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Editorial

70th Anniversary Issue!

The very first edition of the *Town Crier* came out in September 1955, so this edition marks our 70th year in print! You can see the 1955 cover on the front.

We continue our series on the religious establishments of Ruislip and Ruislip Manor, with articles on St Paul's in Ruislip Manor (page 12), and an appeal from St Martin's for help with their roof (page 13). If your place of worship hasn't been included, please suggest to your religious leader that they consider contributing a small article.

We have updates from our local councillors (page 18) and our two MPs (pages 24 & 26).

We have more stories of The Orchard, including one on a Polish Airforce pilot and another about a lady who lived there for many years (page 20).

We are still in need of a town planning officer to help Susan Browne, and a person to report on health, so please let me know if you are interested.

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.org.uk

Gardening sessions take place every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year starting at 9.30am, with occasional conservation sessions in Long Meadow as required.

Tools, refreshments and good company are provided – no previous gardening experience necessary. Meet in the car park at Eastcote House Gardens.

The Gardens Café is now open daily from 9.00am until 3.30pm.

RUISLIP, NORTHWOOD & EASTCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

3rd Tuesday of each month from September to April at 8.00pm at St Martin's Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£3 admission). We also organise walks and outings for members during the summer months. For further information please visit our website 🌐 www.rnelhs.org.uk.

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| 16 September | London's Waterfront 1666 to 1800 and London's involvement in Slavery | John Schofield
Archaeologist |
| 21 October | Hillforts of the Chilterns Landscape (preceded by brief AGM) | Dr Wendy Morrison
Archaeology Mgr. |
| 18 November | WW2 Codebreaking - The wartime link with America and Eastcote during and after the war | Ronald Koorm
Author and Military Historian |

WHAT'S ON AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

Some of the upcoming events at the Winston Churchill* and Compass† Theatres, check out 🌐 www.hillingdontheatres.uk for more information and to book.

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| 3 Oct | <i>Esprit de Corps*</i> | RAF Squadronaires |
| 9-11 Oct | <i>Musical Mayhem†</i> | Pastiche Musical Theatre |
| 19 Oct | <i>High School Musical Jnr (Musical)†</i> | Pauline Quirke Academy |
| 5-7 Nov | <i>An Ideal Husband by Oscar Wilde†</i> | Proscenium |

LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR EVENTS

We are building a list of ALL local events on our website. If you are a member of a club or association, please get in touch with us - we'd like to feature your events!

Visit 🌐 www.ruislippresidents.org.uk/events or email

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Chair's Message



Well it's certainly been hot in Ruislip over the last few weeks. We really are living up to our byname "The Tropic of Ruislip".

We'll soon need to issue tropical uniforms for the police and traffic wardens. I believe the Royal Mail already have a summer uniform with shorts.

We've been having a slightly difficult time with our Council recently. The recent RAGC shop closure and plans to move all those who work there to other locations is an example. All to save some 44p per resident of Hillingdon. We know they are broke, but some of the 'savings' just seem pointless or counter-productive. Our Chief Road Steward attends virtually every Council meeting held in public, but when he asked to attend a meeting on fire safety for Council tenants and leaseholders, he was told he was not welcome. At the time of going to press, he was still waiting for an overdue reply to his FOI request about the number of asylum seekers and refugees, their costs, and government reimbursements.

I've worked as a Parliamentary advisor for many years and so am used to working with politicians, but I have to say that Parliament, outside of the House of Commons at PMQs,

is far more collaborative and less partisan than our Council. I don't care what party you belong to, if you are elected to represent the citizens of Hillingdon, you should put their interests ahead of any party loyalties. Let's have some cooperation to achieve the best outcomes for the residents and less political point-scoring. My criticism is not directed at our local Ruislip Councillors, who have consistently been helpful and on the side of residents, but specifically at senior members of both parties.

On a brighter note, our congratulations go to Chloe Whelan, 18, from Ruislip who was recently crowned Taekwondo World Sparring Champion at the ITF World Championships in Barcelona. She competed in the adult female middleweight category and defeated a six-time world champion!

If you haven't paid your subscription this year, we would appreciate it if you did – use our website and click the yellow tab in the menu bar: www.ruislippresidents.org.uk

We need your subscriptions to pay for the running of the association, including printing the *Town Crier*.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our meeting in September. ♦

Graham Bartram, Chair, ☎ 07941 295248

Education News

Susan Midgley

LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL'S YEAR 6 SHOW

The school's Year 6 pupils presented their final show **Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies** to a full house on Thursday July 3rd. Although based on a well-known story, this show was adapted to contain lively songs, some new characters who sometimes engaged in humorous conversations which added to the fun experienced by the audience.

The show began with the introduction of Maid Marion, played by **Nancy**, who is one of the villagers who lives in Sherwood Forest. She has just returned from a stroll in Sherwood Forest about which she gives a beautiful solo performance of a song celebrating that the Forest is a place "where dreams come true". She then disappears. Meanwhile the vile Sheriff of Nottingham, played excellently by **Emilie** appears in town. King John, played by **Jack H**, who relies on the Sheriff as his firsthand man, has doubled the taxes, much to the disgust of the villagers, who want justice and freedom. Both actors played their parts very convincingly, so much so that the audience felt these baddies deserved

to be booted! Robin is presented with a letter from Marion and promises that he and his Merry Men will not forsake her. They sing, "All you need is a helping hand." Later the Sheriff of Nottingham announces his new henchmen, Grabbit and Bolt (G & B) played by **Jake** and **Arlo**, who brought out the fun in their dialogue.

