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Editorial

A Sad Time

I've been to too many funerals recently - in this issue we carry the obituaries for three great citizens of Ruislip: Joan Davis, Alan Jones and Eileen Bowlt. You can read them on pages 12-13. All three have contributed to this magazine and will be greatly missed by all who knew them.

The theatrical life of the area is starting to recover from the pandemic and the listings on page 4 reflect a wide variety of shows, from opera and whodunits to musicals.

Ruislip is home to the new under-18 Taekwondo Champion - read the story on page 16.

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

Graham Bartram

Graham Bartram, Editor Pro Tem

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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 4.00pm.

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.

16 April Rickmansworth: Hertfordshire's Industrial Heartland? Chris Hillier
Local Historian

WHAT'S ON AT THE LOCAL THEATRES

Some of the upcoming events at the Winston Churchill* and Compass† Theatres, which are once again open for theatrical productions - check out www.hillingdontheatres.uk for more information and to book.

3-7 Apr	<i>The Little Mermaid</i> (Pantomime)†	DK Productions
18-21 Apr	<i>The Medium</i> by Menotti and <i>Il Tabarro</i> by Puccini†	Harrow Opera
24-27 Apr	<i>Made In Dagenham - The Musical</i> *	Ruislip Operatic Society
22-25 May	<i>And Then There Were None</i> by Agatha Christie†	Argosy Players
5-8 Jun	<i>Speaking in Tongues</i> by Andrew Bovell†	Proscenium
12-15 Jun	<i>A Chorus of Disapproval</i> by Alan Ayckbourn†	Ruislip Dramatic Society
4-6 Jul	<i>Allo Allo</i> †	
5-7 Jul	<i>School of Rock</i> *	The Chameleons ADS Encore Junior Theatre

Chairman's Message



Spring is finally here and flowers are blooming all around us so I thought a cover full of them would cheer people up. Our

Annual General Meeting will be held in Winston Churchill Hall in April. The guest speaker will be the new Member of Parliament for Uxbridge and South Ruislip, Steve Tuckwell MP. Steve's constituency covers Ruislip Manor. I'm sure there will be many questions for him.

The new Hillingdon Hospital has now been given full planning permission, and recently the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, Victoria Atkins MP, paid a visit to see for herself how plans were proceeding. She was accompanied by Steve Tuckwell MP. You can watch a new 3D fly-through of the hospital on YouTube at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9XXUS8hoog

Ruislip High Street has lost three of its banks, Natwest, Barclays and Lloyds, leaving HSBC, Santander and Nationwide (actually a Building Society). Better news is that some of the empty shops are getting new tenants. Annabella's has replaced Café Rouge and Zaza's has replaced Prezzo. A new food centre is opening where Sharp's Bedroom Furniture was,

and a new household supplies shop has opened where the Works was. Let's hope this positive trend continues.

HS2 continues, but fortunately the Tunnell Boring Machines are now past our area, and just entering Northolt. That is roughly halfway to their destination at Old Oak Common. HS2 have decided to move some of the tunnel segments via road, instead of the special rail line they installed. You can see these travelling through Ickenham towards the West Ruislip site. The Colne Valley Viaduct is also in the process of crossing the Grand Union Canal and the new Harvil Road bridge has opened.

It's time for your annual subscription to Ruislip Residents' Association. It costs £5 per household (we welcome additional donations) and you can pay it online using our website – just click the yellow tab in the menu bar:

www.ruislipresidents.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 April. ♦

Graham Bartram, Chairman, ☎ 01895 673310

Education News

Susan Midgley

LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL'S KS2 CHRISTMAS SHOW

Lady Bankes Primary School presented their Key Stage 2 Christmas Show on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, which included drama and choral music. The show, with the title *Gimme Gimme Gimme*, was written and directed by **Mrs Neagle**, **Miss Mackerness** and **Miss Collinson**. It began with a rousing rendition of *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree* which certainly put the audience in a festive mood. We were then introduced to the Elves who each described their specific role under the watchful eye of Santa. However, as the action progressed it became clear that this was not going to be an entirely traditional Christmas show but one with a clear message.

