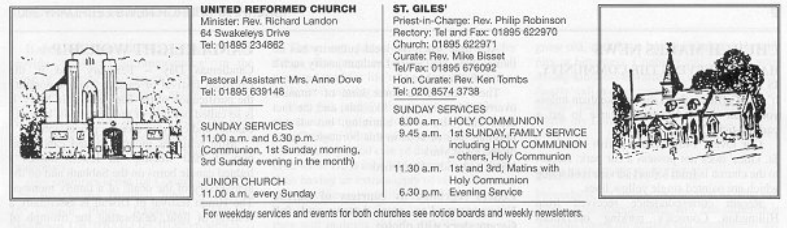


FROM THE U.R.C.
RICHARD AND SARAH WED

It was with great joy that we welcomed Richard as our new Minister at the URC in January, and a further joy to share in the celebration. of his marriage to Sarah Plant on. Saturday 5th. May.

Fortunately it was a fairly bright, although chilly day. Ickenham looked at its best with the blossom in its full glory. Sarah arrived at Church in a white Rolls Royce and looked lovely, wearing an elegant cream dress and fresh flowers in her hair. She was attended by Katie Stormont, with whom she has been a friend since the age of four, and "given away" by her cousin Roger. The Church was quite full with friends and family and, of course, many new friends from the URC and St.Giles' who had come to support them on this special day.

Sarah and Richard are both music lovers, and it was appropriate that music was a strong feature of the marriage service. The singing of the hymns was most uplifting. During the signing of the registers the URC choir sang Schubert's "The Lord is my Shepherd", and then we heard a beautiful soprano solo from Diane Phizacklea, a friend of Sarah's since university days. At the end of the service the URC choir sang Rutter's moving setting of the Aaronic blessing, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Best Man at the ceremony was Rev Brian Sturtridge, a URC minister now retired. He felt somewhat "rusty" as it had been 41 years since he had last been a Best Man, but carried out his duties well!

The service was conducted with great sensitivity by Revd. Steve Beak from Sarah's home church in Surrey. The Bible reading, read by Richard's sister Helen, was from St. Paul's letter to the Romans and included the instruction "Live in harmony with one another". Steve spoke of how a line of music on its own can seem rather dull, but when a line of harmony is added, there is a beauty far greater than the individual parts. This is a wonderful illustration of marriage when two lives are joined together in God's name. However, in a Christian marriage it is more of a three-part harmony, with Jesus at the centre of the relationship, helping the couple to keep and live out the vows made on their wedding day. I know this will certainly be true for Sarah and Richard.

We look forward to seeing more of Sarah now she has moved into the manse, and we know that you will all welcome her warmly into the Ickenham community.

Anne Dove - Pastoral Assistant

SIGHTS AROUND ICKENHAM (1)

Daltons Farm Eggs

Farming has never been an easy occupation. These days with BSE, Foot and Mouth, Salmonella, and GM crops, the job must be a nightmare. All the more important then that we recognise the work of our farmers in Ickenham and pray for them, their animals and crops.

In Ickenham we are fortunate that we still retain farms in the Village. Just take a walk along Long Lane towards Hillingdon at about midday any Saturday and you will witness on of our most familiar, and useful, sights.

Queue for Daltons Farm Eggs

For 30 years Mrs Dalton, and her family, from Dalton's, Long Lane Farm have been selling eggs on the corner of the lane leading to Ickenham Manor. Below, and in the family's own words, is their story.
Editor

Long Lane Farm 1922. The house is first mentioned as the "messuage in Hillingdon" in articles of agreement drawn up in 1710 when the revd. Shorediche was about to marry Ann Walton. There is brick by the door with 'J.S. 1700' on it. The farm passed to John Hambrough in the 1820s and William Capel Clarke-Thornhill bought it in 1869. Edward Dalton, the tenant farmer from 1906, bought it at the 1922 auction and it remains with the family to this day.

Long Lane Farm, Ickenham

It was just 91 years ago last April when Teddie Dalton, with his wife Kate, daughter and five sons, moved from his butchery business in Ealing to Long Lane Farm. His sixth son, Douglas, was born here in the back bedroom in November of that year, 1910, and is now the only surviving member of that generation.

So much has changed since then. In those days, Long Lane was simply a gravel track. There were only 13 houses between here and the Uxbridge Road, and the A40 had not even been considered. In Ickenham, there was a sweet shop, post office and the old smithy where the blacksmith shod the horses.

