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# Editorial

## *Some new articles!*

This is a slightly different edition of the Town Crier, with some new items, that I hope will become more regular. We have articles from our two Church of England vicars: Father Simon and Rev'd Jane Manley. I hope in future editions to have articles from the RC Church of the Most Sacred Heart, the Baptists, the Methodists, the Mormons and Ruislip Synagogue. In my ignorance I know of no Mosque, Hindu Temple nor Sikh Gurdwara in Ruislip, but would welcome any information from those communities.

You will also find articles on Wealdstone FC, who are keen to work more closely with the community, and RAF Northolt who are concerned with air safety in the area. I hope you enjoy the variation.

A repetitive request, but we really do 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, or as the Deputy Chief Road Steward, please get in touch with me.

*Graham Bartram*

Graham Bartram, Editor Pro Tem

*Please note that the views expressed in articles in the Town Crier are those of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of the Ruislip Residents' Association.*

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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: August 5th, 12th, 18th; September 2nd, 9th, 15th; October 7th, 14th, 20th; November 4th, 11th, 17th; December 2nd, 9th, 15th.

Conservation dates: August 25th; September 22nd; October 27th; November 24th.

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

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

Lecture Programme Late 2016

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

10 August	Belgravia and Kensington Gardens: The Establishment moves West	Peter Lawrence
14 September	A Piece of the Auction: Behind the Scenes at an International Auction House	Simon Cottle
12 October	Cut to dazzle: The Rise of English Cut Lead Crystal 1674-1830	Caroline Macdonald-Haig
14 December	Church Wall Painting	Roger Rosewell

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

Lecture Programme Late 2016

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

19 September	Meet the Huguenots	Charlie de Wet
17 October	AGM & 2000 Years of Road Signs	Huguenots of Spitalfields
21 November	What shaped Pinner before the Railways?	Simon Morgan, RNELHS Pat Clarke, Pinner History Society



# Chairman's Message

RRA



Our cover shows the scene in Ruislip Manor on Thursday, June 23rd when heavy rain caused flash flooding throughout Ruislip. People were actually seen swimming beneath Ruislip Manor bridge (I hope they had had their shots). Ruislip High Street also flooded, along with houses near Park Wood, River Pinn and Cannon Brook. Overflowing sewers flooded houses elsewhere. Some of the flooding was actually caused by cars driving down flooded roads and causing bow waves that overtopped the thresholds of several properties. The residents eventually blocked the road with their own cars to stop those fools who thought it was fun to drive at high speed through an unknown depth of water.

There was no visible help from the Council during the flooding, and the Fire Brigade were unable to pump out the water as there was nowhere for it to go. No flood warning signs were deployed as they were stored in Council depots, and the roads became impassable. Sandbags were not available for similar reasons.

The RRA attended the Flood Forum in April and were concerned then that the matter was not being treated with the seriousness

it deserves. Subsequent events have reinforced our worries.

John Scrivens and Stephen Heneker have drawn up a report on the flooding for the RRA Executive and I will be using that as a basis of a letter to Cllr Jonathan Bianco, the cabinet member responsible for flooding, setting out our concerns.

We are looking for better planning for these events, a 24-hour contact at the Civic Centre when a severe weather warning is in force, local stocks of sandbags, signage, high-visibility jackets, etc. Most importantly, better communication and information between the Council, as the civil defence organisation, and the people they are meant to protect.

Just to add to the woes, we are suffering from a number of sewer failures in the High Street, which Thames Water are still trying to resolve. Even after digging a very large hole in the road, shops are still being flooded with sewage. How does the saying go? It never rains but it pours!

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 CELEBRATES HM THE QUEEN'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY**

A Street Party, organised by teacher, Mrs Perrett, was held in the school playground on Friday, June 10th. The summer weather for once played its part in making this a memorable occasion for the pupils, staff and visitors.

The guest of honour was HM The Queen (aka Mrs Emma Kimsey, HLTA). The playground was reminiscent of a residential street in the Golden Jubilee year. Long tables were set out under awnings decorated with union flags all around the playground. All the pupils wearing colourful crowns enjoyed a lunch of pizza followed by jelly and ice cream. Later everyone was given a piece of special birthday cake. At the end of the day every pupil was presented with a commemorative booklet, *The Servant Queen*, which was a souvenir given by the school's governors.

