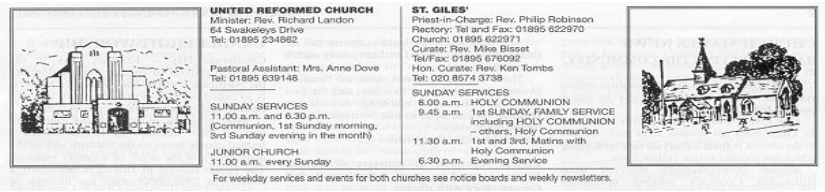

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(Communion, 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday evening in the month)

JUNIOR CHURCH
11.00 a.m., every Sunday

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11.30 a.m. 1st and 3rd, Matins with Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

For weekday services and events for both churches see notice boards and weekly newsletters.

ST. GILES' HOSTS MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE AND RECEPTION

The Mayoral Party

The afternoon of Sunday 11th. March saw Hillingdon Mayor, Albert Kanjee and Mayoress, wife, Margaret, in attendance at St. Giles' church for a very special Civic Service led by Philip Robinson, Priest-in-Charge. Fully robed the procession was a magnificent sight with Patrick Mahoney (the Mayor's Officer) carrying the golden mace ahead of the Mayoral Party.

Amongst the 160 guests and friends were Deputy Mayor Councillor Catherine Dann, Hillingdon's deputy Lord Lieutenant Col. Rex Cain OBE, Leader of Hillingdon Council Ray Puddifoot and Uxbridge M.P. John Randall. The military was represented by Capt. David Schneegas, Commander U.S. Naval Activities, Flt. Lt. D Mihailovic RAF 1381 West Drayton and Yiewsley and Lt. B O Yorke RNVR TS Pelican. Many of the guests were members of local organisations, such as St. John's Ambulance, and friends from the Salvation Army. A number of former Mayors' of Hillingdon were present alongside past, and present, members of Hillingdon Council.

John Randall M.P. (Uxbridge)

Ray Puddifoot Leader of Hillingdon Council

During the service Philip's sermon acknowledged the work of present, and past, Councillors (irrespective of political party) and highlighted their unstinting service to the community. Those whom our Councillors serve are often quick to criticise and suggest how they could do better, but insufficient recognition is given to those who seek, and achieve, public office.

The first reading from scripture was given by Ray Puddifoot and the second by the Mayor.

After the service everyone 'made a beeline' for the church hall in torrential rain. The convivial reception that followed was made possible through the efforts of member of St. Giles' Social Committee who created a magnificent buffet.
To view the many photos of this event log onto www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk
Editor

FROM THE U.R.C. MINISTER

The Easter Story - Fact or Fantasy?

1st. April 2001

An Easter message from lckenham United Reformed Church

Local minister Richard Landon, of lckenham United Reformed Church, will this Easter seek to challenge the prevailing assumption that Easter is only about chocolate eggs and fluffy bunnies, rather than the historic fact of a divine Jesus Christ being raised physically from the dead. Similar messages about the Risen Christ will be heard from the pulpit at St. Giles' and every other Christian Church this Easter Day.

Drawing on the most up-to-date historical research, Richard will argue on Sunday 15th April at 11.00 am that there is so much compelling evidence underpinning the facts of Jesus' resurrection that all fair-minded people should at least examine it closely before coming to a conclusion on who Jesus really was.

In his sermon, Richard will look at a number of key elements of the Easter story to see if they could be true. These include:

- Was Jesus crucified and buried, or did he survive and escape?
- Was the tomb empty? Couldn't the body have been stolen?
- Was the story fabricated by Jesus' followers?
- Most importantly, did Jesus truly rise from the dead and ascend to Heaven, as the Bible states unequivocally?

Richard comments: 'Our so-called rational age has by and large tried to dismiss Easter as an unreliable ancient myth. But a growing body of evidence suggests that we do this at our peril - we cannot simply write-off Jesus because we find him inconvenient.

'Having said that, Christianity is a matter of faith as well as history. We therefore need to decide not only whether the Gospel accounts of Jesus are credible, but also whether he was who he claimed to be - the Son of God himself.

'The baby born in Bethlehem did ultimately die on a cross in Jerusalem. In doing so he paid the price we deserve for all the things we have done wrong.'
Richard Landon

ICKENHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME exists to serve the whole of Ickenham. We're here to assist in an emergency. If you need help, the daytime contact numbers are: 01895 673095 or 01895 235061.

