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Ickenham Church News

February 2002

BISHOP OF LONDON COMES TO ICKENHAM

Left to right
The Rt. Revd. Richard Chartres, Lord Bishop of London.
The Revd. Mike Bisset, Curate St. Giles' Ickenham.
The Rt. Revd. Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden.
The Revd. Philip Robinson, Priest-in-Charge, St. Giles' Ickenham.
The Revd. Ken Tombs, Honorary Curate, St. Giles' Ickenham.

St. Giles' Church was 'on parade' to greet Bishops Richard and Pete when it hosted a deanery clergy meeting in its Church Hall on 21st December.

The message in the 'pep-talk' to Hillingdon clergy by The Rt. Revd. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, was that contrary to common belief, and press comment, the Church of England, in London, is not in terminal decline. In fact there has been a dramatic, and astonishing, rise in congregations and it is thriving with a 3.4% increase in the electoral role during 2001. Adult baptisms are up by 9% and confirmations by 5%.

The Bishop of London went on to say that the Church does have firm beliefs and teaches a clear message in its 401 parishes. He denied that the church is subsidised by the state and said that it relied entirely on money coming in from the parishes. Giving by parishioners was up significantly with many taking full advantage of tax-efficient giving schemes.

More than 800 people worshipped at the four services at St. Giles' on Christmas Eve alone, and it was difficult to fit in everyone despite drafting in extra chairs and using the small chapel.

CALENDARS

All 125 EIG calendars were sold out within minutes of them being received in December, and raised about £350. It is hoped that we might be lucky enough to receive some more copies if reprints are arranged by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

Editor

BBC FILMS IN THE VILLAGE

A BBC T.V. crew visited Ickenham on 22 November to film a scene from the forthcoming television drama 'Man and Boy' adapted from the book by Tony Parsons. It will be screened some time in 2002 and includes location shots from venues in Uxbridge.
Editor

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 February (Also Monday 18th March). 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 633020 or 01895 235061.

FROM THE RECTORY

Christmas and New Year 2001/2002 was tinged with a great deal of sadness for many people. During December this community suffered the death of two of its members who had given so much in their individual ways to the life and work of Ickenham. On 1st December **IAN TAYLOR**, the retired Pharmacist, died after an illness which began earlier in the year. Often the Pharmacist, rather than the General Practitioner, is the confidant for many people at times of health crises in their lives. Ian's care and concern for his fellow human beings meant that he was always willing to go that extra distance to be helpful and reassuring. Ian's sphere of influence went beyond the boundaries of Ickenham through his involvement in Rotary International and, perhaps, the organisation that was closest to his heart in terms of service of others, The Jubilee Sailing Trust. His retirement from the Pharmacy in Ickenham left an enormous gap and now his death leaves an even bigger gap - our love and prayers are with Jill and her family at this time.

On 5 December, **WALTER DAVIS**, Reader Emeritus at St Giles' collapsed and died suddenly. This was a profound shock to us all. Many in the community of Ickenham, as well as the regular congregations at St Giles' and the URC, have received his caring ministry especially at times of their own bereavement. The staff at St Giles' are called upon to take about 70 funerals each year from the parish; Walter shared in this important ministry. A graduate of Imperial College in Chemistry and Botany, Walter was no narrow 'scientist'. He pursued his interest in languages through membership of the Anglo German Club and had just completed, successfully, the Open University Diploma Course in German. A man of immense capacity and diversity he modelled his life on Christian principles. He became a Licensed Reader at St Giles' in 1982 and brought to his preaching the experience of his life and secular work, rooted them in scripture and related them to living out the life of a Christian, here and now. Walter also demonstrated his concern for the less fortunate in the world; latterly he has co-ordinated the annual collection for Christian Aid in Ickenham and through his endeavours we have seen the total sum collected rise each year.

In his 'spare' time Walter enjoyed Winemaking, Breadmaking, Gardening, Photography and a whole host of other things. The church and the community here has much to be thankful for in the life and work of Walter - he will be greatly missed not least as a staff colleague. Our love and prayers are with Audrey and her family as they too rebuild their lives without a loved one who meant so much to them and gave so much to them and others.