This was a wonderful celebration of our longest serving sovereign's ninetieth birthday and one which will remain long in the memory of all involved.

## **WARRENDER SCHOOL HOSTS THE NCS CHALLENGE**

The National Citizen Service is a project funded by the government to promote social integration among young people from 15–17 years. For a cost of between £35–£50 students who have just taken their GCSE, AS and A2 examinations are given the opportunity of four weeks learning life skills and facing new challenges.

The group who came to Warrender Primary School on July 13th were from very diverse backgrounds. They were local students who were English, Indian, Somalian, Vietnamese and Hungarian. Their senior mentor was Ashish. He is an ex student of Nower Hill School in Harrow who has just completed his second year studying medicine. The group was in their third week which focuses on community projects. Their challenge was to create a more welcoming outside environment for the Warrender pupils. In the morning the students were busy sanding down the school's wooden picnic tables which they were to paint in multi colours. In the afternoon they were planning to work on the school's allotment where the pupils grow vegeta-

bles. Unfortunately the heavy summer rain put an end to that part of the project! All the students spoke enthusiastically about their NCS Challenge experience and said that they would definitely recommend it.

## **LADY BANKES JUNIOR SCHOOL'S MUSIC CONCERT**

On Monday, 27th June, a concert was held in the school hall to showcase the pupils' musical talents. Mrs Kate Needs, the school's Head Teacher from September, introduced the first item which was a solo piano performance by Amy Newton which was followed by another piano solo by Ross Bell. One memorable performance of the evening was given by Daniel Macholl, Year 3, who played *Danny Boy* on the violin. This was a fantastic rendition by one so young. Daniel then played *A Song of Erin* on the piano with equal aplomb.

The concert continued with various solo performances, a group of solos and duets played on different brass instruments. The drumming solos followed with a notable performance by Nathan Skinner, Year 3, who earned appreciative applause from the parents. There were also guitar solos and duets, a solo cello performance by Emma Savi and saxophone solos and duets.

The concert drew to a close with a very confident solo saxophone performance by Phoenix Hoare, Year 6.

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**The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations at Bishop Winnington-Ingram School**



**NCS Challenge group at Warrender Primary School**



**Nathan Skinner on the drums at the Lady Bankes Junior School Concert**

# Local Church News

*Father Simon Evans & Rev'd Jane Manley*

## ST MARTIN'S, RUISLIP

### NEW LIFE FOR AN OLD BUILDING

One of the aspects of being Vicar of St Martin's which both excites me and fills me with a certain amount of awe is that of being the custodian (a task shared with others) of the most ancient building in our community: a building which has been in continuous use for the best part of a thousand years. Of course, over the centuries it has changed and developed: parts of it have been replaced, re-shaped, knocked-down, added-to, adapted, re-decorated, enhanced and modernised. St Martin's remains the most beautiful and interesting structure in Ruislip. As Eileen Bowlt told us in the April edition of the *Town Crier*, the monuments within it and around it bear testimony to some of the particularly notable individuals and families that have lived here before us. In fact, the church building can be read as a record of the story of Ruislip and of the ways in which the historical events of the nation impacted upon the lives of those who lived here in centuries gone by.

Within St Martin's Church there is evidence of the Norman era when the Manor

of Ruislip was owned by the Benedictine Abbey of Bec in Normandy; of the piety of people who lived here during the Medieval centuries; of the changes that took place during the sixteenth century Reformation period; of the Civil War and the role of Mary Bankes, née Hawtrey, in the defence of Corfe Castle in Dorset; of the Victorians and their restoration of the building and its furnishings that accompanied a spiritual revival in the Church of England; of the impact of the First and Second World Wars and the devastating loss of the lives of so many young men from this community; of recent adaptations and improvements as well as the care with which it is maintained by those who love and use it today.

Again and again I have found that as well as the large and varied congregations who worship in St Martin's Sunday by Sunday and day by day, there are countless people who love to go in during the week and experience the unique atmosphere of stillness and otherness which is almost tangible, especially when there's nothing in particular going on. I am constantly heartened and encouraged by those who,



even though churchgoing is not part of their routine, love and care about St Martin's Church and tell me how important it is to them. Conversely, I'm also amazed by the number of people I encounter who tell me they've lived here for years and yet have never been through the door! When they do enter for the first time, people are often amazed by what they find! St Martin's Church is generally open all day every day so that the people of our community can go in, enjoy it and experience what they discover within it.