However, Robin and the Hoodies are able to chase them out of the forest. G & B return to King John followed by some guards and the Sheriff and describe the horrors they had to deal with in Sherwood Forest. Eventually G & B present who they believe to be Robin to King John but it is actually Marion! The King realizes that she is bait for Robin and sets his trap by sending Marion to the dungeon. Robin and his men go to rescue Marion. The King's plan works and Robin, Nursie, played by **Emilia**, and his Merry Men have been captured. Later there are a few surprises to come but Robin finally triumphs and the show finishes with a joyful performance by the whole cast who chant, "Cue the Music, Light the Light", then sing the very rhythmical song "See The Greatest Show Tonight" to which the

audience tapped their feet and clapped their hands.

The whole of Year 6 are to be congratulated for performing what was a brilliantly entertaining show, The many weeks of rehearsals by Ms Beth Mackerness and all the staff involved was certainly worth the final outcome. Mrs Kate Needs, Head-teacher, told parents and guests present how very proud she was of all the pupils and teachers who made the show the great success it was.

Very best wishes for their future success go to all the Year 6 pupils who will embark on the next stage of their education at Secondary School in September.

BISHOP RAMSEY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

The school held its Annual Prize Giving 2024/2025 at the Winston Churchill Hall on Thursday June 25th.

The event began with the Head Students, **Tiffany Stringer** and **Shiv Mookerjee**, asking everyone to stand for the entrance of the evening's Guest of Honour, The **Rt Rev'd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy**, Bishop of Willesden. They then welcomed everyone present who had come to celebrate the achievement, hard work and effort who were about to receive their well-deserved prizes.



Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies



Nancy as Maid Marion



Shiv Mookerjee and Tiffany Stringer

The Interim Headteacher, **Mr Malcolm Britton**, also welcomed everyone and praised the Head Students for winning the vote for their positions. They certainly looked confident in the role and spoke very articulately. Mr Britton also took the opportunity to praise the hard work and dedication of the school's chaplain, **Rev'd Susy Dand**, and the work of the chaplaincy; this met with applause from the audience. He also did manage to make them laugh when he declared that he became a teacher *"to help people survive the education system!"* He spoke of the numerous trips and sporting achievements that had taken place during the past school year. As well as working towards exams, he spoke of the journey the students were encouraged to take on board, which was to become good young adults and to contribute to creating a school and community they all want to be part of. There then followed a delightful musical item by two sisters, **Sophie and Lucy Chan**.

The main part of the evening was the Presentation of Prizes by the Guest of Honour. Before each prize was presented staff members from each Faculty shared citations of each individual student which made it personal to the student receiving the prize rather than just naming them. Every prize winner deserves congratulations and should be proud of their achievement. However, there were some who deserve a special mention. They are:

Sophie Byrne, Year 11 and **Zoe Smaggasgale, Year 13** who both won two prizes and **Erin Creedon, Year 13** who has a place at Oxford University to study Geography. The Inclusion Prize was awarded to **Nedum Nkenke, Year 11** who will move on to study Performing Arts at the Hayes Campus of Uxbridge College. Although academic performance is important to every school, Bishop Ramsey also awards **Special Prizes** for students' positive characteristics, contribution to the school and the wider community. These include the Lynsey Jackson Prize won by **Daniel Bisland, Year 13** and the Barnabas Prize for Encouragement KS3 awarded to **Charlie Morsley, Year 8**. Also pictured is **Zoe Taylor, Year 11** who won the prize for Sociology KS4. At the end of the Presentation the audience was entertained by another accomplished musical item by **Luca Bosis** and **Rebekah Stephen**.

Next it was the turn of **Rt Rev'd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy** to address the audience. He began by saying that it was a joy and privilege to be present at the occasion. He spoke mainly to the students as was appropriate. He told them it was now a time for reflection and encouraged them not to ask just what they had accomplished, but what they are becoming. They are lucky to have teachers, parents/carers to guide them to shape their minds and hearts and to build resilience. Life is not just about exams, but full of love, hope

and dignity. He then told them a story which resonated with everyone present. It was about a group of large adult elephants whose legs were tied with a strong rope so that they were unable to escape. A man asked the trainer, *"Why do they not break free?"* The reply was that they were very young when they were first tied up and so they now feel, even though they are big and strong, they would not be able to. The Bishop told his audience that, *"the rope is not stronger than you."* He encouraged the young people not to ever be defined by failure as they are stronger than they know and should learn from it. Translate failure into a new opportunity; you are stronger than you know. Let the light shine. It was a very uplifting speech which gave everyone food for thought and the Bishop received much deserved resounding applause.

The Head Students warmly thanked the Bishop and presented him with a gift from the school. The evening ended with a hymn and a blessing from Rev'd Susy Dand.

BISHOP RAMSEY SCHOOL'S SUMMER FESTIVAL

On Tuesday July 15th the school held its Summer Festival from 4-6pm This was an excellent opportunity for parents, carers and guests to wander between departments and explore the many events demonstrated by the school's students.



Charlie Morsley, Zoe Taylor & Nedum Nkenke



Daniel Bisland



The Rt Rev'd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy

The first stop for many visitors was the International Food Hall presented by the Modern Foreign Language students. As part of the afternoon event the MFL Department had run a competition to find the two tastiest dishes from the culinary contributions of the Year 7 and Year 10 students. This produced an array of very tempting entries. However, if you had a sweet tooth you would definitely have been drawn towards the table displaying cakes and biscuits. I have to admit that I was one such individual who was lucky enough to sample a slice of delicious Victoria Sponge baked by two delightful Year 7 girls (pictured). The lovely soft sponge was topped with cream and raspberries – a real treat! I learned later that the girls had earned second place in the competition. This was no surprise as they certainly deserved their prize. Very Well Done Girls!! All the money raised from the afternoon's sales was to be donated to Malosa School in Malawi which the school supports and students visit.



There was a wide variety of school life for people to explore which would have been of particular interest to parents/carers who could experience and share in their sons' and daughters' school days. Some examples included Maths students from Years 7 – 9 showcasing Game 24 and other Maths puzzles; The History and RE departments presented two sessions demonstrating students' debating skills. Geography students were creating models and posters linked to ocean pollution and issues caused; GCSE and A Level Biology students were demonstrating a range of different biology practicals. On the field there was an energetic game of Gaelic football.

