

Ickenham Calling

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ickenham is high up in the well-being league for London Wards (22/625) according to a report produced by the Mayor which Chris Mountain draws your attention to on page 5. Very high election turnout is one contributing factor. Richmond fares even better, access to green spaces scores well probably due in no small part to its wonderful deer park.

So maybe we can move up the table when our own "wildlife park" on the Marsh improves under the Marsh Partnership Initiative pioneered by Chris, and more residents learn to enjoy what it has to offer. Have a read of his article (page 5) and please **volunteer** to help when called. It's a great project.

One project, if implemented, that would doubtless move us down the well-being table is **HS2**. The new transport minister, Patrick McCloughlin, has shown his hand; it does not help our cause (see article on pages 2+3). With willful disregard for the business case, for the doubt that the Northwest franchise fiasco has cast upon the competence of DfT and for those whose lives will be made a misery by it, he wishes to **fast track** this "trophy" project. The sight of his sidekick, Simon Burns, explaining that affected residents inside the M25 will not be offered the same compensation as those outside because "the countryside issues are more complex" reeked of insincerity of the worst political kind.

Now is the time for Ickenham residents to raise their voices louder and explain in no uncertain terms just how badly we will view anything other than outright opposition to HS2 by those who represent our interests.

Humphrey Tizard

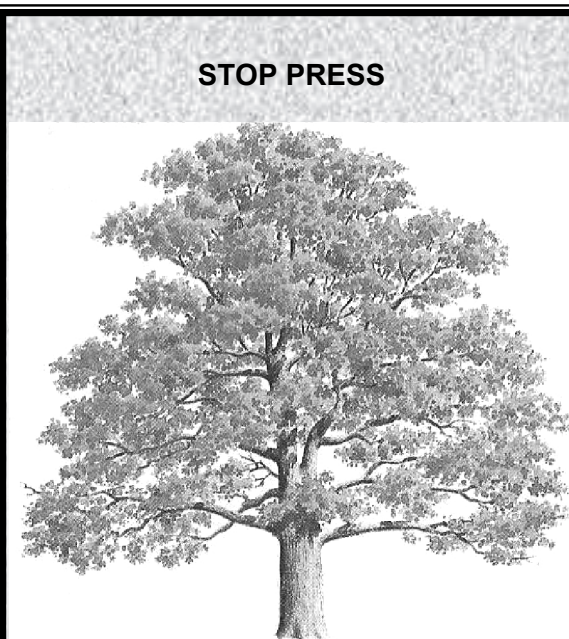
A Reminder for your Diary:

Ickenham Festive Community Night
Friday, 7th December 2012,

Village Hall, Ickenham,
6pm to 9pm

As in the past, the *Ickenham Festival Team* is again arranging this popular and successful evening, with local organisations and shopkeepers participating, covering outdoor activities and stalls, as well as those inside the Village Hall.

Please come and support this event and your local community!



STOP PRESS

GOSPEL OAK

We have just been advised that the Council will be dedicating a new oak sapling (already planted) on Tuesday, 27th November, at 10.30 - 11.00am to replace the 150 year old Gospel Oak in Ickenham, which died due to a range of pathogenic fungi, and was felled by LBH in 2011 on specialist advice.

The site (refurbished in 2008) is already marked with a commemorative plaque. The location is on the main Swakeleys Road opposite the large grassed area at the top of Woodstock Drive.



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Any questions you may want to raise, or if you have comments on any article in the Newsletter, we would be pleased to hear your views, and you could write to our General Secretary
6 The Chase,
Ickenham, Uxbridge,
UB10 8SR

You can also send your comments to our e-mail address:
ickenhamresidents@hotmail.com

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Hanne Raeder
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HS2: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

HS2 are pressing ahead with their project despite the mounting opposition and cynicism from the public and media. The economic case is held in contempt for the clearly wrong assumptions it makes, and claims that HS2 is necessary to relieve pressure on the West Coast Main Line (WCML) are also doubtful. From information released in replies to parliamentary questions we know that HS2 claims the track cost to be between £88 million to £102 million per mile and during the period 2012-13 to 2014-15



STOP
HS2
(HIGH SPEED RAIL 2)

No business case.
No environmental case.
No money to pay for it.