The next musical item was *Money, Money, Money in a Rich Man's World*. Actors spoke of how times had changed over the years; in modern times there was less money and parents were finding it hard to meet the current demands of their children for expensive presents. We were then shown children in a hospital ward who didn't want a present

but wanted to be better and return home. Some families were not together for Christmas for various reasons but all they wanted was to be a proper family again. Later three actors portrayed selfish young people who were discussing all the presents they wanted. They were told: *Only you can change the future!* Santa then told all the children why we really celebrate Christmas and the choir sang *A Boy Was Born, King of all the World*. He went on to explain that some children do not receive presents at Christmas and asked them if they understood what Christmas was really about: love, friendship, helping each other and families being together – not receiving expensive presents.

The message had been given and was understood. This performance was very relevant to our times but it was also great fun and ended on a joyful note as the whole cast performed with great gusto *Merry Christmas Everyone* to the accompaniment of clapping by the audience in time with the music.

BISHOP RAMSEY'S CAROL SERVICE

The school held its Carol Service at St Lawrence Church, Eastcote on Monday, December 18th, 2023. The service began with choir members processing up the aisle to the choir stalls carrying lighted candles. The Revd Dr John Seymour welcomed the congregation and expressed his pleasure at once again being able to hold the service in the church following the Covid pandemic. Revd Susy Dand, the school's chaplain, then offered the Opening Prayer.

The Year 7 Singers and Canterbury Choir opened the service by singing *Light of The World*. They were accompanied on the guitar by **Matt Bird** from Emmanuel Church, Northwood, who generously volunteers his support to such performances. The first reading was then confidently delivered by **Sienna, KS4** student which was followed by the congregation singing the Carol, *Joy to the World*. Following the second reading by Revd Dr Seymour, The Ramsey Singers – **Tiffany, Kayley & Rebekah, Year 11**, performed in perfect harmony *Mary Did You Know?* by Michael English. This was a beautiful moment in the service which moved members of the congregation. Next was a lovely reading of *Little Baby Jesus* from **Nathan, KS3** student, then a performance of *Holy Water* sung by The Canterbury Choir and professionally accompanied on the piano by **David, Year 9** and two guitarists; the singers clapped hands in time to the music. Towards the end of the service



The Cast of "Gimme Gimme Gimme"



Sienna



Tiffany, Kayley & Rebekah

the school's Deputy Head Students **Ted** and **Heather**, spoke openly and honestly about how over the years their faith has become an important part of their lives, giving it more meaning and purpose as they approach adulthood; this was quite inspirational.

To bring the service to a rousing conclusion *All I Want for Christmas is You* was performed by The Canterbury Choir, Staff Choir and The Jazz Band. This was really appreciated by members of the congregation who joined in by swaying and clapping in time to the music. **Mr Britton** then encouraged everyone to give all the participants, including **Ms Walsh** and **Mr Bampaliaris** from the Music Department, a huge appreciative round of applause for their hard work in preparing for such a meaningful and joyful introduction to the festive season, to which they willingly responded.

RUISLIP HIGH SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENT

The school held its Christmas Community Event on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 from 4.30pm to 7pm. The purpose of this year's event, organised by **Ms L Horton**, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form, was for sixth form students to serve members of the local community. Guests, aged fifty five and over were invited to a free Christmas style buffet followed by a performance of *Little Women*. The hope was that the event would be a great way

to give the students an opportunity to meet members of the local community that they otherwise would not meet and to establish links between the school sixth form and the wider Ruislip community.

On entering the space designated for the event, guests were offered tea or coffee served by the students. They were then invited to take a seat at one of the tables where two or three students were waiting to greet them. Various tasty and festive snacks, which had been donated by students, were available for the guests to enjoy. All the students were very welcoming and really seemed happy to engage in friendly conversations with their guests; it was a real pleasure to witness the different generations interacting with each other. During the first hour guests were invited by **Mr Peacock**, Head of Year 12, to take part in a quiz which added to their entertainment.

