

# Ickenham Calling .....

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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

How lovely it was for villagers to get together for so many varied activities in Festival Week and then enjoy a happy and friendly Gala Day at Milton Court. Well done to all the festival team again for all their hard work.

Harrington House – the developers appealed against the decision by LBH to refuse a proposal to convert the building with existing permission for offices (currently vacant) into 47 one bedroom flats without new planning permission. At the Appeal the Planning Inspectorate agreed with LBH and Ickenham Residents' argument that Harrington House was situated within the curtilage of Swakeleys House, a listed building, and therefore a new planning application would be required.

Our planning team are currently looking at a proposed development, perhaps for warehousing, in Breakspear Road South at the old Glaxo/MSD facility. We plan to meet with the developers in the near future.

*Jill Dalton*

## PLANNING - A desperate appeal for help!

Earlier this year we asked for help with the administration of our Planning. We had an excellent volunteer but sadly they are no longer able to continue. We therefore urgently need someone to help with checking the LBH website and maintaining our records.

Knowledge of Word and Excel is essential. If you are interested and could commit to helping out a couple of hours a week then please get back to me on

ickenhamresidents@hotmail.com giving a telephone number and I will happily chat to you about what is involved. Hoping to hear from you.

*June Reyner*

## ICKENHAM FESTIVAL GALA



The Association joined many other local community groups on Milton Court for the Saturday Festival day. Committee members were on hand to meet residents and various local dignitaries and discuss the issues of the day. Many thanks again to the Festival organisers for their tireless efforts and to all our community groups, whose ongoing dedication provides so much enrichment for the lives of Ickenhammers.

*Chris Mountain*

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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  
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## ICKENHAM VILLAGE HALL - Can you help a valued local amenity?



The village hall has been a permanent place for local people to participate in social activities since 1926. The Hall is going to be extended to update the reception area and toilet facilities. The project is currently short of £30,000 from an estimate of £165,000. To raise the shortfall, a “Buy a Brick” fundraiser has been launched.

Would you like to be immortalised with a plaque in the foyer of the remodelled village hall? For a donation of £1,000 you can purchase a brick and have your generous legacy acknowledged on a brass plaque in the hall’s foyer. If you’re able to help, want further details, or would like to “buy your brick” (and your immortality), please talk to any of The Village Hall Committee or email David Edington at [hedgehog.haven@virgin.net](mailto:hedgehog.haven@virgin.net)

*June Reyner*

## PLANNING UPDATE

Between 11th May and 10th August 2022 we looked at 67 applications for Ickenham and wrote no letters of concern.

*June Reyner*

## NATURE RESERVES - Gutteridge Wood fire

The drama of a burning hay bale on the marshes in early July was eclipsed later in the month on the hottest day on record, when a grass fire swept through the fields south of RAF Northolt, just along the Hillingdon Trial. The wildflower meadows at the Gutteridge Wood nature reserve were badly burned on 19 July along with several fields surrounding the 'Gutteridge Works' site. The meadows should bounce back but sadly several veteran oaks were badly damaged and may not survive. The London Fire Bridge attended, on what they reported as their busiest day since World War 2.



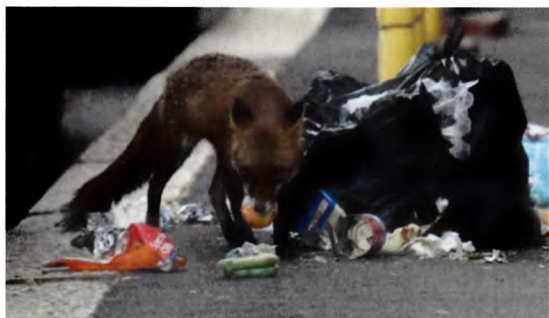
These photos were taken a week later, when a ditch full of old wood had re ignited.

*Chris Mountain*





## LITTER PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGE



We need your help to keep Ickenham clean. It has been reported that a few residents are dumping their household waste, cardboard boxes and black bags in Swakeleys Park near the large bins. Foxes and rodents can smell food in the bags and rip them open. Unsightly smelly waste is then exposed and strewn around. This is unpleasant, both for park users and bin men. It is difficult to understand why anyone would choose to leave their household waste like this.