I am grateful to have been invited to write this article for the *Town Crier* because just now we face a particular challenge. In her last quinquennial inspection our architect reported that we can no longer postpone the re-roofing of the north and south aisles. The copper with which they are covered has now perished to the point where water is getting in and may cause serious damage to the timbers. At the same time the lighting and sound systems have reached the end of their effective lives. The Parochial Church Council has built up reserves over recent years and we are hoping to be successful with a grant application but the bulk of the funding for these projects will have to be raised locally. The congregation of St Martin's has recently launched the New Life Project which is aiming to raise £100,000 this year towards the overall cost, probably in the region of £250,000. If you would

like to contribute in some way to equipping our beautiful parish church for the next phase of its life we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Generally, the people of St Martin's try to keep the focus of regular fundraising on humanitarian need and I am frequently struck by the generosity with which I see so many responding to all kinds of charitable causes. Every so often though, we have to give attention to the historic building with which we have been entrusted and which has stood at the heart of our community for so many centuries. I hope we can ensure that it will continue to be here, equipped to be a place of welcome that will be of service to all who live both locally and further afield.

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*Father Simon Evans*

## **ST PAUL'S, RUISLIP MANOR MUCH WORK TO BE DONE**

We have the misfortune of being somewhat tucked away and I often have to direct people via Ruislip High School – it is one of the disadvantages of being a 'suburban' parish. Nevertheless, we are an important part of the local community. During the week our hall is busy with our toddler group, which is held twice a week, to which an average of eighty children and their parents or carers attend; keep fit classes; uniformed organisations; Weight

Watchers; children's parties; and a Social Gathering for the older members of the Community. And we want to do more.

Last year we upgraded our hall, putting in a new kitchen and heating to make it much more user-friendly. Over the past six months we have been undertaking much needed repair work on the church itself, including, rewiring, new sound and lighting, repair and redecorating work, and new heating. We have also installed a small kitchen, disabled toilet, and a permanent ramp. This work has cost over £600,000.

But there is still much to be done.

There is extensive re-pointing work needed' and we would like to join the church to the hall with a link which will include a small hall, meeting room, and disabled facilities in the hall. The increased capacity will benefit the locally community enormously.

Our vision is to transform St Paul's Ruislip Manor into a hub for the local area which will engage you with local activities and neighbourhood opportunities. We are planning to hold a Memory Café, which will support and help the increasing number of people suffering from dementia. We plan to hold lunches and holiday clubs for the socially isolated, holiday clubs for the young.

But we need the space and facilities. None of this is cheap and the further work is going to cost a an additional £600,000.

Some of this will be raised by grants and fundraising but we need more.

We would like to hear from you, the people of Ruislip Manor. What would you like from this church, what facilities would you find useful? What role has St Paul's played in your lives? Maybe you have been married here, had your children baptised in the church? Come and tell us and do come and see our church. We begin worshipping there on the 3rd September and on the 9th October the Bishop of London is coming to bless the new building and surrounding gardens (which will include a quiet area by the memorial garden – a space for people to come and be quiet). Please come and join us.

If you can offer any support or ideas on how to raise £600,000 please do let us know. If you would like to make a donation, please contact us. This church has stood here for 80 years. It has been a place for services, for weddings, baptisms and funerals for the local people and will continue to do so for many more years to come.

This is your church. Whether you are a believer or not, you are welcome.

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*Rev'd Jane Manley*

# Who's For Tennis?

*Eileen Bowlt*

A new planning application seeks to demolish Fanuc House in Station Approach and replace it with a higher block containing 41 flats with an underground car park for 24 cars and a few bicycles. This started me wondering about the history of the site.

The land between West End Road and the 2013 London Square development that replaced Lyon Court (low-rise flats built in the 1930s), became the station yard when Ruislip Station was built 1902-04. At that time, the southern part of the High Street, from Ickenham Road, was called West End Road and before the railway line cut across it, continued in a flat straight line past Sherleys Farm (Old Barn Hotel). The road was diverted up an embankment over the station bridge.