(before any construction has started) the Department for Transport has allocated a budget of £527 million to HS2. Please bear that in mind the next time you hear the government telling us we have to have cuts to reduce our deficit.

On 26 September representatives of our Association attended the second Ruislip and Ickenham Community Forum. Also there were John Randall, MP for Uxbridge, Council Leader Ray Puddifoot and other Council Officers. These forums provide an opportunity for residents and HS2 to exchange views on the impact of the line. We learnt that the West Ruislip tunnel portal has now been moved 70m westward, thus saving the golf clubhouse, but not necessarily the golf course. The portal will have a low level building over it containing engineering plant. Moving westward, there will be a 'green tunnel' about 50m long then an open cutting as the railway rises to cross the River Pinn. Track elevations are unchanged. A 'green tunnel' is where the tunnel roof is constructed in concrete with soil and vegetation cover.

There was also more information on the controversial Heathrow Spurs. The junction from the main line will be just west of Breakspear Road South and therefore be four tracks wide for a short distance. The track **FROM** Heathrow (up from the Colne Valley) will be in a tunnel to pass under the Chiltern Line and northbound HS2 line, then emerge on the surface and join the HS2 south main line with Euston facing points just west of the River Pinn. The spur **TO** Heathrow would leave HS2 northbound main line on points just west of the River Pinn, turn south and enter a tunnel, passing under the Chiltern Line. This was shown by HS2 Ltd on a drawing that is not publicised and forum members demanded hard copies of all drawings presented for circulation amongst residents. The campaign for an extension to the Ruislip tunnel past Ickenham continues, but the spur junction for Heathrow provides an unwelcome complication.

The forum asked HS2 where construction sites would be located and where electrical sub stations will be placed. HS2 were unable to answer these important questions which leaves the impression that local people will be presented with this information late in the project development and be unable to influence these issues.

The forum is being asked to comment and discuss matters relating to the *phase 1* London to Birmingham route in our area (the subject of the forthcoming hybrid bill), but the highly significant Heathrow spurs are not included in this phase; they are in *phase 2* which will not go out for consultation until late 2012. The spurs may not be required, but this will not be known for a couple of years and after the hybrid bill is presented to Parliament.

When the consultation for the route north of Birmingham is announced – possibly at the end of this year – do not forget that it will contain proposals for connections to Heathrow which will affect our area. Make sure you have your say.

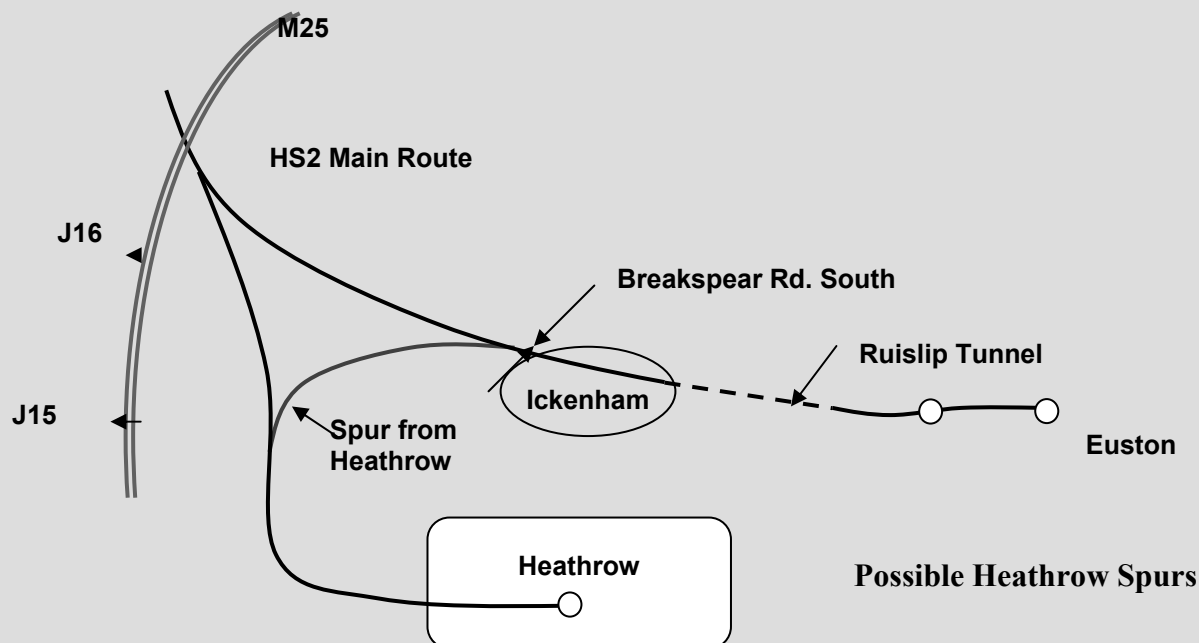
But before then you may want to look at the HS2 consultation on compensation that was launched on 25 October. The consultation will last until 31 January 2013 and invites those affected by the route to comment on compensation arrangements. This is a very complicated subject and to keep informed we recommend that you visit the HS2, StopHS2 and HS2 Action Alliance websites for guidance.