London Borough of Hillingdon's refuse collection and recycling facilities are very good and easy to access, so why not use them, and not put your waste where animals can get at it. Let us revisit what is available to all residents. Every week we have a collection service for household waste in black bags, recycling items in clear recycling bags, garden waste in white canvas bags, and food waste in food bins. Large cardboard boxes can be flattened and placed under recycling bags for collection. To prevent black bags being torn open by animals please place them in black plastic bins or some other suitable receptacle. In addition any household item can be taken to Harefield Civic Amenity Site for disposal and/or recycling. For over 65's, a free collection service for bulky waste is available. For health and safety reasons residents should store their household waste on their own land until it is time for collection, when it can be left at the end of their property boundary before 6 a.m.

Hillingdon Council website for further information is as follows:-

Rubbish and Recycling home page- <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling>

Dry mixed recycling- <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/dry-mixed-recycling>

Garden Waste- <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/garden-waste>

Food Waste - <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/food-waste>

Household rubbish- <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/2333/Household-rubbish>

Bulk waste- <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/bulkywaste>

*Neena Bedi*

## STEWARDS SOCIAL EVENING 29th JULY



As you know we are always extremely grateful for all the hard work our road stewards put in delivering the newsletter and collecting subs. This has been especially so over the last 2 years with all the issues we have all faced. The Committee therefore decided to host a social evening in St Giles church hall as a small gesture of thanks. Over 60 stewards and their partners as well as some of our committee attended.

A delicious buffet spread was provided by Barbara Buckle and her team, Vic Silk kept the drinks flowing, though we did run out of Pimm's (!!). Julian

Ingram our membership secretary welcomed everyone and thanked them all for their support. A small presentation was made to Erica Locke who is standing down after 47 years as a road steward. There were also quizzes to stretch everyone's brains and the winning team scored over 80 out of a possible 120 – so the questions can't have been too difficult. All in all, an enjoyable evening was had by all.

*June Reyner*





## HEALTH MATTERS

The proposal for the New Hillingdon Hospital took another step forward when Hillingdon Council officially received the planning application. The plans propose a new state-of-the-art hospital for the residents of Hillingdon and beyond that, supports the very best in the delivery of healthcare. It will have the same mix of services as currently available and be built in the same location, next to the current hospital, which will remain open during construction.

The new hospital will mean significant improvements in care for patients including:-

A 40% increase in floor space. A modest increase in beds from 484 to 492 though with single bed-rooms increased from around 28% currently to over 70%. More diagnostics with CT Scanners increasing from 2 to 5 and MRI scanners from 2 (one of which is a mobile unit) to 3. An improved Critical Care Department next to a high dependency unit, significantly expanded to meet future demand. A new and much larger Emergency Department incorporating specialist and diagnostic services together on one floor.

Additional features of the new hospital include: A new midwife led Maternity unit, co-located with the labour ward for seamless and safe transfer when needed. For Children and Young People there will be a separate in-patient area for older children and over 80% single rooms. Specially designed cubicles to treat children and young people in the emergency department. Increased treatment facilities in outpatients meaning more surgery as day cases, relieving pressures on the theatres. Inpatient wards at the top of the building to take advantage of natural light and views - making for a better place to stay. Improved infection control facilities such as isolation rooms and an ability to separate patient flows.

The plans for the new Hillingdon Hospital have a "wow factor", it will be an extremely impressive building and design, with exciting new facilities. The only quibble is the modest increase in bed numbers. *David John*



## POLICE MATTERS

The scamsters never rest! One of the latest that I have come across is a text or e-mail purporting to come from our local council, requesting conformation of bank details. An obvious 'phishing' attempt. There has also been a new outbreak of the more elaborate text message or e-mail starting 'Hi Mum or Dad' stating that the child has lost or broken their phone and asking for funds to replace it or to pay a bill. The message will contain bank details for the receipt of funds, in other words the crook's bank account. If you receive a message like this, don't do anything before contacting the supposed sender, whose phone is probably still working!

By the time you read this, autumn will be upon us and the evenings getting darker. If you are not going to return home in daylight make sure that the house has some lights showing, perhaps on a time-switch. A dark house is an open invitation to burglars. On the subject of burglary, Neighbourhood Watch tells me that the large coverage of CCTV and 'Ring' doorbells has resulted in a drop in attempted burglaries in Ickenham. That is the good news. However, the Police are so overstretched that only a small proportion of cases are cleared up; so it is up to all of us to keep our guard up.

At the time of writing we have just had our local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team brought up to strength with the addition of PC Madeline Dobson. We welcome her.

Have you any of the old paper £20 or £50 notes around the house? These cease to be legal tender in September and need to be spent or paid into a bank account before then.

Finally, a gardening note. The autumn is an ideal time to plant the type of shrubs that will deter intruders coming over the back fence. Roses on a trellis or bushes such as berberis or pyracantha will do the job.

*Vic. Silk*