An aerial photograph dated May 1920 shows a wooden hut beside the roadway to the station which housed the Metro Tennis and Social Club. The 1939 OS 6-inch map shows a larger Club House, overlooking an open space with tennis courts on the other side, where Fanuc House was erected in 2004. Ian Tait (1909-97), who came to Ruislip in 1922 with his parents to live in King

Edward's Road, told how he and a friend, having missed the last train to Ruislip one night, 'walked the line' from Harrow, arriving at Ruislip footsore and weary. Passing the Clubhouse, they spotted two glasses of beer on the handrail. Unable to resist the temptation they downed the pints, only to see the local policeman and his sergeant arriving to quaff their nightly treat!

Lawn Tennis was a popular game among the newcomers who settled in Ruislip as the Garden Suburb developed in the early years of the 20th century. The game had only been established as separate from Real Tennis in the 1870s, with the setting up of the Lawn Tennis Association. It is slightly surprising to find that the Ewers who lived at Manor Farm had a court, created in 1888-9, by ploughing out the north bank of the moat that surrounded the bailey to make a sufficiently large flat area to accommodate it. The net was slung between two pear trees.

The Ruislip Manor Cottage Society, founded 1911, was building attractive cottages in Manor Way in 1912, intended to provide well-planned homes for working people

who would be unable to afford to buy or rent decent houses on the open market. Aiming to promote a healthy lifestyle for their tenants, the Society took up land on the side of the railway, midway between Ruislip Manor Halt and Ruislip Station in 1913 to provide space for sporting facilities. Ruislip Manor Ltd, the company that was handling land sales for King's College, Cambridge, let about one third of the space between the two stations to the Society, at a peppercorn rent, 'until required by the local authority'. By the following spring, there was a bowling green and tennis courts and a Tennis Club was being formed by Dr Ashton Davies. Preparations were in hand for a cricket pitch and there was a stand pipe and hose on hand to keep it fresh and green. The facilities proved popular and in 1919, it was noted (with disapproval) that tennis was being played all day on Sundays, keeping people from church.

Ruislip Lawn Tennis Club had four grass courts 'in King's End' according to the 1939 *The Ruislip Where is it?* The courts were in Little King's End beside the footpath leading from the bend in Sharps Lane to King's Gardens. They were close to a house called Neats Acre (demolished 1976). Barrenger's Court is now on the site. Members approached Ruislip Manor Cottage Society in 1930 to ask them to provide two hard courts on their ground, but the Society was cautious, having only a yearly agreement, and wished to know

the addresses of the Club's members to see how many of their own tenants would benefit. Nothing came of this, as Ruislip Manor Ltd wanted the land back for development at the end of 1933 and flats, bungalows and houses were built along that side of Pembroke Road, prior to the outbreak of the Second World War.

The church of The Most Sacred Heart moved from the High Street to Pembroke Road in 1939 and the Bec Club, the church's social club, laid out two courts beside the church, on what is now a car-park after the war.

One or two of the houses built on large plots on the Park Estate had their own courts, but most devotees joined clubs or played on public courts provided in parks like Churchfield Gardens. There were two tennis courts near the railway bridge in Wood Lane, right beside the public footpath that runs through to Kingsend. They backed onto the gardens of 17-25 Kingsend and may have been associated with Ruislip Bowls Club which, in 1939, had a bowling green in front of them along the Wood Lane frontage. The Medical Centre and part of the public car park now occupy the site.

It is a little sad to reflect how so many of the areas that provided exercise and recreation for the early suburbanites have either been built upon or are now filled during the daytime with serried ranks of parked cars. ♦



# Conservation Concerns

*Paul Mitchell*

Ruislip has a rich historic heritage. The jewel is undoubtedly the Manor Farm site – Hillingdon's flagship heritage and culture site – which dates back to medieval times and comprises a C13th Great Barn, a C16th Manor House, a C16th Little Barn and an early medieval Motte and Bailey. It's well worth a visit. Further details are shown on the RRA website, under 'Conservation.'

In addition we have a C13th church, a number of houses dating from the C16th and a substantial Conservation Area containing houses built in the early C20th, when the area was developed along "garden suburb" lines.

Conservation, in this context, is about ensuring the protection of these assets and preserving the character of the area, for the benefit of current and future residents. Without continuous attention, a series of apparently minor alterations could, over time, easily result in permanent damage to the heritage and character of the area. Ruislip Residents' Association works closely with Ruislip Village Conservation Panel to consider new planning applications from a Conservation perspective. We have a good

constructive relationship with Hillingdon Council and liaise closely with the Planning Officers whenever developments are being proposed which we believe could potentially harm the appearance or character of the local area – this applies to a small minority of all the applications. The Council welcome our input and take our observations into account before they arrive at their decision.