One of the main farming enterprises at Long Lane Farm then was hay to feed livestock - a haymaking gang would be hired, and they would camp on the farm. The grass would be mown by horse drawn mower, and then turned to dry and stacked by hand. The hay would then be carted to London to be sold to feed the main transport method - horses. More enterprises started and grew, pigs fed from the swill from London, a milking herd, crops grown during the war years, sheep and lambs, and finally eggs and beef cattle.

The older boys, and their sister Ruby, grew up and took farms of their own around Middlesex and Hertfordshire, whilst Teddie's second youngest son Alan took over the running of Long Lane Farm from his father. After Alan's death in 1965, his widow Babs continued to run the

farm until son Richard took over having completed school and an agriculture course. Teddie's youngest son, Douglas, by then a widower, married Babs in 1987, and returned to live in the house of his birth, celebrating his 90 birthday last year, and continuing to help out on the farm each day.

Richard now runs a herd of beef cattle at the farm, and a flock of laying hens producing eggs which are all sold locally, and at the farm. His sisters Jill and Sally between them run an egg stall at the end of the lane beside Douay Martyrs school, each Saturday between 10.30 a.m. and 1.15pm - we'd be pleased to meet you, so come along to try our fresh eggs, and support your local home industry.
The Daltons

DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED Third Monday of each month. St. Giles' Church Hall, 2-3.30 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 18th. June. Just come along, or ring the Rectory (622970) if you would like to talk to someone first.

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.

SIGHTS AROUND ICKENHAM (2)
ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY

On the first Saturday of each month from March to December residents of, and visitors to, Ickenham can see for themselves one of our best loved venues. It is not immediately obvious, but alongside the Coach and Horses public house is a short alleyway leading to Ickenham Miniature Railway. Over 100,000 people have already found the site, but if you've never been then you really ought to. 'Children', great and small, love the sights, sounds, smell and fun to be enjoyed.

On www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk there is a page of 'railway' photographs. What follows is the first part of a short series on the history on how the railway developed. The early monochrome photographs are published by courtesy of members of *Ickenham and District Society of Model Engineers.*

HISTORY (PART 1)

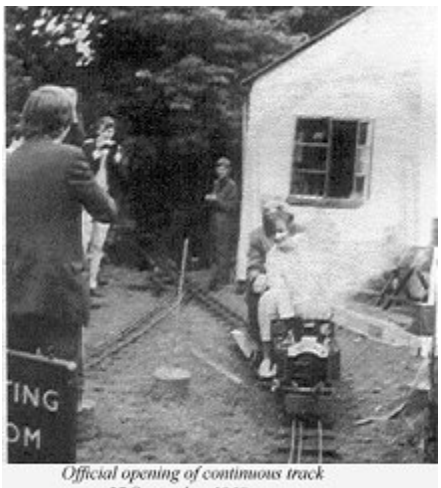
In September 1948 some local enthusiasts felt they would like to start a model engineering society and a stand was arranged for the fete at The Buntings in Swakeleys Road. On display were model locomotives and boats, and members were on hand to discuss their Exhibits.

The first meeting of interested people was held on 15th October 1948 in the ARP huts situated on Swakeleys Road in Ickenham. This meeting decided to form The Ickenham and Ruislip Model Club, a name shortly to change to the Ickenham and District Society of Model Engineers (IDSME) after a visit from a man seeking to photograph an altogether different form of model!!

The Society then proceeded, as it meant to continue, by having two Annual General Meetings within the first fifty weeks of its existence, thus confusing the records forever!

In 1949 the Society held its first exhibition in the Village Hall, a venue that was to continue for several years. A profit of £12 was made which was used to purchase materials for the portable track.

Coronation year was celebrated by participating in the Ickenham Coronation Exhibition and undertaking its own regular exhibition in the village hall. Whilst meeting regularly in the Memorial Hall pressure had been mounting to acquire a permanent site.


Official opening of continuous track
27 September 1969

During 1953 a lathe, and accessories, were purchased (thirty shillings) for the use of Society members. In July the Society was offered a timber building 21ft by 10ft and the decision to purchase it for £25 was taken. It was then realised that it was necessary to have somewhere to put it!!

Discussions were held with local councils and by November 1953 hopes were being pinned on a mystery site in Ickenham. The "secret" negotiations continued with the emphasis of the owner changing from wishing a rental agreement to preferring to sell the site. In January 1954 it was made known that the land in question was "behind the Coach and Horses Public House". The Society set about arranging bank loans, and applied for planning consent. The original application was turned down because of the timber building. This led to a decision to build the new H.Q. from concrete blocks. The planners were still not completely satisfied and other changes had to be accepted before planning consent was obtained. Building work commenced on 24th. April 1954 and the last meeting in the Memorial Hall took place at the end of May. The members must have worked hard for on the 28th. September 1954 the first official meeting in the nearly completed building took place. Electricity at that time was provided by a petrol driven generator.