HS2 has 'safeguarded' an area 60m from each side of the track for development (from centre of rail corridor). Eligible property owners within this area can ask the government to purchase their home at 110% of market value (the +10% is compensation for disruption and expenses).

Those living within 120m of the centre of the corridor outside the M25, but outside the 60m 'safeguarded' zone can also ask the government to purchase their home. But if you live more than 60m from the centre of



We show again the possible 'Heathrow Spurs' as first printed in our AUTUMN 2012 newsletter ICKENHAM CALLING



the track *within* the M25 you will not be eligible for government purchase or immediate compensation. To help protect those that may be blighted, there is the 'Exceptional Hardship Scheme' where HS2 will help buy your property, if it is on the market for more than 12 months without being sold, but will then probably take further six months to have the payment approved. Not very helpful if a person is under pressure to move. For further information you should visit the HS2 website.

On 3rd December the High Court will hear five judicial reviews against HS2. These reviews challenge the way HS2 has carried out its work so far. For instance one of the reviews is from HS2 Action Alliance and claims HS2 are not complying with EU environmental laws.

A second, being led by the 51M group of Councils along the line (of which LB Hillingdon is a member), claims the 2011 consultation was flawed.

Another challenge claims that HS2 have not properly considered an alternative route through Heathrow. This should be a major news item at the end of the year when the Court makes its decision to either uphold or reject these challenges.

We continue to strongly oppose HS2, not just for the environmental damage it will bring to Hillingdon, but because there is no economic or environmental justification and the line will also be a burden to us and our children as taxpayers for

evermore. The DfT (Department for Transport) and HS2 sweep aside any criticism of the project and continues to promote it with half truths, spin and unsubstantiated claims.

Please watch the media and our website for more news of HS2 and keep on writing, even if you have written to the two previous Secretaries of State for Transport, to complain about this railway which has a diminishing business case, a disastrous environmental case and if they keep telling us we are broke then how can we afford it? And we know how wrong the DfT can be from the West Coast main line fiasco. See our website which has some suggestions for the content of your letters and emails. Your comments should be sent to:

Nick Hurd: nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk

Patrick McLoughlin, Secretary of State for Transport:
patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

Simon Burns, Minister of State for Transport:
simon.burns.mp@parliament.uk

David Cameron: www.number10.gov.uk

or by post to the above
at House of Commons, London SW1 0AA.

HS2 Sub-Committee



YES, IT'S NO TO MORRISONS!

The people of Ickenham have given a massive "thumbs down" to the Morrisons' proposal for a new store development on the old Ruston Bucyrus site at Hillingdon Circus.

At the time of writing the number of voting cards received [1065] and the number of people directly represented [2163] is very similar to what happened on Tesco, but the proportion against at 89% is even higher than Tesco's 84%, perhaps unsurprisingly granted that the larger size of store proposed exacerbates further the potential problems presented by additional traffic and the height and appearance of the buildings.

The results vindicate the decision of your committee to send a preliminary letter of objection to LBH, to ensure that no significant deadline was missed while the voting was taking place. Comments in respect of data security made by some residents will be taken into account in any future votes.

Morrisons have suggested another meeting with us to discuss the traffic issues in particular, and we have asked them first to send us details of any changes that they have made to their application to take account of the concerns that we expressed previously.