Further entertainment was to follow. At 5.30pm guests were ushered into the Hall for a performance of *Little Women* by students from a mixture of year groups throughout the school who had been rehearsing one evening a week after school from September. Great credit must go to **Mr Randall**, Head of Drama, for his creative adaptation of the American writer Louisa May Alcott's original novel. Although this novel was written in 1868, has been read by generations of girls and

is still popular today, its themes still resonate with today's generation.

The story revolves around the March family – mother referred to as Marmee and her four daughters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. Mr March is away, serving as a chaplain during the American Civil War. It is Christmas time and the first time the family cannot be together. Although poor themselves Mrs March instructs her daughters to give their breakfast away to an impoverished family whose children are hungry. Hearing of this their wealthy neighbour sends them dinner. Both Meg and Jo have to work to support the family.

The original novel details the sisters' passage from childhood to womanhood and today's readers can recognise that treatment of women, in some ways, has not greatly improved. It also deals with poverty, the true meaning of Christmas, the importance of family and friendship – aspects of our modern day society which are particularly significant in 2024.

However, the entertainment for the audience was derived from some excellent acting performances. The students who played the members of the March family deserve special mention for their portrayal of the diversity of the sisters' personalities and the strength of Mrs March. Meg was played by **Alexia**, Jo by **Giselle**, Beth by **Laylah**, Amy by **Katie** and Mrs March was



Ted and Heather



Guests hosted by Zaynah(L) and Amina(R)



Guests hosted by Amber, Cassie and Jessie

played by **Lily**. However, it must be said that every member of the cast of this amazing show performed at the highest level.



The March Family – Laylah, Alexia, Lily, Giselle & Katie

LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL'S GREEN TEAM'S LITTER PICK

On Friday, January 26th, 2024 some of Lady Bankes Primary School's **Green Team** set off for a litter pick around their local area to clean up their surrounding environment.



Litter Pickers Ready To Go

The keen Eco Ambassadors have made a pledge to clean up their local streets, to ensure their environment is not only kept tidy for themselves but also their community and the wildlife inhabiting the area. This is an ongoing initiative that will continue with all the Green Team members throughout the year. Some comments from the pupils:

"This was not only fun, but helped our streets look cleaner," said **Amrit**.

"It was surprising to see how much litter we collected," said **Aahid**.

"It's tricky to use the litter pickers but I'm getting the hang of it," said **Ben**.

This project carries on from their successful *"plastic-free packed lunches"* scheme, which saw children rewarded with raffle tickets and prizes when their packed lunches contained no single use of plastic.

This illustrates how hard the Green Team at Lady Bankes Primary School work to ensure a safe and clean environment for all for which they are to be congratulated.

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Elm Park Lunch Club Closure - The End of an Era

After 62 years, the doors on Elm Park Lunch and Social Club, in Ruislip Manor, will close for the final time on Thursday, 28th March. It will be a sad day for all concerned but the decision to close was taken by the charity's Trustees due to a combination of major structural issues with the building and the lack of finances.

The building, leased from the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) since 1962, provided an ideal location to enable the charity to provide a lunch, every weekday, that the members could enjoy with the company of others, so essential for their mental wellbeing; we all remember how the lockdowns affected us. With the financial pressures facing local government, and LBH is no exception, they deemed the building to be beyond economic repair. The charity could not afford the rebuild costs that would be required.

All charities are experiencing funding issues with the number of fund providers dwindling. LBH had supported the charity for many years with an annual grant to subsidise the cost of the meals. However, the financial pressures on LBH resulted in

the withdrawal of the grant. Additional funding has been essential to sustain both Elm Park and the Tudor Club (in Eastcote) but the withdrawal of the grant meant it became impossible to run both clubs. It is encouraging that many Elm Park members have said they are going to Tudor, although the travel presents a problem for some.

The positive news is that the Tudor Club can continue to support residents for at least the next 12 months whilst additional revenue streams are sought. With the only regular income being from the meals, it is essential to find additional funding. To that end, a "Just Giving" page is to be set up so please watch social media for further details on the RNOFA (Ruislip Northwood Old Folks Association) website 🌐 www.rnofa.org.uk 💎



The Elm Park Lunch Club

Sad Losses for Ruislip

Graham Bartram

Since the last edition of the *Town Crier*, Ruislip has lost three stalwart citizens:

JOAN DAVIS (1929-2023)

Joan passed away on 15 September 2023. She had been staying with her family since last Christmas, and enjoying life quite fully until just a couple of days before her death, which was peaceful with her family around her. She was just a few days short of her 94th birthday.