In the School Hall there were examples of Drama. Music and English which included a group of Year 10 GCSE Drama students performing their cleverly improvised and quite "scary" dystopian drama entitled *"The Puppeteer's Pill"*. Young Writers poetry reading finalists shared their work with the audience and two songs were delightfully performed by the school choir.

This is just a small example of what was on offer on the day. Congratulations to all the staff and students who must have worked hard to provide everyone present with examples of such a wide range of information and entertainment which constituted an excellent End of School Year event. ♦

Tree Planting Update

Patrica Wardle

In 2019, the Ruislip Residents Association celebrated our Centenary, making us probably the longest serving Residents' Association in the country. We wanted to plant a tree for each of the years that we had been in existence. Unfortunately, our aspirations coincided with Covid and an extremely dry spring and summer so a number of the saplings that we had planted didn't survive.

Money was donated by Residents and Businesses in our area and we were then successful in achieving funding from the Coop, and with the help of the Council's Grounds Team we planted the first 10 trees on Ruislip Common in 2023. This saw a change to our modus operandi in that we bought young trees and these were professionally planted by the Hillingdon Grounds Team with the then Mayor, Cllr Becky Hagger, in charge of ceremonies.

We have struggled to find good sites in Ruislip Manor to plant trees, although we have planted trees in Shenley Park, again with the assistance of Hillingdon Grounds Team. In May this year we have planted a further 10 trees on Ruislip Common in a

Watering Ceremony conducted by Cllr Corthorne, the current Mayor of Hillingdon. This has used the balance of our funding so we will be trying to attract other sponsors in the future.

We have tried to ensure value for money, and the trees have a crop of fruits or nuts so that people from Ruislip and Ruislip Manor can pick them. The green tree gaiters, which can hold up to 80 litres of water, have a slow release function. Any added water will slowly leak out, allowing the water to penetrate into the soil, reaching the trees' roots, rather than a sudden deluge that runs off the soil surface and is wasted. ♦



Mayor Philip Corthorne watering one of our new trees with Graeme Shaw

St Paul's Church



Father Tommy Merry

St. Paul's Church in Ruislip Manor is an Anglo-Catholic Church who meet every Sunday for Mass at 8am and 10:15am, as well as mid-week services on

Wednesdays at 5pm and Fridays at 10:30am. (Other mid-week services and special day services as advertised on our notice sheet which can be found on our website.) Messy church usually meets the 3rd Saturday of the month 3pm-4:30pm.

Our relatively new Vicar, Father Tommy Merry, moved down to join us in May this year, and we are excited about the next stage of God's plan here at St Paul's.

The church covers the parish of Ruislip Manor but also includes Ruislip Gardens.

All are welcome to join us as we continue to live out our faith together and grow closer to God, serving one another and the community.

A LITTLE HISTORY

The church building dates from 1936, although the south aisle and side rooms date from after the Second World War

when the building was finished. Some parts of the furnishings date from earlier than the building, such as the stained-glass windows, the organ, the Lady Chapel screen, altar and reredos, many of which come from the demolished St Jude's Church, Gray's Inn Road London.

The parish was a church plant from St Martin's Ruislip, and subsequently St Mary's South Ruislip was a plant from this church. The building is Grade 2 listed, is basilica shaped and was designed by Nugent Francis Cachmaille-Day. The foundation stone was laid by the Dean of Windsor in July 1936 and the building consecrated by Bishop Winnington Ingram of London in November 1936.



St Paul's Church

The church has some beautiful statues and stained glass windows, and a two

manual tracker organ with a pedal board which is pneumatic, and it has approximately 978 pipes to make the sound – this came to us after the Second World War, but is over a hundred years old and previously was in a chapel in Surrey, built by Bishop & Son and installed at St Paul's by Walkers.

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The Parish Office is open weekdays from 9am-1pm for enquiries regarding Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and also hall hire for parties. ♦

St Martin's Church



Father Robert Chapman

This summer, I've been reading *Don't Forget We're Here Forever: A New Generation's Search for Religion*. The author, Lamorna Ash, herself in her late twenties,

describes the experience of encountering faith for her peers. Apart from it making me feel very old, the book had some fascinating insights into what she calls 'the awkward generation, just now on our way out of youth, [who] have started discussing faith more seriously than we once did'. For me, as vicar of St Martin's facing the imminent prospect of a leaky Chancel Roof, one section jumped out at me:

Beyond their cultural value, ... churches today function as a 'public utility'... More often, it is a use outside of their sacramental function: these great silent galleries of

stained glass, open most days, in which, usually, no one will try to sell you anything. At first, I was surprised by the number of my friends who described to me times of desolation or breaking point in which they've ended up in church, engaged in something that approximated prayer. But there are no other public spaces which fulfil this requirement, acting as portals to direct you to places outside of your ordinary modes of thought.

The experience of Ash and her peers reflects my encounters in St Martin's, day in and day out. St Martin's is more than a place to house those people 'who like that sort of thing'; it is place of quiet, reflection, refuge, and renewal for those who turn off the High Street.

It goes without saying that after years – even centuries! – of service to the

community, the time has come to ensure our church remains a safe, welcoming place for community activities, marking key moments in family life, worship, fellowship, and service. But we can't do it alone – we need your support to repair the Chancel Roof (the roof at the east end above the choir and sanctuary)! Help us Raise the Roof! :

- ◆ Donate Today – Every donation counts! No gift is too small.
- ◆ Spread the Word – Share this campaign with friends and family to help us reach our goal.
- ◆ Pray with Us – Lift up our efforts in prayer, that our church may continue to be a beacon of hope.