We shall soon be in the season of Lent - Ash Wednesday is 13th February. As usual we shall be having our Wednesday evening services during this penitential season at 8 p.m. in St Giles'. There will be study groups held jointly with the URC. Full details of all these activities will be available on the weekly news bulletins of our two churches. Lent is the occasion to take time apart from the hustle and hassle of daily living and remind ourselves of our Creator God and what he has done for each one of us through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ. The world continues to be in turmoil in many areas and over many issues - that's human life. God IS still there even though sometimes we might wonder. If we make the effort to learn more about Him we might perhaps see Him more clearly.

Greetings and peace to you all.
Philip

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov. 25th 2001 Oliver John Beaumont
Dec. 9th Ava Frances Hamer
Aidan James Summerfield

Wedding Blessing

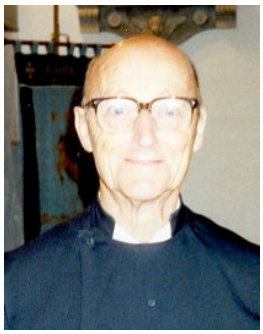
Oct.15th 2001 A Blessing on the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Arnold and Patricia Thomas from the Isle of Wight.

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Nov. 27th 2001 Matilda Wallis, aged 93 (after service at St Giles')
Dec. 3rd Frederick Joseph Charman (Joe), aged 83
5th Edith Amy Shelvey, aged 93
11th Ian Campbell Taylor, aged 70
12th Laurence Dalby Newstead, aged 61
17th Rose Nash, age 97
Walter Dennis Davis, aged 75
Jan. 9th 2002 Lydia Baker, aged 78

10th Thomas Savin, aged 84
Peggy Taylor, aged 93
11th Himalaya Yegenoglu, aged 64
Julia Thomas, aged 87

WALTER DAVIS (1926-2001)



Dear Friends

John, Sue and Eleanor together with myself wish to thank everybody for their support and prayers after the sad loss of Walter. The kind letters and generous contributions have been overwhelming and much appreciated. They have helped to give us the strength to face the days ahead.
Yours most sincerely,

Audrey Davis

FROM THE U.R.C. MINISTER

The apostle Paul said "Forgetting what is behind". Did he have no cherished memories? I'm sure he did. The past is important for what we have gained from our experiences, good and bad, and there is no harm in a little nostalgia. I recently became aware of the *friendsreunited.co.uk* website, and when we added my name to the list from Friarswood C.P. School, Newcastle- under-Lyme, 1959, there was Pat Burwood, the girl I sat next to in Upper 4A! It reminded me of four happy and valuable years at that school - 48 in a class, very traditional, and the basis of my present ability to do arithmetic and spell! At the same time I enjoyed regularly attending Newcastle Congregational Church.

However, Paul came to see that before God he could not rely on his human accomplishments in learning, or in religion, to attain to eternal life. They would count for nothing. Rather, he had to rely on what Christ Jesus his Lord had accomplished for him in his perfect life, and in his death, for human sin. That is the indispensable condition of acceptance by God for all of us.

My education and all the experiences of my life, including those of an eventful first year in Ickenham, go towards the kind of person and minister that I am. I am responsible to God to use all that he has given me for his glory. But for my standing before him I rely entirely on the Lord Jesus Christ, and I urge you to do the same. (I invite you to read for yourself what Paul says in Philippians 3.1-16.)

Best wishes to you all for 2002.

RICHARD

FROM THE U.R.C. REGISTERS

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Dec. 31st 2001 Bill McCree, aged 79 (Followed by Thanksgiving Service in the U.R.C.)
Jan. 10th 2002 Alan Harrowell, aged 69

BISHOP PETE'S FIRST CONFIRMATION

St. Giles', Ickenham - Confirmation 18th. November 2001

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Sunday 18th November at St. Giles' Church was the date and venue for Bishop Broadbent's first Confirmation Service. Young, and adult, candidates from St. Giles' Church were joined by others from Holy Trinity Church, Northwood for this joyful occasion.