MORRIS W. HUGHES

Morris Hughes, a long time resident of Ickenham, was also a local historian and regular writer of articles for Ickenham Church News during the 1960's and 1970's. In 1985, when my wife and I wrote and produced the video of *'The History of St. Giles' Church'*, it was Morris who assisted us and, with his wife Kate beside him, regaled us with some amusing, local stories on camera. This photograph of Morris was taken on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary.

In 1967 Morris published, in *I.C.N.*, a series of articles called *'Bits of History'.* In part, these (and other articles which will be reprinted in coming months) laid the foundations for the early serialisation of *'The Story of Ickenham'* which was first published in the *'Middlesex Pictorial'*, and then in *I.C.N.* between January 1969 and September 1972. After a break of some years Morris finally published the last chapter, *'Education'* between March 1976 and June 1977.

Subsequently his early texts were revised, edited and published with photographs in 1983 by Hillingdon Libraries, as the well known and loved book *'The Story of Ickenham'.*

On visits to see them, both Kate and Morris used to tell my wife and I the most wonderful, and vivid, stories about Ickenham folk. We wish we had taped these conversations. Along with many others, we miss them both very much.

Enjoy the series.
Editor

BITS OF HISTORY (1)
by Morris W. Hughes
(Reprinted from I.C.N. July 1967)

Ickenham has no university. Indeed, there was a time when it had no school. To those who are able to avail themselves of the benefits offered by modern educational facilities, this may well be hard to believe. Until an Act of Parliament was passed in 1870, making attendance at school compulsory for every normal child, education was a hap-hazard affair for the children of the work-people. Parents needed the earning powers of their sons if they were big enough to do a job. The general qualification was that if they were big enough to eat, they were big enough to work.

When the corn had been sown, the farmer would be glad to pay a boy to walk around the field, making horrible noises to scare away the birds. Nowadays, older boys make similar noises set to music, and get much more money for it. They call it " pop-music" we called it "bird-scaring ".

The first school in the village was held in the front room of Home Farm house, that lovely old building by the village pond. It was a private affair conducted by a public spirited woman of the village. The cost was twopence a week for each child. Not many villagers could afford this. In the days when a man married and brought up a family on as little as sixteen shillings a week for his wages, twopence meant something. Later a school and school-house were built on the corner of Austin Lane, opposite the Men's Institute. The site of that school is now part of the road to Ruislip. It was a Church school and the Rector attended for morning prayers.

There were unorthodox ways of leaving school in the early days. The late Harry Wilden, a member of an old Ickenham family, told me that one day he did something wrong during prayers. The rector, the Rev. Pell, fetched him a fourpenny around the ear, knocking him under a cupboard. Harry stayed there for safety until it was time to go home. Then he made a bolt for it among the other children and never went back. What you might call graduation day, as far as Harry was concerned.

Breaking-up day is usually anticipated with some degree of eagerness by children. The last school day before Christmas had a special significance for the children of Ickenham. For some weeks they had been rehearsing carols under the guidance of the headmaster, Mr. W. A. Lee, affectionately known by all his pupils as " Gaffer ". When the great day arrived, the family of Mr. Arthur N. Gilbey came from Swakeleys to listen to the singing. After the singing programme had been completed, each child received a bon-bon, an orange, a toy, a bag of sweets and a threepenny piece, a silver one in those days.

When the Gilbey family left Swakeleys to live in Berkshire, the village children realised that their traditional Christmas had gone with them. To their surprise and great delight, Mr. Lee made up for this by giving every child a present at his own expense. He had the interest of his scholars at heart to such an extent that he formed and ran a Shoe Club. Each member paid in sixpence or a shilling, depending upon the circumstances of the family. At the end of the club year, the money was paid with the accumulated interest, to a boot and shoe shop which had been nominated by the child's parents. The scholar was then fitted out with footwear to that value. This was a great help to many of the poorer families.

Mr. Lee took an active part in the life of the village. Among other things he was at various times, a member of the Parish Council, and sang in the choir of St. Giles' during the ministry of the Rev. Canon Bury.
To be continued.

ST GILES' RECTORY

Although when you receive this edition we shall still be in the penitential season of Lent, I take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter in the knowledge of the resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the moment our Lent Study Groups continue with approximately 70 people attending from our two churches. Lenten discipline may be considered somewhat out of fashion in some quarters but for those who wish to take the opportunity to deepen their faith through positive as opposed to negative action (i.e. take something up, not give something up), a study programme of some sort is ideal. The Easter Festival which we celebrate later this month is the joyful remembrance of the triumph over death of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The late Fr. Christopher Bryant, one time member of the Society of St John the Evangelist, is among my favourite theological writers. He penned this reflection on the meaning of the resurrection.