Ian Mortimer
To be continued

ST GILES' RECTORY

Although the course of events on the political scene were moving towards a General Election on 7 June, it was pleasing to note that my 'prediction' in last month's edition was not 'off the wall'. During the coming days we shall be bombarded from every direction with 'promises' if only we cast our vote in a particular direction. I would simply emphasise the importance of casting our votes; happily in this country individuals have the freedom to decide for themselves and are under no threat or pressure to put their mark in any place other than their own choice. What we all do have to accept is the fact that whoever wins, they will not be able to satisfy the 'wish list' that we as individuals, cherish. In the public service arena, for example, it has to be recognised that there will never be

enough funds to do all that each of us would wish. The management and prioritising of the funds available is undoubtedly one of the most difficult tasks for Government, both national and local.

Self-interest in these matters should - and I know how difficult it is for all of us - take second place. Each one of us should try to step back and ask a question about the satisfaction of the 'common good' as we consider the various manifesto promises. The Christian faith teaches us to put God first in our lives and the needs of others before the needs of ourselves - that's all part of the freedom which is ours to exercise and choose. As we enter the polling booth on 7 June let us have in mind the potential of the better fulfilment of the 'common good' as we make our mark.

Greetings and peace to you all.

Philip

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 22nd Emily Katherine Fergusson
Matthew Charles Fergusson

Weddings

May 12th (Blessing after Civil Marriage) Eamonn Elton Turley and Aleta Patricia Harrison

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

April 2nd. Leslie Foxhill aged 95
3rd. Ron Thomas aged 69 after service in St. Giles'
23rd. Ethel (Dolly) Price, aged 91
30th. Minnie Mylon aged 90
May 1st. Bill Jones aged 83
8th. Patricia Singleton aged 66 after service in St. Giles'.
8th. Rafe John Eley aged 72

Burial at Northwood Cemetery

May 16th Reginald Brian Hollinson, aged 69 (after service in St. Giles' Church)

FROM THE U.R.C. REGISTERS

Baptism

April 22nd. Isabel Bronwyn Dungey

Marriage

May 5th. John Richard Landon and Sarah Christine Plant

CYRIL EDWIN (TED) MAPLESTONE 1919-2001

The community of Ickenham will be sad to learn of the death of Ted Maplestone in March from pancreatic cancer. He was 81 years of age, lived in Stanmore, and his funeral took place at Breakspear crematorium on 30th. March.

Ted served in Burma during WW2 as a Major with the Royal Artillery. In 1955 he qualified as a solicitor and worked at a practice in Berkeley Square. He moved to Ickenham in the late 1950's to set up his own firm.

After his first wife died he remarried. Ted was a Mason and long time member of Grimsdyke Golf Club.

ICKENHAM & DISTRICT ARTHRITIS CARE GROUP

For over 50 years Arthritis Care has offered help to sufferers of arthritis, the biggest cause of physical disability in the U.K, affecting about 8 million people young and old.

Arthritis Association Meeting

Ickenham branch is one of over 620 branches helping in this way, having been set up in 1993. The general aim is to promote health and well being assisted by publications issued from our H. Q. , to build confidence and encourage independence, all helping to foster a spirit of fellowship. (We are not a medical unit)

Our branch tries to achieve this in a number of ways, to stimulate the mind and also the body. We lead exercises to music, conduct games, quizzes and musical puzzles. There are occasional speakers giving chosen talks, on subjects far removed from illnesses so that our own aches and pains can be forgotten for a while.

Arthritis Association Lecture

An important aspect is the social side when members can discuss and compare with each other their own problems, all over the inevitable cup of tea.

We feel we are very fortunate to have a branch in Ickenham (there is no Branch in the whole of Ruislip) and to be able to hold meetings in the excellent Guide H.Q. in Community Close.

Our meetings are on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

For further details and information 'phone Chairman Cyril Hand, 01895 636259.
The Arthritis Research Campaign can be found at www.arc.org.uk

THE WORD OF GOD…ACCORDING TO KIDS

- Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- One of the possums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

UNSUNG HEROES - CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Wherever you have a large, public, building there is always the need to ensure that it is clean and tidy to receive visitors as well being certain that the structure is always safe and sound. To carry out these important tasks at both

St. Giles' and the U.R.C. a veritable army of dedicated volunteers is called for. Just a very few of the many people involved are shown in the photographs, but as people move away (or illness and infirmity strike) there is always a need for additional help.