St. Giles' (younger) candidates were Hannah Buck, Samuel Durant, Becky Early, Amy Farnish, Lucy Henderson, Becky Holmes, Sophie Holmes, Alastair Howard, Matthew Hurst and Kelly-Louise Johnson. The adults were Hazel Fischbacher, Glyn Johnson, Tracy Johnson and Stephen Rayner.

Editor

WEST LONDON THREE FAITHS FORUM

When the Council of Christians and Jews was formed in 1942 the central uncomfortable issue was the treatment of Jews at the hands of Christians in the immediate past and since the beginning of Christianity. Almost 60 years later these relations have often improved not least thanks to the work of the Council of Christian and Jews.

We now experience pressing issues between Christians, Muslims and Jews as is all too apparent at the present time in Israel/Palestine.

Thus in recent years, in the United Kingdom, a national Three Faiths Forum has been started to attempt a three-way conversation. Here in West London, loosely related to the national body we began 18 months ago, is a local Three Faiths Forum.

Because the challenges are great the aims need to be modest within such a body. Thus we have begun by seeking to get to know each other, including one another's festivals, customs and rites of passage - not to dispute their rights and wrongs but simply to be aware of them. Only time will tell the fruits of our endeavours.

At present we have a Steering Group of six people with two from each of the faiths involved. We continue to be very much at the beginnings of the dialogue / trialogue but we have cautious hopes for the future.

Father Fergus

We hold three open meetings a year and the next is on February 12th 2002
Further information from: Gillian Jones, 3FF Convenor, London Inter Faith Centre, 125 Salusbury Road, NW6 6RG. Telephone 020 7604 3053 email: 125. Salusbury@London.Anglican.org

For those of you with Internet access I have published a very interesting article by Brother Zafar Ashraf and distributed to parishes by the Bishop of Willesden. Titled Christianity and Islam it seeks to answer 'The Real Questions' about Islam. For example what do the two faiths have in common and what are the significant points of difference? What does Islam teach about peace and how do Christianity and Islam understand saints and martyrs?
www.ickenhamchuchnews.co.uk *and click on the menu item "Additional Articles"*
Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear David
I was very pleased to see in December's *ICN* the note about the Council of Christians and Jews. My wife and I have been members of this organization for a number of years, and have found many of its varied activities of great interest. They have assisted us not only to come to some understanding of Jewish traditions and theology, but we now feel we have a greater appreciation of the origins and fundamentals of our own Christian faith. We have been given an insight into the way that such Jewish festivals as Hannukah, Tabernacles and Passover are conducted, and been able to join in the joy and fun, as well as spiritual insight which a Jewish family derives from such festivals.

Even more pertinently, we have seen how the Jewish celebration of the Sabbath, performed in the home, centred round a family meal, with the involvement of father, mother and all members of the family however young, is crucial to the handing on of the faith down the generations. We, who are Christians, could learn a great deal from such a home-centred religion.

Yours sincerely
Derek Parker

PATIENT SERVICE 2002

The Sundays in 2002 when volunteers are needed to collect patients from wards for Communion services in hospital are:
Hillingdon – 17th February, 5th May and 1st September.
Mount Vernon – 28th April, 25th August and 22nd December.
This small service is very much appreciated by patients who have no family available to help them. Anyone who is able to assist, please contact Alan Grove on 020 8868 9220.

APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR

The organisers of this very successful November charity concert wish to thank all Ickenham residents who attended the event ***'Reach For The Stars'***, and to let them know that their generosity raised in excess of £2,500. The proceeds were shared between 'The Peace Hospital', Watford and 'The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund'.
IAN SMITH

ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES EXHIBITION – ICKENHAM FESTIVAL 2002

We look forward to holding our biennial Arts, crafts and hobbies exhibition as part of Ickenham Festival on Wed. 19th, Thurs. 20th, and Frid. 21st June 2002 only (no public on Saturday) at Ickenham U.R.C.

Admission will be free to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and a charity collection box made available for donations. Exhibits will be set up Tues. 18th June between 7 and 9.30 p.m. and cleared by 10 a.m. on Sat. June 22nd.

We invite all Ickenham residents, or those closely connected with the Village who have achieved a good standard of art and craft work, to contact us. This includes those whose hobby is of great interest and is suitable for display.