'Jesus Christ, publicly executed on a cross on Friday, was privately buried. He did not stay dead. Early on Sunday morning his grave was found empty. Later his appearance alive to his astonished disciples overcame their disbelief and convinced them that he had passed, the whole of him, through death to a new kind of life. Broken-spirited people were changed into fearless witnesses for an unseen Lord. People of an insignificant race in a corner of the Middle East became evangelists to humankind. Christ's mission was to set the world on fire and, to achieve it, he passed phoenix-like through the flames of death. By his resurrection Christ was declared to be a new Adam, the Father of a redeemed humankind. By it God set his signature to all the promises of Christ. From beyond death Christ lives to be the life of his disciples everywhere, the object of their witness, the source of their unity, the inspiration of their service'.

May Christ come alive for each one of us this Easter.
Greetings and peace to you all.
Philip

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

Feb. 25th. Oscar Henry Bedborough
Christopher Jack Land

Mar. 25th. Hannah Victoria Padwick
Lauren Elizabeth Ferguson Shepherd
Matthew David Castle Jones

Weddings

Feb. 24th. Alan John Bridges and Sarah Louise Clark

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Feb. 19th. Gweneth May Schofield, aged 87
22nd. Nancy Harley, aged 84 (after service in St Giles' Church)
26th. Tracey Ann Young, aged 36
27th. Jim Bates, aged 71

Mar. 1st. Allan Alfred Parker, aged 80
2nd. Stella Holding aged 96
5th. Doris Elizabeth Cook, aged 77
7th. Ivy Curtis aged 90
9th. Philip Hayes, aged 76 (after service in St Giles' Church)
14th. Alan Brownlee aged 69 (burial at West Drayton cemetery)

Memorial Service in St Giles'

Mar. 4th. Bernard James Channing, aged 62

AN EASTER PARABLE.

Ernest Hemmingway tells the story of a Spanish father whose son had left home many years before, after a fierce row. The father decides to seek reconciliation with his son who he believes is now living in Madrid. The father takes out and advert in the *'El Liberal'* Newspaper in Madrid: "PACO MEET ME AT HOTEL MONTANA NOON TUESDAY. ALL IS FORGIVEN". Paco is a common name in Spain and when the father goes to the square on which the hotel is situated he finds eight hundred young men named Paco waiting for their fathers.

The story of Easter centres around our heavenly Father sending his son to this earth so that there might be a way in which we can find forgiveness and reconciliation.

U.R.C. FUNERALS

Feb. 9th. Doris McLauchlan - service at Breakspear crematorium.

Feb. 19th. Rene Jones - Thanksgiving service at Ickenham URC following cremation in Lanchashire.

Part time **YOUTH WORKER**
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Must be a committed Christian of a recognised denomination. Experience needed in working with 7-13 year olds. Leadership skills and enthusiasm essential.
Work will include: Leadership of 2 clubs running Consecutively on Friday evenings during term time, and co-ordinating volunteers.

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Details and Application form from:
The Church Secretary, (Ref. YW201)
Ickenham United Reformed Church
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ALAN SMITH 1935 - 2001

Susan Smith, and family, would like to thank friends of Alan, and their mutual friends, for all the support and kindness over the last few, difficult weeks.

A special thank you to those who joined them at Alan's Memorial Service. He will always be "Remembered with a Smile".

NANCY HARLEY 1916 - 2001

In memory of Nancy Harley, who died on 14th February 2001, the family requested donations to Age Concern and Barnardos, rather than flowers at the funeral. We have been overwhelmed by the marvellous response we have received of almost £1,000 in total, which reflects the great esteem in which she was held by a wide circle of friends. Thank you all for your contributions, which are very much appreciated.
Jill, Sheila, Susan and Peter Harley.

THE ABBEYFIELD ICKENHAM SOCIETY (VACANCY)

The Abbeyfield Ickenham Society provides sheltered accommodation at its house, Court House, Court Road, Ickenham for elderly and retired persons. Court House is run as a family home, each resident has their own room which they furnish to their own requirements. The house has a residential housekeeper who provides two main meals each day. There is a ***vacancy*** in the house. I f you, or any person you know, is interested please contact either Mrs. Mary Holloway (01753 890679) or Ron Watkins (01895 673696) for further information.