We often take these important, and time consuming, jobs for granted, but we would all notice the difference (and probably complain) if the cleaning and maintenance teams were not around regularly to ensure our safety and comfort. Cleanliness used to be said to be "next to Godliness". We thank God for the time, and considerable efforts, of His church workers.

READING THE BIBLE

In the book of Acts we read how Saul was 'Zapped' and became Paul - a new creation. How he travelled widely and built new churches wherever he went. 13 of his letters to leaders and churches are included in the Bible. They were written between AD 49 and AD 62, and certainly before any of the rest of the New Testament.
So, why did Paul write them? Did he have dreams of doing a book signing tour? No. These were real letters. Probably never even intended to be put together.
Paul and his missionary friends were always on the move. Although some visits lasted over a year, most were only a few weeks. In that time Paul could not teach new Christians everything they needed to know about God. So after he left them he wrote letters back to them to encourage and instruct them further.
Often as Paul travelled he received letters from Christian friends. Sometimes they would tell him about troubles in the young churches. Some had misunderstandings about Christian teaching. Sometimes Paul sent a co-worker such as Titus to visit and teach them, but other times he obviously wrote to them. Remember, Paul wrote long before the days of printing. His letters were real, handwritten or dictated by him. They were then sent to the church in question who often copied them - again by hand - and sent them on to other local churches. They were each written to correct a local situation, where part of the teaching had been misunderstood, or to elaborate on a point of teaching.
To read this month
In Galatians you will see how Paul:
* greets the Galatians 1:1-5
* proves he is an apostle 1:6 - 2:21
* shows Jesus is better than the Law 3:1 - 4:31
* shows the Holy Spirit will make Christians truly good 5:1 - 6:10
* says good-bye 6:11 - 18

Do you recognise the last verses of Chapter 5 (from verse 22)?

Jo White

MOTHERS UNION 'QUIET DAY'

The M.U. Dearney Quiet Day was held at St. Mary, Harefield church hall on 9th. May. Seven members from St. Giles' attended. The communion service was taken by Revd. Mary Barnes who also ran the course.

The theme for the day was 'the coming of the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2 v1-18). There were reflections on 'The Upper Room', 'Meet with the Spirit', 'On Fire', and 'Imagination'. Questions were thought provoking and there were 'silent' periods between before sharing some answers, and thoughts, at the end.

The session concluded with prayers and was an uplifting, peaceful, enjoyable and very worthwhile experience for the members.

E.K. Webb

U.R.C. AUCTION & FORECOURT SALE

'The sun shone on the URC forecourt on Saturday 12th May. With a large selection of plants and books and the weather the event raised over £600 including coffee served on the lawn. In the afternoon our General Auction raised a further £260, an excellent figure taking into account that we were competing with blazing sunshine & the cup final! With more money due to come in, our efforts on a very busy Saturday for us have raised over £1000 which we split equally between our own funds and a selection on nominated charities.

Jeremy Day

CHOC SHOP

On Sunday 13th. May St. Giles' 'Climbers and Explorers' raised £39.45 for Christian Aid by selling cakes (they had made that morning) in the Church Hall after the 9.45 a.m. service. Well done to everyone concerned.

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.*: Anonymous from Milton Road. Ickenham Garden Centre, Ickenham Cricket Club, Mr. Norman of Rectory Way via Beryl Gwilt,

Copy for the July edition should be with me by **13th. June.**

Additional photographs to the one's found in I.C.N., plus pictures that could not be squeezed in, may be found on www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

THINK ABOUT IT!

No God -
No Peace,
Know God -
Know Peace

SELF-EXAMINATION

There can be no real prayer without self-examination. And self-examination is difficult, exhausting and, above all, shaming and humiliating. Many of us spend life running away from ourselves rather than facing ourselves. One of the great reasons why our prayers are not what they should be is that so few people will face the stern discipline of self-examination in the presence of God on which prayer is based.

WILLIAM BARCLAY

A MODERN DAY PARABLE

Accompanied by her fiancée, a woman went into the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Boston and ordered a meal. The two of them poured over the menu, made selections of china and silver, and pointed to pictures of the flower arrangements they liked. They both had expensive tastes, and the bill came to thirteen thousand dollars. After leaving a cheque for half that amount the couple went home to flip through books of wedding announcements.

The day the announcements were supposed to hit the mailboxes, the potential groom got cold feet. “I'm just not sure”, he said. “It’s a big commitment. Let’s think about this a little longer”.