We would like, especially, to include some less familiar arts, crafts and hobbies and are particularly keen to encourage exhibitors willing to demonstrate their skill in the limited exhibition space available. Sales and advertising is prohibited other than a small card denoting the exhibitors name, address and telephone number. The event will be stewarded and some insurance cover will be arranged.

Prospective exhibitors should contact Tim Playle on 01923 821886 or write to him at 12 Drakes Drive, Northwood HA6 2SL.

FAMILY SEARCH

If there are any members of an ***EDE family*** still living in the area would they please contact John Ralph on 01895 673006. Four ancestors with this family name (1815 to 1878) are buried in St. Giles' Churchyard and they were Deputy Constables of the Parish during their lifetimes.

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged, with grateful thanks, of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.*: W.E.A., Inner Wheel Club, Anonymous of Campden Road, Mr and Mrs Wilman from Wem, Mr Pitt of Burnham Avenue, Ickenham Institute War Memorial Hall, Betty Hendrie of Highfield Drive, Anonymous of Highfield Drive, Mrs Davies of Greenacres Avenue, Anonymous of Clovelly Avenue via Martin Francis, Anonymous of Eleanor Grove, Valerie Lane from Lincoln, Ken and Beryl Faulkner, Brian Davies of Campden Road.

New Venture. *Commercial advertisements, for local businesses, are now displayed on ICN Online. If any local business is interested contact the editor or telephone Daphne Kissane on 01895 254963.*

Copy for the March edition should be with me by **13th February.** ***Please note.*** If you have an event taking place in the first couple of days of a month you might be wise to place the details in the previous month's edition.

Additional photographs, articles and much more, plus last month's magazine, can be found at **ICN Online:** www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

CANCER CHARITIES MERGE

Cancer Research Campaign (Ickenham and Ruislip Committee) would like to thank all the people who have supported us so regularly at our markets in the Village Hall throughout 2001. Together with collections and donations we raised £15,000 to pay for research.

The C.R.C. and Imperial Cancer Research will ***merge*** on 4th. February. The new charity will be known as ***'Cancer Research U.K.'*** this will cut administration costs. In our neck of the woods we will continue as usual.

The ***Next Market will be 9th March***. We will continue trying to raise as much money as possible to add to the £357,000 since the Committee was formed in the 1960s.

As always we need more volunteers for collections (two hours maximum a few times each year). Please contact Ann Evans Tel. 01895 678347 if you can help or want more information.

SIGNS & SYMBOLS

The early Christians, who started to think in terms of symbols, were mainly Jews who were bound by the same rules as all Jews. You could not say 'The Name' of God, but you could imagine it without doing wrong. So because of that the early symbols - like a fish - were brought into being. In other words you couldn't draw a picture of God or even write the word, 'God', but you could write or draw something that reminded you of him.

Using symbols in this way allows each of us to 'draw' in our thoughts our own picture of God. I doubt if my idea of God is the same as that of a shepherd's working around the desert area of the Middle East, or that of a woman in the middle of Africa. Even between people in one local church everyone will have a different picture of Him.

The language of the early Christians was Greek, and so it is not surprising that many of the symbols that we still use today come from Greek. Usually the first or last letters of special words.
Do you know what the symbol is that is given this month and looks like a P and an X? For ages I thought it was from the Latin 'pax' meaning peace - which sounded good to me! But of course it's not, as it's from Greek.

I'll give you some clues:
'X' called 'chi' in Greek is said 'Kh' as in khaki.
'P' called 'rho' in Greek is said 'r'.
If you put the two together what do they sound like? Khr…
What word connected with being a Christian starts with that sound? The answer's at the bottom of the page.
This symbol - called the chi rho symbol - was used from earliest times and was often simplified into a six-pointed figure. You can see it on some silver spoons found at Mildenhall, and now in the British Museum dating from about 350 AD.