We did have a further meeting concerning both Tesco and Morrisons with James Rodger (Head of Planning) at LBH and members of his team but there is nothing major and new to communicate at this stage.
Watch this space!
Richard Piper

UXBRIDGE GOLF COURSE UPDATE

Uxbridge Golf Course, along with Ruislip and Haste Hill, are still under direct management by the Council following the dismissal of the third party operators Mack Trading. However, the holes on the southern part of the course affected by the gas pipeline works have still not been re-instated.

Harefield Place Golf Club raised a petition to be heard by the Council; the meeting took place on Wednesday, 8th November. Steve Browne for the club pointed out that the situation had arisen because the Council had relieved National Grid of responsibility to re-instate by allowing them to pass that obligation to Mack Trading who had no experience in golf course construction. He asked the Council to set out a timetable to complete the works required.

Cllr. Bianco admitted that the Council had made mistakes and apologised for the delay in resolving the issue. But he said that they still had not made a decision as to the best way forward. He promised to report back to the Club and to this Association within two weeks. We will post his response on the website when received.
Humphrey Tizard

SWAKELEYS HOUSE

As you are all probably aware, a Development Company on behalf of the owners of Swakeleys House recently held two 'Public Consultation/Exhibitions', one at the Compass Theatre on Thursday, 11th October, and a second at Swakeleys House on Saturday, 13th October, on their proposals to revert Swakeleys House back into a single ownership private residence.



They leafleted many homes in Ickenham, and we (your Association) put posters up throughout the village together with a relevant notification on our website, which resulted in a good attendance at both events of around 400 people.

Committee members attended both functions and with the permission of the organisers collected people's views on exit. We are currently evaluating these responses which produced some very interesting views and suggestions.

We had had a meeting with the developers before the Exhibitions, where their ideas were presented with a brief overview of some drawings. We also understand that other meetings were held with other interested parties. As no formal Planning Application has been submitted, we have not committed ourselves to any formal response, but whilst agreeing that the house should be brought back into some form of use, we did raise the fact that this is a very sensitive issue on several fronts, not least the perimeter footway, Bowls Club, and Ickenham Festival's Gala Day, as well as several aspects of the proposed planning considerations.

The developers have asked for a further meeting with us once they have had time to evaluate the responses they had from the questionnaire sheets they issued on the respective days. We currently await a date for such a meeting.

Should you wish to let us know your views, or keep abreast of current developments, then please either let us know via our hotmail account, and/or keep a lookout on our website, addresses of which both appear on the front page of this edition of *Ickenham Calling*.....

Pete Daymond - President



JUNCTION SWAKELEYS ROAD & ICKENHAM HIGH ROAD

In 2011 a number of changes were made to the area around Ickenham Pump. These improved the appearance of the area, and in particular the traffic lights allowing pedestrians to cross from the shops to the Pump area have been a great benefit.

The Association did however have concerns that some changes had increased the complexity of the junction for traffic and wrote to the London Borough of Hillingdon Transport & Projects Department in September 2011 requesting that they review the in/out access to Coach & Horses and the position of the pedestrian crossing between the shops and St Giles Church.

Unfortunately, our concerns have materialised and there have been at least 3 major accidents this year involving collisions between vehicles accessing/leaving the Coach & Horses and cars on Ickenham High Road. Two of these occurred within 3 days in September.

We appreciate that there is no 100% answer to the problems and drivers should be taking considerable care at and around the junction when trying to enter/exit the Coach & Horses. We do however believe there are solutions which would reduce the chance of collisions:

- a) access to the Coach & Horses from Long Lane (south of the junction) should be re-instated. This would reduce number of vehicles trying to cross the two Ickenham High Road southbound lanes to enter via the pond or pump roads.
- b) There should be no means of access to the Coach & Horses between the pond and Pump from Swakeleys Road. Traffic leaving between the pond and Pump should only be able to turn left.
- c) The minor road behind the pond has to cope with 2-way traffic, cyclists and pedestrians; we suggest there should be traffic calming at the entrance to the road to slow traffic down.

We are also concerned that there is danger to pedestrians crossing between the shops and St Giles; traffic turning into Swakeleys Road, particularly in the rush hour and at night, cannot always see pedestrians who are already on the crossing, we believe, as previously requested, that the crossing should be moved further back into Swakeleys Road.