Pledge your support over time:

🌐 www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ruislip-st-martin-ruislip/

Together, we can protect this sacred space for generations to come, when, in thirty

years' time, Lamorna Ash will read books by twenty-somethings and feel as old as this vicar!

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing to the whole community.

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St Martin's Church

In the next edition of the *Town Crier* we hope to feature articles on the Church of the Most Sacred Heart in Ruislip Manor and Ruislip Baptist Church on Manor Way. In future editions we hope to cover Ruislip Methodist Church on Ickenham Road,

Ruislip Manor Methodist Church and the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints on Ickenham Road. If we've missed anyone we apologise and would love to hear from you! ◆

Himalayan Balsam Removal

Graeme Shaw

Himalayan Balsam is an annual plant, native to the Himalayas which was introduced into the UK in the 1800s for its ornamental purposes. Since then, it has escaped cultivation and today it is considered one of the UKs most prolific invasive plants. The negative impacts of Himalayan balsam have been widely reported and include the formation of dense monocultures which can outcompete native vegetation resulting in a reduction in biodiversity and luring pollinators away from native plant species.



Himalayan Balsam in Copse Wood

Previous efforts to reduce the volume of Himalayan Balsam in Copse Wood SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), have been in collaboration with Affinity Water through funding available from their INNS Out! Campaign. The Ruislip Woods Trust

and the Ruislip Woods NNR Management Advisory Group have successfully applied for four grants from Affinity Water. Some £4,200 have been used to purchase battery powered hedge trimmers, along with spare batteries and fast chargers). These tools supplement manual removal, where local residents can join long term volunteers in attempting to reduce the number of individual plants that flower and produce seeds, up to a thousand per plant, which can lie dormant for around four years before germinating.

We now have news of the next step in our aim to return Copse Wood SSSI to a state where the indicator species of this semi-natural ancient woodland can thrive free from the competition of Himalayan Balsam. CABI, Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International, one of the world's leading agricultural research centres have been engaged in a long-term biological control programme against Himalayan Balsam, which as a translocated species has no natural enemies keeping it under control in the UK. Working with DEFRA, CABI identified a suite of natural enemies causing damage

to Himalayan Balsam in its native range but a rust fungus infecting the leaves and stems of plants was prioritised for further assessment. Extensive testing under quarantine conditions found the rust to be highly host-specific, having no negative effects upon native UK plants, and a license was granted in 2014, for the first fungal biocontrol agent to be released against a weed species in Europe.

We are a little late to the party but are benefitting from CABI's continued vigilance. It transpires that Himalayan Balsam was brought back to the UK, by Victorian plant hunters on at least four occasions and as such there is variation in susceptibility across the UK. However, in order to tackle this, CABI have two strains of the rust approved for release, one from India and one from Pakistan and are currently in the process of evaluating additional strains from the native range.

In late Summer 2024 seeds from the Himalayan Balsam growing in Cope Wood SSSI were collected and evaluated by the scientists at CABI. We are fortunate that 'our' population of Himalayan Balsam was shown to be susceptible to the rust and consequently in July 2025, the rust was released at two locations, when the temperatures had dropped a little and after some welcome rain. The rust infects leaves of mature plants during the summer, reducing plant biomass and the

number of seeds. It overwinters in the leaf litter and infects just germinating Himalayan Balsam seedlings next Spring where it increases seedling mortality. Biological control is not instant remedy for the indicators species of native plants that gave rise to the SSSI status of Cope Wood, but a combination of continued manual, (and mechanised) removal and the rust will hopefully, within 4-5 years, dramatically reduce the number of Himalayan Balsam plants growing in our protected woodlands allowing for native vegetation to flourish. We also have the benefit that there are no upstream sources of Himalayan Balsam seeds for Cope Wood SSSI.

Thanks must be offered to Tony Booker the then Chair of ColneCAN who raised the funding, from both Affinity Water & Thames Water for this project, and the helpful employees of CABI who we will be working with to continue the detailed monitoring of the spread of the fungus and the surveying of the beneficial effects of Himalayan Balsam removal on our native species.

If you would like to support the work of Ruislip Woods Trust, please consider joining them:

[🌐 ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk/](https://ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk/)

A longer version of this article is on the RRA website, with clickable links to the CABI website. ♦

General Meeting

7.45pm, Tuesday, 30th September 2025
Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Doors will open at 7.30pm, with the meeting starting at 7.45pm. We will have a talk by Judith George, the Hillingdon Involvement Manager at the North West London Integrated Care System, on the new NHS structure and how this affects primary care, such as GPs. This will be followed by an open forum for questions from our members. Wine, fruit juice and nibbles will be provided.



Please send any items for the Open Forum to the Secretary by 23rd September. ♦

New RRA Newsletter

Keep up-to-date with local issues between *Town Crier* magazines by signing up for our email newsletter. We send news and updates on a range of topics and events in, around, and concerning Ruislip and Ruislip Manor.

In recent newsletters, we've covered the council's request for exceptional financial support from the central government and a consultation on banning motorcycle parking in Ruislip town centre. We also shared the news about

the successful campaign to refuse the Lidl planning application for The Orchard and raised concerns about the closure of the Rural Activities Garden Centre.

Our newsletters also provide updates on the ongoing issues at Ruislip Lido and the results of our surveys on garden waste collections. Don't miss out on important local information.

Sign up at:

ruislipresidents.org.uk/newsletter/ ♦

Councillors' Comments

Ruislip Ward – Philip Corthorne, John Riley, Peter Smallwood OBE
 Ruislip Manor Ward – Douglas Mills, Susan O'Brien



**Philip
Corthorne**



**John
Riley**



**Peter
Smallwood OBE**



**Douglas
Mills**



**Susan
O'Brien**

Sitting here writing this *Councillor's Comments* for this edition of the *Town Crier* we are in mid-August. The weather is very hot, and we are told that this is the fourth heat wave of the summer. We therefore hope that those of our residents who may not fare well in the high temperatures are able to keep cool and those that enjoy the sun are able to do so, perhaps at home, or in any one of our great green spaces, parks and gardens. Ruislip and Ruislip Manor are really very blessed with "green" public spaces which we are all able to enjoy.

