (Tel: 0208 582 7810)



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RUISLIP WOODS 12TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, 10th May saw the 12th annual Ruislip Woods Festival. The weather was kind; performers, crafts folk and exhibitors fantastic and visitors numerous.

From this little montage we hope you will get some small sense of the fun day had by all.

The minstrels (left) minstrelled, Adams Axemen (right), axed.

Traditional crafts included: Michael making new handles for old tools, George making Besom Brooms... and Jackie, baskets.



Don't people dress funny 'round 'ere



When I grow up...



...if anyone else asks for "fork 'andles" I'll scream!



Wow, that's really close & very personal!



Richard told stories, 2nd Ickenham Scouts cremated burgers for all, and the Phoenix Morris dancers - morrised? One visitor got the close up of a lifetime from a harris hawk, one of the several fabulous birds of prey from the Falconry Centre.

With so much going on, it is impossible to cover everything, so come and see for yourself next year!



Humph... I'm off