We are once again sending our concerns and ideas to the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Please send us your comments via email to ickenhamresidents@hotmail.com

Brian Adams

ICKENHAM MARSHES UPDATE

The Ickenham Marshes Partnership has now been established! The Partnership is a voluntary group of organisations with an interest in the management and maintenance of the Marshes - the wild area between Ickenham and Ruislip Gardens. Local landowners, schools and interest groups have pledged to support a range of projects, from access improvements, cattle grazing, scrub clearances, school visits and hedgerow restoration.

The Ickenham Residents' Association is providing the secretariat for the Partnership and **volunteers will be needed**, so watch out for a call for help in the next edition of Ickenham Calling.....

Many thanks to all that voted for the Marshes path improvements project in the Council's 'People's Choice' awards. Out of 24 bids, the plan to upgrade the path along the Yeading Brook from Ickenham to Ruislip came third, narrowly missing out on funding. Two South Ruislip playground improvement schemes will be taken forward. Given the good local support for the scheme, another funding bid is under consideration.

Pheasants, kites, muntjac, a little egret and a lot of sloes have all been spotted on the Marshes recently, so why not explore this wilderness area for yourself, but don't forget your wellies!

Christopher Mountain

LONDON WARD WELL-BEING SCORES

Ickenham has been ranked 22nd out of all 625 London Wards for well-being by the Mayor's office. The annual report uses 15 indicators including health, education, transport, environment and economy to rank all London Wards. Ickenham has consistently been around the 20 mark throughout the six year history of the report, which can be viewed on the www.london.gov.uk website. You can even adjust the weighting given to the different indicators to reflect your own views measuring well-being.

Wards in Richmond and Kensington dominate the top of the table, with neighbours Pinner ranked 27th, Northwood 53rd, West Ruislip 88th, Uxbridge North 190 and South Ruislip 197th.

Christopher Mountain

NEW WASTE CHARGES AT SOUTH RUISLIP TIP AS FROM 12.10.2012

South Ruislip tip (run by West London Waste Authority) have recently introduced a charge for ANY waste from residents' building and landscaping works.



Waste materials such as soil, rubble, plaster board, tiles, doors, windows, timber, bathroom suites, kitchen units, fencing, pallets, sheds, slabs, or similar, will be charged at a rate of £175 per tonne.

The minimum charge is £17.50.

The Council-run Harefield facility has had a similar policy for some time - which ONLY APPLIES for larger quantities of DIY waste. If you want more information, you can contact the facilities by phone:

South Ruilip: 020 8841 4546 Harefield: 01895 823153.

Christopher Mountain

MINUTES SECRETARY

Thank you for the response to our request for help in our last newsletter. We are pleased to inform you that Miss Sian Vanderplank has kindly agreed to take on the role with effect from our November committee meeting. The committee would like to formally welcome her on board and look forward to working with her.

June Reyner

CHINESE LANTERNS

We have been requested by RAF Northolt to remind you all about the dangers these can cause. The lights can distract pilots at night and the debris can land on the Airfield, thereby becoming a hazard to aircraft. **Please do not use them.**

June Reyner

CONSERVATION UPDATE

Gospel Oak - See STOP PRESS on front page.

Chrysalis Funding for Swakeleys Park car parking facilities – Swakeleys Drive and The Avenue ends:

The work has been completed. The two car parking areas have been resurfaced and the paths are in place. We would like to thank the Council for seeing this through.

Friends of Swakeleys Park – the Working Party meets every second Wednesday of the month from 9.30 am to 1.00pm. If you are interested in contributing then just turn up, tools are provided by the Greenfield team from the Council. We start by meeting at the car park near the tennis courts at the top of The Avenue and then disperse to the task areas.

If you want to join the mailing list of the Friends group then please send an e-mail to the Ickenham Residents Association.

Neena Bedi

MEMBERSHIP ON THE UP

It is pleasing to record that despite the need to increase the annual subscription for senior citizens from £1 to £2,

thus making it level for all members, we have made a slight increase this year on the number of subscribing members. This year's total was 3212, an increase of 9 on last year, but representing some 64.5% of Ickenham households.

There was surprisingly little objection to the subscription increase; in fact many people said *about time too*. We certainly do not make a habit of this sort of thing.