This year seems to have gone very quickly and to find that it is the middle of August is something of a "surprise" as so much has happened. In no particular order:

As Councillors we were very busy in organising and participating in the cam-

paign to save the Orchard pub and site from what we and many of our residents believed was an inappropriate change of use to a supermarket, at such an important venue for many of us.

There were multiple different reasons why this was not the best use of this site and many of those reasons were reflected in the Planning meeting, and eventual decision, at which the issue was decided. All three Ruislip Ward Councillors spoke against the planning application at that meeting, united in our opposition to what would have been a significant impact on the immediate area, backed up by a massive residents response showing the strength of feeling locally. This was a really effective push back on a planning issue of great interest to all of us. We thank all those who took part in whatever way they

did and look forward to a better use being found for this treasured site.

Another cause of concern has been the decision by the local NHS senior administration to close the Urgent Care Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital. Mount Vernon not only serves Ruislip, Northwood and surrounding areas in the North of Hillingdon, but much further afield. A loss of any medical service is a blow to an area, but this is a particular deeply felt and significant loss as it geographically served our residents and was / is a valuable local service whose closure makes no sense to many of us. As Councillors we have made our views known about this closure together with the sterling efforts of our MP David Simmonds CBE, who has led a cam-

paign in Parliament highlighting the effect of this closure. We still maintain the pressure on this decision which we believe to be deeply flawed.

These are just two of the local big issues we have been involved. There are many more for our attention, some on a much more local level or further across the Borough, which we turn our attention to as the need arises.

We attend the monthly RRA Executive meetings and pick up on the issues the Committee ask us to, reporting back as those matters move forward. We look forward to seeing many of our residents at future RRA open meetings, which always stimulate lively discussion. ♦

Harrow Choral Society's Autumn Concert

Harrow Choral Society returns to St Alban's Church, in North Harrow, on Saturday 11 October, 2025 at 5:30 pm for *A Season To Sing*, a choral reimagining of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* created by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange. The 90-strong choir will be led by Music Director Sam Evans and accompanied by composer and arranger Paul Ayres on piano and organ.

Tickets: £15, under 18s £2

🌐 www.harrowchoral.org.uk

✉ boxoffice@harrowchoral.org.uk

☎ 07794 253463

St Alban's Church, North Harrow HA2 7PF
Saturday 11 October, 2025 - 5:30pm. ♦

The Orchard - More Stories

Carole Hill & Pamela Holland

LOCAL LISTING

In January the London Borough of Hillingdon held a public consultation for comments on their proposed local listing of The Orchard. The planning officers' recommendation to Locally List The Orchard building was approved at the Cabinet meeting on 10th April.

LIDL PROPOSALS

On 11th June, following an RRA campaign to get many residents to send in their views on the Lidl plans for a supermarket on the site (there were 640 against, 11 for), the Planning Committee overwhelmingly refused the application.

STORIES FROM RESIDENTS ABOUT THE ORCHARD

Two local residents contacted the RRA during the consultation period with stories about The Orchard:

JOZEF WARCHAL (Polish Spitfire pilot)

1916 - 2012

by Carole Hill

It was not until I came to live in Ruislip in 1973 that I learned that my Uncle Jozef had been based at RAF Northolt in the

1940s. The Orchard, and the Polish Memorial within its grounds, therefore have special meaning for me, as it is where he, his fellow pilots and crew used to relax between missions over a drink.

Jozef was born in 1916 in Sanok in south-eastern Poland. At 16 he joined a Cadet Flying School, where he learned to fly gliders and by the age of 19, he was a pilot in the 21st bomber squadron in Kraków.

When Germany invaded in 1939, he was flying PZL.23 Karaś light bombers. Four days into the German Blitzkrieg, his unit was ordered to fly south into Romania and collect Hurricane fighters sent by the British. However, as Jozef approached the border, his plane ran out of fuel and he made a forced landing. The three-man crew, after destroying the plane, walked 12 kilometres and then, as the water was very low that year, they waded across the Danube into Romania. They were arrested by border guards and interned. Five weeks later, as news of the German advance spread, the guards fled, enabling Jozef to escape with four other pilots. Armed with money provided by British

agents they bribed their way on to a train; and with the aid of the conductor, jumped off at Bucharest. Arriving at the Polish Embassy, they were given false documents and after passing through Hungary, Yugoslavia and Italy they arrived in France. Jozef then travelled to Britain, to be incorporated into the RAF.

Language lessons were a top priority as most of the Polish pilots did not know a single word of English. They had to be trained to fly British aircraft and were unfamiliar with RAF Fighter Command's language, procedures and training methods. One notable aspect of early training involved the use of bikes fitted with radios, compasses and speed indicators, to practise formation flying.

in 1940, Jozef was posted to 303 Squadron based at Northolt and The Orchard in Ruislip became his 'local'. It had a good-sized bar and dining room where a small orchestra played every night, and one could dance. The proprietors took a keen interest in the Polish airmen and, apparently, the Polish National Anthem was played at the end of every evening, as well as 'God Save the King'.

By 1942, Jozef had joined 308 Squadron. He sustained serious head injuries after a crash landing in Kent. Officially, it was recorded as due to a glycol leak but, in his later years, Jozef told his son he had been

in a 'dog-fight' and that, as his powerless plane glided in, he deliberately put one wing into the ground to avoid crashing into a village. He was awarded the Krzyz Walecznych, the Polish Cross of Valour. This wartime decoration was given for 'Deeds of valour and courage on the field of battle'. Being a quiet, modest man, Jozef told his son that he got it 'for lasting so long'.