UNSUNG HEROES

Week-Day Coffee Mornings at the U.R.C.

The week-day coffee mornings were started by Robin Cassingham in order to raise money for a nursery school at Bromley-by-Bow in the East End of London. The link with Ickenham was through Ickenham U.R.C.

The coffee morning not only helps the children at the nursery school but has become an essential part of the community in Ickenham. Over the years many friendships have been formed and people help each other in times of adversity. It's also here that one catches up on the local gossip.

A small group of men and women, from the church, are available to 'man' the coffee pots. One gentleman is an octogenarian, whilst the others are rather (much!) younger. These volunteers also try to help the economies of developing countries by using ***'Fair Trade'*** coffee and tea. In a way what started out as help for a nursery school has spread 'far and wide'.
Drop in for refreshment and a chat.
Sheila Dell

MY FIRST TIME AS A SERVER

On Sunday 18th. February I went to St. Giles' church knowing that today I would be serving for the first time. I had practised the routine a few days before, but was not sure that I would remember everything. I had my cassock fitted and prepared to enter the nave. I really didn't feel like going in as I thought that everyone would be looking at me.

During the service I had to be prompted a few times because I had forgotten what to do, but my worst ordeal was yet to come. As I picked up the collection plate I had a sudden urge to sneeze. I managed to hold back but it kept coming again at vital points in the service. Still I managed to hold back (no one wants to sip wine from a chalice that has been sneezed into!).

In all though, the service went well and I am looking forward to serving again.

James Varley

EASTER TRADITIONS

In Germany, Holy Thursday is often referred to as Green Thursday. The word 'green' is a corruption of an old German word meaning to mourn; green was the traditional colour of the vestments worn by the clergy on this day. An old saying had it that anyone who did not eat green salad on this day would become a donkey.

In many countries Good Friday is a day of communal mourning. No one went visiting on that day; most people sat quietly at home, fasting and reading the Bible. In Finland on Good Friday it was considered sinful if anyone should laugh, 'so as to show their teeth'. No fires were lighted and little was eaten except dried fish, sour bread, and cold leftovers. Milk and cream were especially forbidden, even to babies and children.

In France, there is an old belief that the rays of sunlight penetrating the dawn clouds on Easter morning are angels dancing for joy at the Resurrection. An old Irish custom was a dance of joy to greet the sun on this day. The women of the village baked a cake for a prize, and then men performed the dance. The best dancer was awarded the cake, and from this bit of jollity came the expression, "he takes the cake".

For more details and derivations of Eastertide traditions, customs and Christian Festivals log on to : www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY?

What is spirituality? Is it leading the good life, church on Sundays, jam-making for the church fête, a pound in every collecting tin? Is it reading the Bible, studying the Psalms, writing letters to the Church Times? Is it sending a note to the bereaved, working in a charity shop, helping at hospital, sponsoring an overseas child, helping at Sunday school? Is it a smile on a wet day, holding a door open, taking a friend out for lunch? Is it an unexpected

visit to a parent, an extra kiss for a spouse, an encouraging word to a child, a hug for someone who's troubled?
It is all these; but above all, it is a thoughtful mind, a caring heart, a twinkle in the eye and a merry smile.
Diana May

READING THE BIBLE

This month we'll begin to look at the Gospels. If they were meant to be mini-biographies filled with facts that prove Jesus was a real person who went around talking about love and doing good things for people a couple of thousand years ago they do a pretty bad job of it. Only two of them say anything at all about the birth of Jesus. The other two begin his life story with Jesus as a young man. Except for one single incident in Luke, the thirty years between his birth and his public ministry are a total blank. Things that would be standard in any decent biography, like the death of Jesus' foster father, Joseph, are left out.
On top of that they can't seem to get their facts straight. In Matthew, Jesus gives his famous sermon from a mountain. When Luke tells the story, he says Jesus spoke from a 'level place' after he had come down from the mountain. They seem to be talking about the same incident because both mention the beatitudes. One small problem here too: Matthew gives us eight beatitudes; Luke gives us four.
Why is this? Because Luke didn't take good notes? Because either Matthew or Luke failed geography and couldn't tell a mountain from a plain?
No. It's because they were trying to do something different from a history lesson or information to study. It wasn't to prove that Jesus really lived.
John tells us exactly what they had in mind:
'But these (signs) are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.' John 20:31
There are two people actively involved in the gospels - the first is Jesus and the second is you.
Three words or ideas in John's verse give the reason for all the words in the four gospels: you, faith, and life.