## **RUISLIP CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

This building is in a critical position within the conservation area, between Manor Farm and St Martin's. We have expressed our concerns about what may be built there given the sensitivity of the site and its unsuitability for anything other than minimal development. This site was put up for sale by the council. We await the next steps. ♦



# Health Matters

*Joan Davis*

## NATIONAL ISSUES

**Junior Doctors' Contract:** Despite the Junior Doctors rejection of the new contract the Department of Health proposes to employ new doctors on this contract when they take up posts from October 2016. The terms of the new contract have been agreed by the British Medical Association, the Government and NHS Employers.

**Care Fund Gap:** The previous government allowed councils to increase council tax by 2% in 2016/17 to spend on social care services and most have done so, but a national gap of nearly £1bn remains. This is due to an ageing population and the cost of meeting the National Living Wage. Services are likely to be reduced, including closure of day centres, cuts in the number of people receiving care services, and cuts in the hours of care provided in people's homes. Fees may also be increased. The Hillingdon Hospitals FT will work closely with the London Borough of Hillingdon through its Health and Wellbeing Board.

**King's Fund Review of Clinical Commissioning:** This has found that the CCG's clinically led model is at risk if three exter-

nal barriers are not addressed:

- ◆ CCGs lack the autonomy to involve GPs effectively in decisions about local services.
- ◆ Limited resources prevent high quality clinically led commissioning functions.
- ◆ Financial pressures force CCGs to make tough decisions without the support of politicians and NHS England to persuade the public that such decisions are necessary.

Hillingdon Hospital Trust has a strong relationship with Hillingdon CCG and recognises its problems.

## REGIONAL ITEMS

### Threat to Royal Brompton & Harefield

**NHS FT:** NHS England has announced that three trusts are to lose specialist heart surgery, including the Royal Brompton Hospital. NHS England said that the trusts did not meet its standards and they were "extremely unlikely" to be able to. In response the trust stated that it found NHS England's announcement on congenital heart services "extraordinary" and "we fail to see how any logical review of the facts will come to the same conclusion". The trust claims that its teams carried out more congenital heart disease procedures last

year than any other centre in the country. For the past ten years its experts have undertaken over 5000 congenital surgical operations each year and results have met or exceeded all the standards defined by the regulators. Since 2009 it has consistently been one of the five best-performing centres in terms of mortality rates. Information on the congenital heart disease review is on the Trust's website and the website of the Community Voice:

[www.communityvoicehealth.org.uk](http://www.communityvoicehealth.org.uk)



**The Royal Brompton Hospital**

Any threat to Royal Brompton Hospital impacts on Harefield Hospital as they are joint members of the same NHS Trust. The Community Voice, of which RRA is a member, is aghast at this threat to Brompton's acclaimed services. It is in close touch with Brompton Hospital and has been asked to give wide publicity to this issue but to take no further action currently.

**Threat to Mount Vernon Cancer Centre's cyberknife services:** NHS England has announced 17 centres which it will support

to use cyberknife to treat brain metastasis. Mount Vernon Cancer Centre is not amongst them and so from 1st September it will not be paid if it uses this equipment, which it cannot afford to do. Community Voice is in close touch with MVCC on this and it hopes to take action on this issue very soon. It is absurd that this equipment, donated by a most generous benefactor, should be idle, particularly as MVCC is very experienced and has led other trusts in this field.

## **THE HILLINGDON HOSPITALS NHS FT**

**Ealing transfer:** Paediatric services transfers completed on 1st July and the new Paediatric A&E is to open on 19th July. The extension of Peter Pan Ward is expected by the end of September.

**A&E Demand:** Up to end of June type 1 A&E activity increased by about 9% compared with last year, paediatric attendances increased by 10% and blue-light ambulances by 25%, leading to failure of the target to treat and discharge 95% of patients within four hours.

## **CENTRAL & NORTH WEST LONDON FT Hillingdon Mental Health, May 2016:**

This was highlighted due to underperformance for four consecutive months involving three NHS Improvement Indicators, as well as having one of the highest reports of complaints, sickness and vacancy and turnover rates in the Trust. ♦

# RAF Northolt



RAF Northolt is an active military airfield with flying activity taking place on a daily basis. Operational for over 100 years, our location as the only RAF flying station within the M25 means we are strategically important to both the military and government.