Joan was the Officer responsible for health issues prior to becoming the Chairman of the RRA. She was extremely knowledgeable about health issues, and was able to stand her ground with the NHS Professionals. Joan still contributed to this subject after she had stepped down from being Chairman.

Her work in Ruislip Residents' was something which she was rightly proud of and found very fulfilling. Joan often spoke of it, though she was always sad that her deafness and frailty prevented her from being fully involved in recent times.

She was a grand and charming lady who

went the extra mile in her appreciation of the work done by the volunteers of the Executive and the people of Ruislip and Ruislip Manor.



ALAN JONES (1942-2023)

It is with great sadness that RRA has to announce the death of Alan Jones who until last year was our Chief Road Steward.

Anyone who knew Alan would be impressed by his cheerful and happy demeanour and his boundless energy. Even at the age of 80, he was still climbing

ladders to put up decorations for street parties and sorting the delivery of 11,000 copies of the *Town Crier*.

He was an enthusiastic sailor, being a past Commodore of the Windsor Yacht Club, fisherman and a great supporter of both Queen's Park Rangers and the Girls and Ladies branch of Ruislip Rangers.

We will all miss him inordinately and send our condolences to his family and friends.



EILEEN BOWLT (1937-2023)

Few people have had such a pivotal role in fostering interest in local history and conservation, in her own adopted area of Ruislip, in adjacent towns and villages, and throughout London.

Eileen was born and brought up in Yorkshire, but lived in Middlesex for more than 40 years. A graduate in history and a qualified teacher she specialised in research on the local history of parishes in north-west Middlesex, resulting in a number of publications: *The Goodliest Place in Middlesex*

(which won the Alan Ball Author Award for Local History); *Ruislip Past*; *Ickenham and Harefield Past*; *Stanmore Past*; *Harrow Past*; and *Around Ruislip*. She has written many articles for local history journals as well as contributing to other publications.

Eileen was the President of the Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society which was formed in 1964 and since that time they have produced and published a great deal of research about our heritage and have promoted the conservation of the area through consultation with the local council, arranging lectures and conferences, mounting exhibitions for the local community and the formation of various working parties.

She wrote articles for the *Town Crier* until ill health prevented her from continuing. ♦



Councillors' Comments

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



**Philip
Corthorne**



**John
Riley**



**Peter
Smallwood**



**Douglas
Mills**



**Susan
O'Brien**

Thank you again to the Ruislip Residents' Association for letting us provide a short councillor update.

Since our last *Town Crier* piece, the council has approved its annual budget for 2024/25. Weekly waste and recycling collections will remain free of charge, alongside ongoing investments in road and pavement resurfacing, the construction of new homes, enhancements to leisure facilities, town centre upgrades, improvements to educational facilities, and environmental initiatives to reduce the council's carbon footprint. This is while we make sure Hillingdon remains on a sound financial footing at a time when local authorities are facing acute funding pressures. We continue to be busy in Ruislip, and the following activities are among those we have been working on locally:

- ◆ We were pleased to have the Christmas Tree erected on Ruislip High Street as a welcome addition to the festive season.
- ◆ We have been working with the Royal British Legion to ensure that the Ruislip Remembrance Day parade and service is an event which is worthy of our Fallen armed forces personnel.
- ◆ There is new play equipment for children and new cycle racks installed at Ruislip Lido.
- ◆ We are continuing to press for further measures to reduce the impact of Ruislip Lido on local residents at peak periods.
- ◆ We have supported a successful bid for £250k of government funding for measures to help reduce flood risk around Pinn Meadows.
- ◆ We continue to support Friends of Pinn Meadows in their activities including their monthly Saturday working parties.