One of the main reasons for the decline in membership in recent years is that many people moving to another district let their houses rather than sell them, and many of the rented accommodations are on short term leases, so occupants are not interested in joining. We tried calling on the occupants of the Ministry of Defence houses, some of which have been sold off, but most of them are still occupied by service families.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to recruit any new members from the new Ickenham Park estate. Leaflets have been put through letterboxes, but a personal call is more effective. We are appealing for canvassers to help us in this task. If interested, please give me a telephone call on 01895 638367. There is great potential to gain more members.

Again, we must express all our thanks to the area and road stewards for all their efforts in getting in the subscriptions. We appreciate that they often have to make several calls before getting any response, despite leaving reminders. We have in recent months been able to get extra stewards in certain long streets, and even some in blocks of flats, which are always the most awkward, largely due to security arrangements. We always need new stewards, and again, if anyone is interested in carrying out this task, their help will be much appreciated (please call the same phone number as above).

For the first time we had someone pay his subscription in Euros. It so happened that the member had just returned from holiday that day, and when the steward went to collect, the member had no change. The money was gladly accepted.

John Squiers.

HEALTH MATTERS

General Medical Practice is very much to the forefront of medicine, and is generally our first point of contact on our long road of health care. It is therefore good news, when a well known local practice moves to a new and expansive building (and expensive!) with all "mod cons"!

Wow! Is a word I shall use to express my pleasure on entering this new and purpose built surgery of my own GP and associates, The Oakland Medical Centre in Parkway, Hillingdon. Apparently it has been nearly 10 years in the planning, and at long last has just been commissioned and opened for business by the medical practice. The result is a credit to all those involved in its inception,



planning and construction. There is an immediate "feel good factor" when entering into the spacious reception area, delightfully light and airy. A huge difference to the previous accommodation, a converted detached house, that was becoming very drab and showing its age. It goes without saying that it is important that our medical services are of the highest quality possible, and a good working environment contributes massively to this objective. Let us hope that this new building will be fully utilised, and contribute to the idea and current thinking of bringing more care nearer to patients homes.

Following on from this, it is expected that every GP surgery will have a "Performance Patient Participation Group", made up of practice staff and patients, that are representative of the practice population. The main aim of the "PPG" is to ensure that patients are involved in decisions about the range and quality of the services provided, and over time commissioned by the practice. Above all it is all about the practice and patients working together. Therefore the PPG will need a positive attitude from GPs and practice managers, and the patients must have a full understanding of the constraints of the practice. With these provisos, together with good leadership within the group, it should encourage enthusiasm and a productive partnership. Doctors will undergo annual assessments beginning next year to ensure that they are up to the job. Revalidation is the process for doctors to positively affirm to the General Medical Council that they are up to date and fit to practice. The GMC describes it as the biggest change in medical regulations for more than one hundred and fifty years. At present doctors can go for their entire career without facing formal assessment of their competence. It applies to all licensed doctors in the UK working in the NHS and the private sector, and all branches of practice. Doctors will need to meet the standards set by the GMC, taking into account guidance for their speciality, to maintain their license to practice. This revalidation will be over a five year cycle.

Recent figures show that in the decade between September 2000 and September 2010, the NHS workforce grew by 30%, reaching 1.4 million people employed, and maintaining its place as the third largest workforce in the world. The UK's economic difficulties and restrictions on public spending have made this growth unsustainable.

The focus now is to increase the productivity of the workforce, in other words, provide the same quality of service with the same number of staff or less. However, the demand for health care is increasing. The population is living longer and is more reliant on health care services. The debate goes on!

David John

POLICE MATTERS

Crime statistics presented to the September meeting of the Hillingdon Community & Police Advisory Group were encouraging. Covering the period 10/04/12 to 23/09/12, they showed a decrease in nearly all categories, i.e. resulting in

an overall decrease of 12.3%. In particular, 'youth violence' is down 26.9% and 'residential burglary' has fallen 12.6%, while the detection rate for the latter has improved to 10.3% from 9.8%. In addition, thefts from motor vehicles have dropped by 21.7%. Perhaps people have, at last, learnt not to leave attractive items on show. I hope the figures are comparable, given that high-ups in the Met have a history of changing the definitions. Following complaints of poor response times to crime reports in Hillingdon, possibly due to the long distance between north and south in the Borough, a 'Response Team' has been re-instated at Ruislip Police Station to cover incidents north of the A 40.