Safety is at the heart of everything we do and there are four key areas where everyone can support us in maintaining flight safety: drones, lasers, cranes and fireworks.

## DRONES

Drones, when flown irresponsibly, present a danger to aircraft. When you fly a drone in the UK it is your responsibility to be aware of the rules that are in place to keep everyone safe:

- ◆ Make sure you can see your drone at all times and don't fly higher than 400 feet.
- ◆ Always keep your drone away from aircraft, helicopters, airports and airfields.
- ◆ Use your common sense and fly safely; you could be prosecuted if you don't.

If you think a drone is being flown dangerously then call the local police on 101.

## LASERS

We have received many reports of laser illumination from crews operating from RAF Northolt. As with drones it is a criminal

offence to endanger the safety of an aircraft in flight which means persons shining laser-pens at aircraft can be open to criminal prosecution. Once again, if you see someone targetting aircraft with lasers, please call the local police on 101.

## CRANES

Cranes in the vicinity of any airfield must be carefully managed so that they do not present a risk to aircraft operations. Fortunately, major construction is well planned and through the local authority planning system, we are alert to major upcoming projects that will require construction equipment. Occasionally, smaller projects such as installation of garden sheds or air conditioning units into premises require cranes. Occasionally, cranes have been erected in the vicinity of the airfield with no notice. This has the potential to endanger the safety of approaching aircraft. Companies and contractors who require to operate cranes and lifting equipment within 6 kilometres of an aerodrome boundary and at heights of more than 10 metres must receive prior permission from the aerodrome operator. Contact this email address to obtain a crane permit:

✉ [nor-opscranepermits@mod.uk](mailto:nor-opscranepermits@mod.uk).

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# Annual General Meeting

*7.45pm, Thursday, 22nd September 2016  
Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL*

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Talk by Fiona Brewer, Colne Valley Regional Park
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts
6. Election of Chairman and Executive Committee 2016-2017
7. Open Forum - with questions to a panel of RRA representatives  
(Items to the Secretary by Thursday, 15th 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

## SKY LANTERNS & FIREWORKS

The use of lasers, searchlights, fireworks, helium-filled toy balloons and sky lanterns is now widespread, and their use has the potential to impact upon aviation activity. Unexpected fireworks could distract and confuse pilots and cause damage to aircraft in flight. Helium-filled toy balloons and sky lanterns have the potential of causing damage to engines through

ingestion. Additionally, debris from sky lanterns dropping to the ground could damage aircraft should any of it land on the manoeuvring areas of the airfield.

If you are planning an event in the vicinity of RAF Northolt that involves these items, please talk to us in advance to avoid problems. Here is our email address:

 [nor-opssfsfo@mod.uk](mailto:nor-opssfsfo@mod.uk) ♦

# Police Points

*T/Chief Inspector Rob Bryan*



What is important to you when you think about policing? Is it effective communication? Perhaps your focus is on crime statistics and how we

are doing in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in your local area. Or do you like to see the criminals banged up? I always welcome feedback, so if you like something or want me to cover a specific subject just drop me a line at:

 [rob.bryan@met.police.uk](mailto:rob.bryan@met.police.uk)

It's been all change at management level this month. We have a new temporary Chief Superintendent, Colin Wingrove, and Claire Smart continues as temporary Superintendent. Alongside me at Chief Inspector level are DCI Clare Murray and another new face, Richard Watkinson in the Operations role. Don't worry though about musical chairs at the top table – the real work is done (and is still getting done) by our hardworking officers who patrol our streets day in, day out and who investigate crimes and bring offenders to justice.

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTACTS

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## Manor

A/Sgt Tristan Brown

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## DID YOU KNOW?...