- ◆ With our support, local organisations such as churches, sports teams, scout groups and other voluntary organisations have received grants from HS2. We also won council money to give the local allotment a facelift.
- ◆ We've worked closely with the police to tackle anti-social behaviour and theft in our High Street. Tackling this is among our local policing priorities.
- ◆ We continue to work closely with local traders and the council to tackle problems associated with delivery drivers.
- ◆ Guiding and supporting residents and

traders in responding to planning and licencing applications.

- ◆ Councillors have held meetings and attended events with local scout groups, schools, football clubs and many other local organisations.

One of the most interesting and rewarding aspects of serving as a councillor is the remarkably wide range of issues we work to address alongside our residents. If there is anything with which we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. ◆

School Governors Needed

Volunteering as a school governor is a fantastic way to broaden your skills, experience and network. No specific experience is necessary, just an interest in education, a desire to contribute and a willingness to learn. What makes a good school governor?

- ◆ You care about improving children's education.
- ◆ You want to contribute to your local community.
- ◆ You want to work as part of a team and can value the contribution made by other people.
- ◆ You are willing to ask questions.
- ◆ You are open to ideas, willing to learn and share expertise.

Schools need volunteers with a variety of life experiences who have:

- ◆ a commitment to undertake mandatory new governor training and other supplementary training that may be identified to update knowledge and skills
- ◆ a commitment to regularly attend meetings of the Governing Board and any committees to which you are appointed.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a governor at one of our schools please email

- ✉ schoolgovernance@hillingdon.gov.uk for more information. ◆

Taekwondo Champion

In July 2023, Jake Duducu (17) won the WUMF (World Union of Martial Arts Federation) Under-18 Taekwondo World Championship.



Jake trains hard, including sparring with heavyweight-category adults, whilst also fitting in his A-Level studies. At over six foot and slim, he's the perfect physique for the sport.

The final was held in South London, and Jake's opponent was a black belt from Italy. In the picture below, Jake is fighting in blue.

He's been asked to represent Britain in

another international tournament in Barcelona in March. He wants to continue with Taekwondo and is looking at becoming a stunt man or stunt actor as a career. Watch out Keanu Reeves!

The whole family, Jem and Liz (Dad and Mum) and his younger brother, Oliver, are very proud of him. ♦



Jake Duducu



Annual General Meeting

*7.45pm, Wednesday, 10th April 2024
Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL*

On April 10th, we will be holding a traditional in-person public meeting, in our usual location, the Winston Churchill Hall.

Doors will open at 7.30pm, with the meeting starting at 7.45pm. We will have a talk by the MP for Uxbridge & South Ruislip (which includes Ruislip Manor), Steve Tuckwell MP. This will be followed by our AGM and elections; ending with an open forum for questions from our members. Wine, fruit juice and nibbles will be provided.

If you are interested in being a member



of the RRA Executive please contact the Secretary, Patricia Wardle (see page 2), for more details of the election process. Please note that any nominations for the election must reach the Secretary by Wednesday, 27th March 2024. ♦

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Talk by Steve Tuckwell, MP for Uxbridge & South Ruislip
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts
6. Election of Chairman and Executive Committee 2024-2025
7. Open Forum - with questions to a panel of RRA representatives
8. Any Other Business
9. Close of Business

The meeting will end at 10pm. Please send any items for the Open Forum to the Secretary by Wednesday, 3rd April ♦

Crime & Punishment

Mark Eidem

Reporting on crime and the efforts of the Metropolitan Police directly and indirectly (such as local officers and OWL notifications) along with our own vigilance, never makes for good reading when one looks at the bottom-line statistics. The simple fact of the matter is crime and criminal activity, major or petty, is the modern-day reality that surrounds us all.

The moving on of Sergeant Gareth Blackburn from Ruislip Ward to another area is unfortunate and we eagerly await the new appointment by the Metropolitan Police. Under the Met's renewed focus on safer neighbourhood policing, the new Sergeant will take on greater responsibilities and cover both Ruislip Ward and one other ward.