Jo White

Ickenham Churches' Pastoral Support Team
DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED
Third Monday of each month. (4th. Monday in April)
St. Giles' Church Hall, 2-2.30 p.m.
A friendly, informal opportunity for a chat, over a cup of tea, with other bereaved people and pastoral visitors.
The next meeting is Monday 23rd. April.
Just come along, or ring the Rectory (622970) if you would like to talk to someone first.

PARISH SNIPPET

Chris Cowley, of Ickenham, was the February 17th. winner of a Fujifilm Nexia 2201x camera worth £69.99 in The Times Pictureline competition. Well done Chris. Do you have any good photos' for I.C.N.?
See the winning photo' and caption on www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.:* Ickenham Women's Churches Group via Diana Holland, Mrs. Q.E. Hierons of Bath, The Ickenham and Swakeleys Horticultural Society via Mr. A. J. Ridler, Anonymous from Campden Road via May Cooke, Anonymous from Rectory Way via Beryl Gwilt, Daltons Farm.

Copy for the May edition should be with me by **13th. April**. You can telephone/Fax details on 01895 632442 or e-mail to: david@ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk or to: david.crane@lineone.net . I am always looking for suitable local material and photographs. If you have something, send it my way. Do not leave it to others. Remember that you can see **ICN on-line** at: www.ickenham.co.uk or go direct to the ICN site on: www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk then click the link for the newsletter. You will **find additional photographs and articles** on this site which did not make it into the magazine, as well as a young persons' page. Encourage your children to view, and respond, to it.

THE WORD OF GOD…ACCORDING TO 'KIDS'

The following statements about the Bible were written by children and have not been retouched or corrected.

- In the first book of the Bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

More next month.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From John Miley

In his recent letter Tim Noad wrote about the glories of the service of Matins and Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. He is so right. If anyone has any doubt, or has not given any thought to the skill of Thomas Cranmer in compiling the well loved prayerbook words, I suggest they read the introduction to the marriage service in the Book of Common Prayer. Compare it, then, with the introduction in a modern version. Cranmer's words encapsulate so much more about the real meaning of marriage than any modern theologian has been able to do.

We are very lucky at St. Giles to have a BCP service of Holy Communion every week at 8am. (a service I am not often able to attend because of my musical duties for the rest of the day). On a spring morning with the light shining through the stained glass windows this service gives an insight into the nature of heaven.

For those who believe that ***good*** music is an invaluable aid to worship, we also have Choral Evensong at 6.30pm on the first Sunday of every month. The choir sings a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis and an anthem to a very reasonable standard. This sort of service is now a rarity except of course in the Cathedrals where it maintains great popularity with people, many of whom do not otherwise attend church services. CD's of choir and organ music have never been so popular. There will be Choral Evensong also on Easter Day and we look forward to seeing all of you who appreciate the traditional form of worship in the church.

Southwark Cathedral -Trade for Life

Launch of Christian Aid's new campaign.

On 24th. February four delegates from the Ickenham Churches' Christian Aid Committee joined others from all over the United Kingdom in a packed Southwark Cathedral for the introduction of the new campaign. It was a very spiritual day, which began with a rousing welcome from Daleep Mukarji, Director of Christian Aid.

Justin Macmullan, Campaigns Officer, told us of the successes in the debt campaign. So far $100 billion has been promised and all the G7 nations are now committed to cancelling the bilateral debt. It would take 1000 years of charity collection to raise this degree of wealth for the abject poor. He also thanked all those who had bought or promoted Fairly Traded produce. Again this is helping, significantly, the very needy from the poorest communities. These two campaigns are to continue.

Martin Drewry, Head of Campaigns, reminded us of the 1.3 billion people who live on less than 65 p a day - absolute poverty: Also that this poverty is much more destructive of human life than famine, earthquake or flood. He continued by pointing to the immense commercial power of international trade, " Which effects each and every one of us. Managed in the right way it could be one of the greatest solutions to global poverty". However, the rules of trade, largely negotiated by the rich and powerful nations and international companies, mean poor countries are too often exploited or excluded: Also the decision making process is biased against the poor, and many of the rules hurt, rather than help, poor people. The United Nations estimates that poor countries are denied the huge sum of $700 billion a-year.
The purpose of the new four-year campaign is to change the rules of trade so that a much fairer system will lift millions out of abject poverty. But these rules must:

- Have poverty eradication as a key objective.
- Be monitored to check their impact on poverty.
- Be decided by a democratic and transparent process.
- Be enforced to make sure that the rich as well as the poor abide by them.
- Cover the activities of large transnational companies as well as governments.