- ◆ Police stopped and searched 3,500 people in Hillingdon last year. Only 9 resulted in a complaint against the officer.
- ◆ In the last four years burglary in Hillingdon has reduced by 44% from 3,850 offences to 2,130 offences. One burglary is too many, but that reduction should be celebrated.
- ◆ There are 65 Special Constables working in Hillingdon. In the last 12-months they worked 17,800 hours between them.
- ◆ There are always 4 officers deployed in Hillingdon 24/7 in possession of a tazer. Last year they only had to fire it 4 times. ◆

# Police Ward Panel Report

*Brian Gunn*

Since my previous report the West Ruislip Safer Neighbourhood Panel and the Eastcote and East Ruislip Panel have held a joint meeting (on the 21st June), at Ruislip Police Station. Michael Simons chaired the meeting. We heard from Sgt Eleanor Charlston and her team about changes to the neighbourhood policing in the area. The West Ruislip Safer Neighbourhood team now consists of Sgt Charlston, PC Jon Houston and PCSO Paul Brighton. The Eastcote and East Ruislip team now being Sgt Charlston, PC Adam Christopher and PCSO Gemma Robinson. The meeting was attended by almost all of the neighbourhood policing teams for the Ruislip area. Sgt Charlston told us of some of their excellent work in detecting crime and apprehending offenders – and forgive me for singling out one member of the team for his work – PC Adam Christopher! This officer, on several occasions, was forced to give chase to offenders attempting to evade arrest who found out that they just could not out-run him! When out delivering SmartWater kits he also made an arrest of a male whom he recognised as being wanted for burglary. Due to the combined efforts of the officer and his colleagues a significant number of burglary offenders have been arrested.

This brings me nicely onto my next point, which is that from the police reports it

seems our residents are, thankfully, generally security conscious, resulting in a decrease in the number of burglaries. However, in these summer months there is still need to be vigilant and not afford potential burglars easy opportunities.

The Police also reported a decrease in the number of vehicle thefts – although when looking at the figures it seems as though high-value cars and vans are being especially targeted. A simple preventative measure such as using a separate steering locking device would be a deterrent and help to reduce car thefts.

We also had clarification about how and when to contact the police – if for instance you hear an alarm system sounding and there is suspicious activity you should always dial 999 and the police will always respond. In other cases, where there is no suspicious activity, dial 101 instead.

Finally, a short while ago I received a request from Sgt Tristan Brown asking if anyone wished to be members of neighbourhood watch schemes in the area – there are a number of vacancies and I have advertised these in an item on our website should anyone be interested who has not accessed the website for a while.

 [police@ruislipresidents.org.uk](mailto:police@ruislipresidents.org.uk) ♦

# Wealdstone FC

*Kevin Tye, Commercial Manager*



In a football world obsessed with the Premier League, it is sometimes forgotten that local semi-professional football is thriving as more and more fans tune into to the “non-league experience”. Such is the case with Wealdstone FC who play their home fixtures at Grosvenor Vale in Ruislip and are in the National League Conference South Division, just five divisions below the Premier League. There have been a number of Wealdstone FC players who have gone on to play in the Football League, including Stuart Pearce, Vinny Jones and Jermaine Beckford. All three went on to be internationals. With a long rich history Wealdstone have one of the largest fan bases in non-league football.

## EARLY HISTORY, THE TELEVISION ERA & FA CUP SUCCESS

Founded in 1899, our first success was in 1905/06 when we became champions of the Willesden & District League. After playing at College Farm and then Belmont Road we moved to Lower Mead Wealdstone in 1922 where we stayed until 1991. In 1946 the club were involved in the first ever televised football match. Wealdstone also took part in the first two “live” FA Cup ties ever seen

when our victories over Edgware Town and Colchester Utd were shown by the BBC in November 1949. Later that month Wealdstone met a Football League side in the FA Cup for the first time when we were beaten 1-0 at Port Vale. In 1966, we beat Hendon 3-1 in the FA Amateur Cup final at Wembley Stadium to bring the trophy to Lower Mead for the first and only time.

## THE PROFESSIONAL ERA

In 1971 Wealdstone turned professional, joining the Southern League. Since then four major league championships were won as well as five cup competitions. The first league championship won was in 1974 resulting in promotion to the Premier Division where we spent five seasons before becoming founder members of what is now the Football Conference. During the 1977 season Wealdstone reached the Third Round Proper of the FA Cup for the only time, beating two Football League clubs, Hereford United and Reading, before losing to QPR of the old First Division 4-0 at Loftus Road.

Wealdstone were relegated for the first time in the club's history in 1981 but the fol-



lowing season we won all five trophies on offer in the Southern League and returned to the Conference at the first attempt. The 1984 season was to be the club's most successful when we became the first of only three clubs so far to achieve the non-league "double", winning the Football Conference and FA Trophy in the same season.