Over the last three months, Ruislip Ward has seen an overall eight percent increase in criminality activity across all areas monitored by the Met. The largest increases include vehicle crime burglary and robbery to the person. On a more positive note, there has been a solid reduction in public order and criminal damage offences. Motor vehicle crime hotspots include

the Bury Street BP Garage, and car parks at *The George (Browns)*, *Miller and Carter*, *The Orchard Premier Inn* and *The White Bear*. If you drive to any public place and park your vehicle, please be vigilant and remove any valuable objects from sight and ensure your vehicle is secured.

The suspected wing mirror scammers that plagued Ruislip roads have been arrested and are now following due process in the criminal justice system. Similarly, the abandoned vehicle that left the road on Breakspear Road North and ended up in Mad Bess Woods has eventually been removed. As the images show, opportunist criminals made quick work of stripping it of anything of value.



18 December 2023



4 January 2024

Ruislip High Street has seen a steady increase in vehicle crime and theft - shoplifting along the High Street continues to increase. A nasty incident occurred over the festive period involving a group of people, identified as travellers, in John Sanders, where staff were intimidated and threatened.

An increase in the number of takeaway delivery drivers along the lower section of the High Street, particularly those parking close to MacDonald's, is of growing concern. Residents, particular female residents, are becoming increasing concerned for their safety in the evenings. The matter is under consideration by the Council, who are exploring existing powers such as dispersal orders and public place protection, to tackle the gatherings. There will also be increased charging powers to enforce fines for delivery drivers that park illegally, along with the longer-term plan to relocate the delivery driver locations in the High Street.

Anti-social behaviour and shoplifting along Ruislip High Street remain a priority for the police, as does theft from and of motor vehicles. Whilst we are not currently in the summer period, the popular Ruislip Lido and the surroundings woods are also priorities.

As part of the *New Met for London*, the Assistant Commissioner has authorised a survey on the proposed Stop and Search Charter; this has been disseminated to the public through various channels including OWL notifications.

RUISLIP SNT WARD PANEL

The Ruislip Safer Neighbourhood Team Ward Panel meets four times a year with our Metropolitan Police officers, to discuss local crime issues, crime prevention and local policing priorities. If as a resident you are interested in getting involved in ward panel meetings, or simply want to find out more, please email Cllr Philip Corthorne:

[✉ pcorthorne@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:pcorthorne@hillingdon.gov.uk)

who will be pleased to make contact and discuss this with you.

Ruislip Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Sgt Gareth Blackburn, PC Jamie Rooney, PC Lewis Staines, PCSO Mani Parihar

Ruislip Manor Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Sgt Damian Keyes, Sgt Tony Ruth, PC Ajay Shah, PC Andy Phillips, PCSO Gurbinder Sandhu ♦

Treasurer's Corner

Nick Potter

It's time to renew your subscription to Ruislip Residents' Association. Of course, these are essential for the RRA to continue to represent the interests of local residents. The RRA relies on your continued support to be able to produce the *Town Crier* and fund our other work.

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

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Planning Update

Susan Browne

CONSERVATION PLANNING

Within Ruislip the two Conservation Areas (CAs), “Ruislip Village” and “Manor Way”, and the two Areas of Special Local Interest (ASLCs), a total of 85 planning applications were received in 2023. Of those 44 plans were approved, 19 refused, two did not require ‘Prior Approval’ and 20 were undecided by 31 December 2023.

Out of the 19 plans refused in 2023, 10

were for residential extensions, four were for redevelopment, two were for tree works, one signage/shop front, one for a commercial heat pump and solar panels and one for a tall boundary wall.

Below are the appeals and planning applications that have been refused since the last *Town Crier*. Four of the applications went to appeal, one was allowed, one was dismissed and two are still under consideration.

APPEALS

Address	Application
15 Church Avenue 26493/APP/2023/43 (appeal ref 9964) ALLOWED	Erection of a two storey rear extension, a first floor side and rear extension, a single rear extension, front porch extension and changes to roof.
12 South Drive 13950/APP/ 2023/1819 (appeal ref 10027) DISMISSED	Erection of boundary wall (Retrospective application)
7A Manor Road 69063/APP/2023/1490 (appeal ref 10030) UNDER CONSIDERATION	Retrospective application for hip to gable roof extensions on both sides, 3 x rear dormers, small front gable
12-14 Poplars Close 151198/APP/2023/1897 (appeal ref 10042) UNDER CONSIDERATION	Redevelopment of nos. 12 and 14 Poplars Close to provide 4 residential units

PLANS REFUSED

Address	Application
7A Manor Road 69063/APP/2023/1490	See appeals above.
12 South Drive 13950/APP/2023/1819 & 13950/APP/2023/2824	See appeals above.