When his angry fiancée returned to the Hyatt to cancel the banquet, the Events Manager could not have been more understanding. "The same thing happened to me, Honey" she said, and told the story of her own broken engagement. But for the refund, she had bad news. "The contract is binding. You're only entitled to thirteen hundred dollars back. You have two options: to forfeit the rest of the down payment, or to go ahead with the banquet. I'm sorry. Really, I am".

It seemed crazy but the more the jilted bride thought about it, the more she liked the idea of going ahead with the party- not a wedding banquet mind you, but a big blow-out. Ten years before this same woman had been living in a homeless shelter. She had got back on her feet, found a good job, and set aside a sizeable nest egg. Now she had the wild notion of using her savings to treat the down-and-outs of Boston to a night on the town.

And so it was that in the June of 1990 the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Boston hosted a party such as it had never seen before. The hostess changed the menu to boneless chicken - "in honour of the groom", she said - and sent invitations to rescue missions and homeless shelters. That warm summer night, people who were used to peeling half gnawed pizza off the cardboard, dined instead on chicken cordon bleu. Hyatt waiters in tuxedos served *hors d'oeuvres* to senior citizens propped up by crutches and aluminium walkers. Bag ladies, vagrants, and addicts took one night off from the hard life on the sidewalks outside and instead sipped champagne, ate chocolate wedding cake and danced to big-band melodies late into the night."

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS
for which your support would be appreciated

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY
With Hillingdon Philharmonic Orchestra
21st. Anniversary Concert at the South Bank Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hall.
ELGAR: THE MUSIC MAKERS
Thursday 12th. July 7.45 p.m.
Tickets £15, £12.50, £10 plus concessions from Hayes Book Shop
or Tel. Dorothy Vickery 01895 674223

ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY
is open on the first Saturday of each month April to December.
ENJOY A RIDE OR COME AND WATCH.
Saturday 2nd. June 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m.
Also Saturday July 7th.
Entrance behind The Pump, Ickenham
ADMISSION FREE. RIDE 25p

EXHIBITION OF LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS
Sunday 24th. June to Saturday 7th. July - Cow Byre, Ruislip.
Sheila Rosser is taking over the Cow Byre Gallery for two weeks
for a display of her photographs of scenes from around Hillingdon.
Please come and look. ***Free admission.***
Enquiries 01895 635714

HILLINGDON D.F.A.S
Meets at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip at 2.00 p.m.
On Wednesday 13th. June
This month's speaker is Nicholas Reed who speaks on
"British Impressionists - As good as the French?"
11th. July - "The Musical World of Gainsborough and Zoffany, with piano."

ICKENHAM & DISTRICT ARTHRITIS CARE GROUP
Meetings every first and third Wednesday of the month.
Next meetings **Wednesday 6th. June** and **Wednesday 20th. June**
2 - 4 p.m. Guide H.Q., Community Close, Ickenham
Contact Cyril Hand (Chairman) on 01895 636258 for more details.

ICKENHAM (AFTERNOON) WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Next meeting Thursday 7th. June. St. Giles' Church (rear) Hall at 1.45 p.m.
A talk by Joan Stocker - ***'Journey on the Orient Express'.***
Members and non-members welcome.

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' WOMEN'S GROUP
Thursday 7th. June at 8 p.m. in the U.R.C. Hardwick Room
Jim Buttress talks about ***'London's Royal Parks'***
Everyone is welcome.

ICKENHAM (EVENING) WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Next meeting is Thursday 21st. June in Ickenham Village Hall 7.30 to 10 p.m.
The talk by Mrs. J. Dineen is on *'Bucks. Cottage Industries'.*
Members, guests and everyone welcome.

ICKENHAM & SWAKELEYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
Hold their ***Summer Flower Show*** on Saturday 7th. July.
Ickenham Village Hall. Doors open to the public at 2.30 p.m.

SWAKELEYS HOUSE
Please note correction. The House is Not open every Sunday
between April and July as inadvertently published. The last day was 8th. April
THE NEXT Open Day is Sunday 8th. July 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 50p entrance charge

ST. GILES' CONCERT
Harrow School Chamber Choir and Instrumentalists
Conductor Richard Walker
will be performing a Concert in St. Giles' Church, Ickenham
on Saturday 9th. June at 8 p.m. Admission £5 concessions £3.
In aid of The Musicians Benevolent Fund.

U.R.C. FORECOURT SALE
Saturday 16th June 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will have books,
plants, toys, games, handicrafts, coffee & refreshments.

M.U. 125TH. ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
The Mothers' Union 125th. anniversary service is being held in
St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 12th. June at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.