## RELEGATION & THE NOMADIC YEARS

Shortly after this high, the club was relegated twice, dropping from the Football Conference in 1988 and into the Southern League (Southern Division) in 1992. It felt like the end an era when the club had to sell the Lower Mead Stadium in 1990/91 in order to stay in existence. The company handling the sale of Lower Mead went into liquidation and, after lengthy court proceedings, the club received only a fraction of the sum Tesco's had paid for the ground.

Since then the club has shared grounds with Watford, Yeading, Edgware Town and Northwood and in 1995 fell as far as Isthmian League Division Three. The long process of regeneration started and even-

tually the club returned to the Ryman Premier League for the 2007 season.

## WEALDSTONE MOVE TO RUISLIP

In January 2008 the club had the opportunity to take over the Grosvenor Vale site, then the home of Ruislip Manor FC; so from the start of 2008, Wealdstone once again had a ground we could call our own.

Successive seasons at "the Vale" have seen the club prosper and in 2013/14 season Wealdstone finally achieved promotion returning to the Conference after some 25+ years. Last season Wealdstone consolidated in the National League South as well as reaching the 1st round of the FA Cup where we played the League One team Colchester, a day that saw the club host the BBC's *Football Focus*.

As the Club enters the 2016/17 season there is a real buzz of expectation. This season matches will feature on BBC local radio and BT Sport. Why not pop down to Wealdstone Football Club and enjoy the non-league experience? ♦



## Wealdstone FC Half price adult admission voucher

Receive **HALF PRICE ADULT ADMISSION** (£6.50) to any

Vanarama Conference South home fixture before 31st December 2016.



Your name .....

and email address .....

Wealdstone FC, Grosvenor Vale, Ruislip HA4 6JQ

[www.wealdstone-fc.com](http://www.wealdstone-fc.com)

# Planning Update

*Mike Hodge & John Williams*

**FANUC HOUSE, 1 STATION PARADE:** This long-time office space is to be demolished to make way for a new development comprising 41 residential units in a four/five storey building. There will be underground car parking, amenity space and landscaping. Ruislip Residents' Association has mixed feelings about this development, as it is located in a very important gateway to the town - after all modern Ruislip was designed to be accessed by the Underground, not road (as our traffic problems make clear).



The Existing Fanuc House

We are also concerned that the location of the building within its plot will cause problems for the residents, being too close to the bus stands (some flats will be within a few feet) in the bus station, which will soon be operating all day and night, when the 114 goes 24-hours. This

is an example of an area we are spending more effort on recently, trying to ensure the quality of the houses and flats being constructed for our residents.

**93 LINDEN AVENUE:** A planning appeal has been lodged in respect of the Council's refusal to allow raising of the roof to create habitable space and associated works. Expanding into the roof has become a very popular solution to a lack of space, but anecdotal evidence would suggest a hardening of the Council's views on such applications, so we await the outcome with interest.



93 Linden Avenue

**4 CHUDLEIGH WAY:** It is proposed to convert the existing dwelling into two 2-bed self-contained flats with associated park-

ing and amenity space. Again anecdotal evidence suggests an increase locally in speculative building which may well be driven by higher house prices.

**THE BOYNE RESIDENTIAL HOME, PARK WAY:** Proposals to extend the home, having been refused by the Council, were dismissed on appeal in May this year by The Planning Inspectorate. Both the Council and The Planning Inspectorate thought that the plans amounted to over-development of the site. There was popular support for this outcome so it is good to see local opinion still has a part to play.



The Boyne Residential Home

**LAND FORMING PART OF 225-227 EASTCOTE ROAD:** A current planning application to construct a new detached dwelling has been referred to us by affected neighbours, having concerns over possible infringement of the existing building line and boundary lines. These are issues worth supporting and the effect on the existing street scene also plays an important part.



225 & 227 Eastcote Road

**8 WINDMILL HILL:** A revised planning application to convert the loft, incorporating two side dormers and one rear dormer was lodged with the Council on 12th October last year and incredibly has still not been determined at this time due, it is believed, to past issues. The outcome is being watched very carefully as all sorts of precedents could be set according to outcome. ♦



8 Windmill Hill

# RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



7.45pm, Thursday, 22nd September 2016

Winston Churchill Hall

Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Doors open at 7.30pm

The talk will be by Fiona Brewer

Colne Valley Regional Park

followed by the AGM and 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, 15th September 2016

The next meeting is on the 19th April 2017