Jozef was posted to RAF Newton, Nottinghamshire as an instructor. It was here that he met his future wife (my aunt) at a dance, and they married in 1947, making their home in the suburbs of Nottingham and raising a son and daughter.

At the age of 93 years, Jozef was a special guest at RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire where the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is based. He was helped to negotiate the steeply raked wing and clamber into the cockpit of the only remaining Spitfire with the original Polish markings. He commented that the smell of the cockpit was just as he remembered it, adding that as a pilot he would run up the wing and jump into the cockpit. He was recorded as saying that it was an experience which evoked many mixed countless memories of his years of flying Spitfires – his favourite plane of the 14 he had flown.

LIVING AT THE ORCHARD 1932-1977

Pamela Holland (nee Ansell)

It was a privilege to meet Pamela Holland who lived at The Orchard for 45 years. Pamela's father Leslie Ansell worked at Rules of London, a famous restaurant. In 1931 Mr Ansell was persuaded by a Mr Harris who ran cinemas to move to the country to run The Orchard Bungalow in Ruislip.

Pamela was born in 1932. By the mid 1930s the Ansell's had taken over ownership of the business from Mrs Harwood. Mr Ansell did a lot of modernising that included extensions to the bar and lounge, kitchen improvements, making the lounge larger (removing walls), adding cloakrooms and alterations to the ballroom (moving double doors). The staff lived across the road at Fiveways at the corner of Ickenham Road and Kingsend, and the Ansell family moved next door to "Stadacona", the house at 53 Ickenham Road, opposite the bus stop next to The Orchard. During the war the Ansell family moved back to the first floor of The Orchard Hotel and "Stadacona" was rented to the owner of Morny Soap. They then moved back to "Stadacona" after the war. Pamela went to school in Ealing, but during some of the WWII Pamela was evacuated to Huntingdon.

During WWII, Pamela's father looked after the Polish Airmen and UK servicemen who were regular clients at the Orchard

Hotel. Mr Ansell regularly visited Mount Vernon Hospital that served as a general hospital and a base for war casualties. He knew the matron there and regularly provided food for the injured servicemen. He used to give a bottle of champagne out for every plane they had shot down that day when Polish Airmen visited the Hotel at the end of their day. He organised Christmas Parties and after memorial days, the ex-airmen came back to the hotel for a meal.

In recognition of the contribution of the Polish airmen a 1/3 scale model Spitfire was installed in 1946, supported on two steel poles as if in flight, mounted on a stone plinth in front of The Orchard. Pamela unveiled the model spitfire, instead of her mother who was unwell. It was dismantled, refurbished and restored in around 1996, only to be stolen in 1997. It was replaced in 2007 with a new and current scale model Mk Vb Spitfire that is currently being refurbished.

After the war The Orchard retained its reputation for being a stylish local restaurant with dinner dances, cabarets, and a three-piece band playing in the corner, where ties were obligatory. It became well known locally, but also within the UK and for visitors from overseas.

Pamela went to French Lycee School in London to do typing and secretarial work.

During her school holidays her father persuaded her and two other girls to act as secretaries. Over time Pamela spent 4-5 months working under the chef, then the bar manager and eventually onto 'the room' where she would communicate with the clients in the huge dining room. Pamela's mother, Margary helped a lot as well. Her sister Michelle born in 1940 had a lung problem and spent a lot of time in open air in Switzerland that was great for her language skills. After attending Northwood College she went to a university in Switzerland, worked for Air France and was then employed by the foreign office and lived in various countries.

In 1950s, Pamela worked in USA in the restaurant business. She rented an apartment in a block of 14 apartments. One other lady lived in that block. She was Jackie Collins, the author! Pamela really enjoyed working and living in USA. However, after one year, she returned to help run the family business at The Orchard Hotel as her father's health was deteriorating.

Mr Ansell had a reputation for being a civic-minded hotelier and often hosted fundraising events at prestigious venues. In 1961 he organised a charity fundraiser at The Dorchester Hotel towards the construction of the Olwen Bettsworth Hall at Mount Vernon Hospital. A lot of the nurses from MVH attended the event.

Sadly, Pamela's father died when he was 56 years old in 1963. Pamela and her mother Margary along with John Tambourne and his son continued to run the hotel until 1977. Due to economic pressures of the time the premises were sold to Whitbread. John Tambourne had worked at the restaurant from 1945 until it closed and his son worked there for 26 years as waiter, buyer, bar waiter, restaurant manager. See the newspaper article at the time of closure on the RRA website:

[🌐 ruislipresidents.org.uk/orchard1977/](https://ruislipresidents.org.uk/orchard1977/)

Pamela has many stories she can tell from living and working at The Orchard. She witnessed the village of Ruislip become the town we now know. She continues to enjoy an active life in Northwood. ♦



Danny Beales MP

MP for Uxbridge & South Ruislip



It's now been over a year since I was elected as the Member of Parliament for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. It has been an honour working with my team, both in Parliament and in our constituency office, as well as with you, the residents, to deliver positive change.

Before Parliament broke up for the summer, I presented a Ten Minute Rule Bill in the Chamber calling for the regulation of managing agents. Earlier this year, I visited leaseholders living in a retirement complex in Ruislip, Sherleys Court. There, I heard first-hand accounts that echoed what my colleagues and I are being told in constituencies across the country: managing agents are far too often failing leaseholders, and the leasehold system is broken. The residents of Sherleys Court are people who have worked hard their whole lives and are looking to enjoy the next chapter. Instead, they are facing constant issues - from poor maintenance and a lack of communication to unclear and extortionate charges. My Bill calls for the introduction of an independent regulator for managing

agents, with a requirement to comply with a statutory code of practice. It would also mandate formal qualifications for managing agents, raising standards and empowering leaseholders like those in Sherleys Court to challenge poor treatment and seek justice. The Government is moving forward with significant leasehold reform, committed to ending the leaseholder status for new developments and introducing commonhold instead. I hope my Bill will influence this coming legislation and action. In the interim, if you, or someone you know in Uxbridge and South Ruislip, is affected by these issues, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many residents have also contacted me with concerns about crime in Ruislip, especially following the tragic news of a young person being injured by a knife in early July. I want to reassure everyone that I am working closely with the police to understand what more they need to keep our streets safe. After the incident, I joined the Neighbourhood Policing Team in South Ruislip to learn more about how crime is developing locally, where the hotspots are, and how intelligence is be-

ing gathered. I am hugely thankful for the work of our local police force and their continued efforts to protect our communities. I am also working to bring youth groups together locally and look at what we can do to reopen the youth centres previously closed by the Council, and build back active youth provision.