At the moment, none of the above happens, but with your help this could change.

The day concluded with a very moving service conducted by the Bishop of Southwark the Right Reverend Tom Butler.

Bernard Pearce
To learn more of the campaign, contact Christian Aid
On 020 7523 2225 or visit www.christian-aid.org.uk

TRINITY EXPLAINED

The very things in the Christian Faith that upset some people uplift me.

The doctrine of the Trinity for example. 'The Father incomprehensible, the son incomprehensible, the Spirit incomprehensible, yet there are not three incomprehensibles, but one incomprehensible.'

Of course God is incomprehensible. What else would you expect of his eternal, almighty Majesty, the sovereign Lord and Creator of space, time and matter.?

As for his three-in-oneness (his Tri-unity - trinity), we experience three-in-oneness whenever we do anything creative.

This comment, which you are reading, for example, has three existences - in my mind, on paper and in your mind. Yet it is one, not three. Each of the three is the whole. The first and third (in our minds) are invisible, as the Father and the Holy Spirit are invisible. The second is visible. As God became in Jesus Christ.

Gordon Harman

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
for which your support would be appreciated

SWAKELEYS HOUSE OPEN DAYS 2001
Sunday 8th. April
Sunday 8th. July
Sunday 7th. October
Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
A nominal charge of 50p per person will be made.

THE ICKENHAM & SWAKELEYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Holds its ***'SPRING FLOWER SHOW'***
On **Saturday 7th. April in Ickenham Village Hall.**
Doors open to the public at 2.30 p.m.
Future dates for your diary are: 7th. July and 8th. September

ICKENHAM OVER 60'S CLUB
will be holding a
COFFEE MORNING
in Ickenham Village Hall on *Saturday 14th. April 10a.m. to noon.*
Raffle, Tombola, Cards, Fancy goods, Bric-a-brac, Plants and Garden items.
Cakes, Tea, Coffee, Soft drinks at reasonable prices.
Meet your friends and support our club.
Call in as you pass by. Entrance 20p.

ICKENHAM CHURCHES WOMEN'S GROUP
Meets on Thursday 5th. April in the Hardwick Room at the U.R.C at 8.00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome. This month the talk is by ***Andrea Cameron*** on
'The History of Pears Soap'.
On Thursday 3rd. May Kathy Loddy from J. Sainsbury will talk on
'Many Aspects of the Store'.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
London Bridges 5 or 10 mile Circular Sponsored Walk
Saturday 26th. May
Starts at 10 a.m. outside Tate Modern
and takes in all the great London Sights.
For registration and sponsor forms call Emily Malone on 020 7841 4517
A great day out for all the family

HILLINGDON TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Annual full-day coach trip

Sunday 13th. May - Pickup at St. Giles 9.40 a.m.

This year the trip is to Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum near Lewes, Sussex
Cost is £13.50 (concessions £12.50) Four local pickups.
Bookings and/or enquiries to Pat Bond (Uxbridge Library) 01895 250707

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is open on the first Saturday of each month April to December.
ENJOY A RIDE OR COME AND WATCH.
Saturday 7th. April 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m.
Also 5th. May
Entrance behind The Pump, Ickenham
ADMISSION FREE. RIDES 25p

ICKENHAM WOMEN'S (EVENING) INSTITUTE

The next meeting is on
Thursday 19th. April in the Village Hall
from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
The talk will be given by Mrs. P MacIntyre on
'E.N.S.A. (Forces Entertainment) and Wartime Memories'
Guests and new members are welcome.

ST. GILES' FLOWER ARRANGERS

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale.
Wednesday 2nd. May 10 a.m. - 12 noon
at 34 Rectory Way, Ickenham.
Bring your surplus plants, and stock up for the summer season.

CLIMBERS' AND EXPLORERS' COFFEE MORNING

Your Support is Requested
on Saturday 21st. April 2001
from 10.15am to 12 noon in St Giles' Church Hall
Proceeds in aid of the Northwood RNIB Sunshine Home for children with visual impairments and other disabilities.

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Meets at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip at 2.00 p.m.
On Wednesday 11th. April
This month's speaker is Launce Gribbin on:
"Rodin or How To Be a Genius"
Wednesday 9th. May - Peter Clayton speaks on:
"Finders Keepers? Treasure Trove, Past, Present and Future"