61 Kingsend 6767/APP/2023/1726	Erection of a part single / part double storey extension to rear of dwelling. Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include 2 roof lights. Installation of new front facing window and amendments to fenestration.
50 High Street 27161/ADV/2023/28	Installation of 1 internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 internally illuminated projecting sign.
12 & 14 Poplars Close 51198/APP/2023/1897	See appeals above.
18 Church Avenue 59225/APP/2023/2144	Erection of a part single, part double storey rear extension with amendments to ground floor side facing window. Conversion of roof space to include 2 rear dormers, 3 front rooflights
5 Ickenham Road 8168/APP/2023/2136	Part retrospective application for the split of existing laundry shop (Class E) to 2 shops including takeaway shop (Sui Generis) and laundry shop (Class E)
32 Ickenham Road 12766/APP/2023/2182	Erection of 1/2-storey extensions incl. roof alterations & loft space conversion to habitable room with 2 rear dormer windows with changes to fenestration (revised description)
51 Ickenham Road 24650/APP/2022/2047	Existing use of part of the ground floor of no. 51 Ickenham Road as a self-contained studio flat (Application for a CLD for an Existing Use)
46 Bury Street 252653/TRE/2023/209	To fell One Scots Pine at T1 within TPO 311.
51 Ickenham Road 24650/APP/2023/2502	Erection of first floor side/rear extension with Juliette balcony
1 Deborah Crescent 61386/TRE/2023/264	To carry out tree surgery including a crown reduction to previous points (2006 reduction) and reduce length by 2m large stem overhanging property to the rear, to One Oak T3

Typical reasons for refusal of applications by the Council are:

- ◆ the development would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area,
- ◆ the development would be overbearing, visually intrusive, and dominant in relation to neighbouring properties and the local street scene,
- ◆ there would be insufficient amenity space
- ◆ it includes sub-standard accommoda-

tion (eg. lack of outlook, lack of natural light, low ceilings).

PLANNING OUTSIDE CONSERVATION AREAS

The tables below summarise appeals and planning applications that have been refused outside the CAs and ASLCs where there have been applications of concern to local residents since the last *Town Crier*.

The most significant plan submitted

within the RRA area during 2023 was for the development of the Barn Hotel. In response to the public consultation, the LPA received a total of 1073 responses comprising of 1066 objections, and 7 com-

ments in support of the application. In addition, the Council received a petition in objection to the proposal containing 40 valid signatures. ♦

APPEALS

Address	Application
Neyland Court 76364/APP/2023/321, (appeal ref 10011) DISMISSED	Erection of a two storey rear extension, a first floor side and rear extension, a single rear extension, front porch extension and changes to roof.

PLANS REFUSED

Address	Application
26 Broadwood Avenue 16080/APP/2023/1357	Erection of a front wall, two electric gates and a front porch. Existing pavers to be taken up and re-laid with additional soft landscaping (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)
The Barn Hotel 7969/APP/2023/1473	Redevelopment of the site for residential use involving the partial demolition of the existing Grade II Listed Building and conversion to 2 new residential units, demolition of surrounding buildings and erection of 2 new residential blocks with associated amenity space, landscaping and parking.
The Barn Hotel 7969/APP/2023/1833	Listed Building Application for the partial demolition and conversion of existing Grade II Listed Buildings for residential use with associated landscaping and parking (In connection with Full Planning Application reference 7969/APP/2023/1473) was Approved October 2023

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Neyland Court in 2021

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The Barn Hotel in 2018

RUISLIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.45pm, Wednesday, 10th April 2024

Winston Churchill Hall,

Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Doors open at 7.30pm

The Guest Speaker will be Steve Tuckwell, Member of Parliament for Uxbridge and South Ruislip, followed by the Annual 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 Wednesday, 3rd April 2024.