As many of you may be aware, Hillingdon Council is on the verge of bankruptcy. A report from their own Chief Financial Officer earlier this year outlined that years of over-spending, under-saving, a failure to develop a long-term financial plan, and poor governance have left the Council in a dire financial position. Reserves have now reached dangerously low levels, some of the lowest in London. Despite this, the Council seems intent on playing the blame game: highlighting children with SEND, the homeless or now asylum seekers as being to blame. Their own financial reports and audits are clear – it was their leadership that oversaw these financial failures. I will continue to press for more resources for our Borough, but it's vital that money is well spent, invested in prevention and focused on improving outcomes and efficiency. We cannot allow poor governance to continue. The Government is currently reviewing the funding formula for all local authorities, and I am in contact with ministers to ensure that the specific needs of Hillingdon are finally taken into account. I hope to have further positive news to share

soon about the outcomes of this work.

A large proportion of my casework relates to families struggling to get support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Many families are facing significant challenges in obtaining Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and accessing the support their children need. It's fair to say parents, teachers and the Government alike all recognise that the system is not working and is failing everyone involved – reform is long overdue. I want to ensure your voices are heard and that rights are both protected, and we develop a system that ensures children get the support they need more quickly, and that schools are supported to help as many people as possible in mainstream education. I will be hosting a local engagement event to feed into the national SEND reform Bill. If you would like to be invited along or have ideas, experiences, or stories about what needs to change in the SEND system, please contact me.

As I begin my second year representing Uxbridge and South Ruislip in Parliament, I feel incredibly privileged to represent the community I grew up in and live in today. If you have any questions, whether about national or local issues, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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David Simmonds CBE MP

MP for Ruislip, Northwood & Pinner



Despite emphatic local opposition, I am extremely disappointed that the board of the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS

Foundation Trust voted un-animously to close the Urgent Care Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital. This is deeply concerning for our community, whose views seem to have been largely ignored.

I have taken this forward in Parliament, raising it directly with the Health Secretary. This should be a priority for the Government. With the NHS 10-Year-Plan encouraging more out-of-hospital care to ease demand on A&E departments, asking patients with minor injuries to attend Hillingdon Hospital's already overburdened A&E is completely out of touch with these objectives.

I have welcomed the strong support from neighbouring MPs Gagan Mohindra, Joy Morrissey, Bob Blackman and Oliver Dowden. John McDonnell has also joined the campaign, and I am grateful for his commitment to upholding the long-standing tradition of Hillingdon MPs

working together on the local issues that really matter to residents.



Everybody has a story to share about how invaluable this service has been, either for themselves or loved ones, and I add my voice to these many experiences. I will continue this fight, working together with MPs, council colleagues and residents. If you would like to get involved with the campaign, please visit: savemountvernon.co.uk. You can also follow the steps I have been taking via my Facebook page and website.

In further disappointing news for residents, the Mayor of London has announced the closures of Hayes and South Harrow

police front counters, two years after his unmet commitment to reopen Uxbridge Police Station. With crime rising in London under Mayor Khan, including an 86% increase in knife offences in a decade, his decision to close the last police front counters in both Hillingdon and Harrow is wholly irresponsible.

Constituents tell me that our local police do a good job when called upon, but getting in touch to report a crime, share evidence, or seek advice is difficult outside of emergencies. While we are all grateful to the dedicated volunteers who open the Pinner front desk, vulnerable residents especially need accessible local police. I will be supporting local campaigns to reverse these poor decisions.

More positively, I have continued to make visits around the constituency, which is one of my favourite things about being an MP. With my background in education and children's services at Hillingdon Council, I particularly enjoy school visits. Just recently, I attended a lively Q&A session at Whiteheath Junior School as part of their 'British Values Day' – memorably, when asked which countries were not democracies, I was given an answer of 'Microsoft'.

I have also had the pleasure of attending an exhibition at the Cow Byre Gallery, hosted by Joyce and Barbara from the Society of Ruislip Artists. It is really great to see

such talent and creativity locally, and I look forward to seeing more of the artists' work in the future.

I have also been holding my regular surgeries, which take place in high street cafes around the constituency, including Vito's Café in Ruislip. These provide me with the opportunity to catch up with local business owners and residents alike.



Lastly, I would like to remind readers that UK residents are able to request free 'Inside UK Parliament Tours' via my office. If you are interested in booking a tour with neighbours, friends, family or colleagues, please do get in touch. Schools are also able to visit the Education Centre, more details of which can be provided by my office:

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Treasurer's Corner

Nick Potter

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Subscriptions remain at £5, but please continue with your generous donations which are a very necessary part of our funding.

You can pay your subscription online at:

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Planning Summary 2024

Susan Browne

WITHIN RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OVERALL

Within the RRA's area, a total of 176 plans were decided between 1st January and 30 June 2025. In Ruislip Ward 116 plans were decided, 97 (84%) were approved, 18 (15%) were refused and one (1%) withdrawn. Five of the plans refused have now gone to Appeal. In Ruislip Manor Ward, 60 plans were decided, 47 (78%) were approved, 5(8%) were refused, two (3%) were withdrawn and six (10%) were Prior Approval Not Required. One of the plans refused has gone to Appeal.