The main presentation at the above meeting was in connection with the introduction next January of the 'Taser' weapon in Hillingdon. 40 officers will be trained to use this device and will operate in pairs in a vehicle. Past experience has shown that just showing the Taser, which resembles a yellow gun, will in most cases defuse a violent incident. All the officers in the team will have to pass a fitness and eyesight test and pass an exam. Although being shot by this device does not normally pose a threat to life, the users will also have 'emergency life support' training, in case the person has an underlying heart condition.

The main value of this weapon is to subdue violent armed offenders who are suffering a mental health problem, without having to shoot them; or to intimidate potentially violent youths. Compared with the use of pepper spray or firearms, there is no risk to innocent bystanders, which is a big plus.

I hope the Halloween/Diwali/ Bonfire Night season will have passed off peacefully by the time you read this, as it has for the last two years, but remember vandalism can occur at any time of the year and it can seem to be fun to a youth, with a can of strong lager inside him, to set fire to a fence, or wreak a young tree. If you should see any group in the early stages of such an activity, dial 999 immediately; if fire is involved, ask for both Police and the Fire Brigade.

A number of years ago my wife and I prevented the probable destruction of a Scout Hut in Yiewsley by such a quick call, in those days from a nearby 'phone box.

I am still being plagued by cold calls, in spite of being signed up for the Telephone Preference Service. This service does not affect calls originating from abroad. The latest have come full circle and are usually claiming to be 'conducting a survey'. Of course they aren't, they are either compiling a database of potential customers to sell to companies, or will try to tap you for a [real or fake] charitable donation. Either way just snap 'I don't take cold calls' and put the 'phone down. If you let your natural politeness get the better of you, you are likely to find yourself on a list of mugs and the calls will redouble.

Vic. Silk



NOTHING MUCH CHANGES

Whilst digging through my archives looking for old information to reference in relation to a current problem the Association is presently tackling, I came across the following un-named article written by an earlier committee person dating back over 30 years:

“ WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?

That phrase or its alternative ‘What is the Association doing about it?’ are very familiar to anyone who has been an officer of our Association.

It is usually asked when some development or other in Ickenham upsets one of our members.

The Association on these occasions is expected to spring into action with all guns firing in defence of someone’s status quo. The questioner assumes that the officers and committee have been sitting at home just waiting for this call to arms.

Whereas they have been quietly plodding along dealing with all the mundane problems that fall to the lot of residents’ associations; beaver away at monthly committee meetings, checking planning applications and council minutes and the host of related matters that arise over the year.

It is in these activities that the skills are honed to enable the Association to battle very successfully with the problems that suddenly confront the village. And the people who do all this work are unpaid volunteers, who use their own precious leisure time in striving for the benefit of the village.

One might readily assume that in a community such as Ickenham with over 2,550 members, there would never be any shortage of volunteers to help the Association. Sadly, such is not the case. We have to plead to ensure that we have sufficient road stewards and committee members. We have been without a committee minute secretary for some time and badly need helpers to type letters.

Members must understand the Association cannot operate just on the pious goodwill of its members. There must be an input of practical assistance from them to enable it to function. The work of a minute secretary and typist are just some of the jobs that enable the organisation to carry out its aims. We urgently need that secretary and the typists. “

I had a real laugh to myself and thought: that nothing much changes over the years, though I must admit that at present we do indeed have a full committee and a couple of additional co-opted members, but as you will have read in recent issues of *Ickenham Calling*....., we are still always looking for volunteers to come and join us – especially in the ‘planning’ area.

Though I personally would not have used some of the words or phrases, I certainly agree with the sentiment of it, and as I said in the title ‘nothing much changes’.

Pete Daymond - President

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the next
Annual General Meeting
will be held at Ickenham Village Hall on

Friday, 19th April 2013, at 8pm

In accordance with Rule 15 of the constitution, members are reminded that any item which they wish to be considered for inclusion in the Agenda, should be submitted in writing, with the names and addresses of the proposer and seconder to the General Secretary, Mrs. June Reyner,
6 The Chase
Ickenham, Uxbridge, UB10 8SR

by Friday, 22.02.2013

More details of the evening, the full Agenda and Minutes of the 2012 AGM will be included in our next regular newsletter, due for circulation in early March 2013.

The Officers and the Committee of the **Ickenham Residents’ Association**

take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the last year and wish you and your families a

***Happy Christmas
and
a healthy, safe and peaceful
New Year***