The most notable planning decisions were for the approval of the Hindu Cultural Centre at 9 Shenley Ref 79154/APP/2024/3317 on 20/02/2025, and the refusal on 20/06/2025 of seven residential flats at the site at the site of 11-17 Victoria Road. At the time of writing there has been no decision on the plans submitted for the proposed development at the site of The Barn Hotel or flats at 25-49 Victoria Road.

WITHIN CONSERVATION AREAS

Within Ruislip the two Conservation Areas, "Ruislip Village" and "Manor Way" and the

two Areas of Special Local Interest (AS-LCs), Midcroft and Moat Drive a total of 37 planning applications were decided (as included above in Ruislip ward), 30 (81%) were approved, seven (19%) were refused. All the planning applications submitted and determined within the Conservation Areas can be viewed on the Ruislip Residents' Association website under planning.

The most notable decision was the refusal of a Lidl store at The Orchard on 13/06/2025. At the time of writing this summary the proposals for a block of flats at 2 Midcroft, the old petrol station are still undecided.

For details of plans submitted and decided in Conservation Areas refer to:

www.ruislipresidents.org.uk/about-ruislip/planning/

APPEALS

As at 30th July, there are total of 15 (at 14 sites) appeals within the overall RRA area awaiting consideration by The Planning Inspectorate in Bristol. Of those 12 appeals (at 11 sites) are within the Conservation Areas. Appeals against Enforcement

take a considerably longer time than appeals against LBH's decision to refuse an application.

The table below summarises the appeals within the conservation areas that have been decided since the last *Town Crier* was published at beginning of 2025.

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Planning enforcement deals with and investigates any alleged, reported breaches of planning control. A breach of planning is when any work is done without the requisite planning permission or doesn't meet the conditions set when planning permission was agreed.

This year the number of planning enforcement cases within the RRA has increased particularly with respect to Outbuildings, 'Building works not being implemented according to plans approved' and 'unlawful fencing and enclosures'. Rather than spend time and money having works completed and then be enforced by the Council to make changes. Please check first!

CHECK PLANNING RULES BEFORE YOU START MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR PROPERTY

Residents may contact Hillingdon Planning to obtain planning advice:

 www.hillingdon.gov.uk/planning-advice
In addition, Hillingdon Planning encourage residents to discuss and obtain pre-

application advice for anyone thinking of making an application. For more help and information contact planning by email on  planning@hillington.gov.uk

HOW TO REPORT CONCERNS

If you are concerned if a site has potentially breached planning rules, please send an email to:

 enforcement@hillington.gov.uk

If nobody reports the issue, the Council will not know!

If you report a potential breach of planning control, please provide as much information as possible about the current and previous situation, for example:

- ◆ the exact address
- ◆ when activities started
- ◆ the nature of the building works
- ◆ the use of the building
- ◆ the name or addresses of known owners or other persons responsible.

OUTBUILDINGS

Eight enforcements cases have been /are being investigated this year within RRA with respect to outbuildings. Please consider Policy DMHD 2 of the *Hillingdon Local Plan - Part Two (2020)*. There are four requirements for outbuildings:

- i. the building must be constructed to a high standard of design without compromising the amenity of neighbouring occupiers;

- ii. the developed footprint of the proposed building must be proportionate to the footprint of the dwelling house and to the residential curtilage in which it stands and have regard to existing trees;
- iii. the use shall be for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house and not capable for use as independent residential accommodation; and
- iv. primary living accommodation such as a bedroom, bathroom, or kitchen will not be permitted.

Policies (2020) states that as a general guide, an outbuilding should be no greater than 30 sq. m. and should not significantly reduce private amenity space or the landscape and ecological value of the garden. Outbuildings should respect neighbouring properties and should not result in the excessive loss of residential amenity, privacy, outlook, and overshadowing/sunlight.

If you are concerned that an outbuilding may breach planning policy then please send an email to:

 enforcement@hillington.gov.uk 

In addition, A1.34 of the *Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management*

APPEAL OUTCOMES IN THE CONSERVATION AREAS

Address	Application
7A Manor Road 69063/APP/ 2023/1490 (Appeal ref 10030) 09/10/2023, 11/01/2024 & 20/08/2024 ALLOWED	Retrospective application for changes to roof (amendments to previous planning permission).
39-41 High Street - Old Tan & Beauty ENF/551/23 Appeal Against Enforcement (Appeal Ref 10105) 15/04/2024 DISMISSED - ENFORCEMENT UPHELD	Without planning permission changes to shop front, installation of fully glazed entrance door, rendered walls & insertion of modern casement windows at ground floor.
111 High Street - Hungry Olive ENF/308/22 Appeal against Enforcement (Appeal ref 10123) 02/08/2024 DISMISSED - ENFORCEMENT UPHELD	Without planning permission, alterations to front elevation -changes to shop front, installation of illuminated signage, glass entrance door, rendered walls & insertion of small slit windows at ground floor.
82-84 High Street 78935/APP/ 2024/1992 (Appeal ref 10225) 06/12/2024 DISMISSED	Extensions & alterations to ground, 1st & 2nd floors with change of use of 1st floor from office (Class E) to residential (Class C3) to provide 4 x 1-bed flats and 1 x 2-bed flat. Retention & reconfiguration of Class E unit at ground floor & alterations to fenestration.

RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

7.45pm, Tuesday, 30th September 2025

Winston Churchill Hall,
Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL
Doors open at 7.30pm

The Guest Speaker will be Judith George, the Millingdon Involvement Manager at the North West London Integrated Care System, followed by the General Meeting and an Open Forum, with questions to a panel of RRA representatives. The meeting will end at 10pm. Wine, fruit juice and nibbles will be served.

Open Forum items to the Secretary by Tuesday, 23rd September 2025.

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