Jo White

Answer: Christos - meaning Christ

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Candlemass Day - February 2nd is the Christian festival of candles commemorating the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is so called because of the practice of blessing candles and carrying them in procession.
Most religions include lighted candles as part of their worship. In Jewish homes a lighted candle burns on the Sabbath, during the Passover meal and on the anniversary of the death of a family member. The Hindu festival of Diwali is essentially a festival of light, celebrating the triumph of light and good over darkness and evil.
Buddhists use candles at their main festivals celebrating the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death.
In Japan it is believed that the spirits of dead ancestors pay an annual visit to the family home during their summer festival.
Candles are lit, special food is prepared, and entertainment provided for the benefit of the unseen visitors.
With the coming of Christ the Light of the World it was natural that lighted candles should be one symbol of the Christian faith. Whether or not we feel that candles are helpful in public or private worship we must surely agree with an old Chinese proverb

"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness".

ALICE ODELL

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taken from real church weekly newsletters

"Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa".

Announcement in the church bulletin for a National prayer and FASTING Conference.
"The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals".

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands"

"Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help".

THE ABC'S OF INSPIRATION

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the past
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there will be good times and yes some will be bad, but
Zion waits in glory where no one is ever sad!

Author Unknown

A MODERN PARABLE

There once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a Small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit. Several eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak.

"I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild Birds, shivering with cold and fright. I stopped the lad and asked, "What have you got there son?"
"Just some old birds," came the reply.
"What are you going do with them?" I asked.
"Take them home and have fun with them," he answered.
I'm gonna tease them and pull out their feathers to make them fight. I'm gonna have a really good time."
"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"
"Oh, I've got some cats," said the little boy. "They like birds. I'll take them to them."
The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"
Huh??!!! Why, you don't want those birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing -- they aren't even pretty!"
"How much?" the pastor asked again.
The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "£10?"
The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten pound note. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone.

The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free.

Well, that explained the empty birdcage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story.

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting.
"Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. I set a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got them all!"
What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked.
Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have! fun!"
"And what will you do when you've finished with them?" Jesus asked.
"Oh, I'll kill them," Satan glared proudly.
"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.
"Oh, you don't want those people. They aren't any good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you!! You don't want those people!!"
"How much?" He asked again.
Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your tears, and all your blood."
Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

The pastor picked up the cage he opened the door and he walked from the pulpit.
Isn't it odd how simple it is for people to rubbish God and then wonder why the world's going to hell.
Isn't it funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.
Isn't it strange how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says.
Isn't it funny how someone can say "I believe in God" but still follow Satan (who, by the way, also "believes" in God).
Isn't it funny how you can send a thousand jokes through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.
Isn't it funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but the public discussion of Jesus is suppressed in the school and workplace.
Isn't it funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week.
Isn't it funny how when you go to forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it to them.
Isn't it funny how I can be more worried about what other people think of me than what God thinks of me.

WILL YOU PASS THIS ON? 1 John 2:15-17

FROM A SERMON IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

During late October every house, front step and lawn had been decorated for Halloween when a lady asked her co-worker what is like to be a Christian. The co-worker answered thus:

"It's a little like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt from you that you might have gotten from the other pumpkins. The he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed etc; then he carves you a new smiling face and puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see".

From Ella Bellenie

GIVE FOREIGN COINS FOR CHARITY

Twelve European countries are converting to the Euro in January. Several charities are teaming up with High Street retailers to persuade the British public to offload Austrian schillings, Belgian francs, Dutch guilders, Finnish marks, French francs, German deutschmarks, Greek drachmas, Irish punts, Italian lira, Luxembourg francs, Portugese escudos and Spanish pesetas! Soon collecting boxes will appear in banks urging people to donate unused foreign coins to the Save the Children Fund. Christian Aid is hoping to solicit donations, through churches. The British Red Cross is launching a scheme with BP encouraging motorists to give surplus foreign coins at garage forecourts. Banks across the Eurozone will refuse to change the old coinage as from the end of February. The European Central Bank estimates that there is the equivalent of 20-30 million Euros (œ12-19 million) in loose change still in circulation. It could be a bonanza for charities. A recent survey suggests British citizens are hoarding about œ50 million of all currencies in jam jars, with people aged 45-54 the least likely to have converted their currency back into sterling.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Soften our hearts to be aware of your nudges... We want to be vessels who are completely available to you. So please give us the courage and the openness to give ourselves completely to you, and to see what will happen when we let your power work through us. Thank you, God. Amen.

Extract from a longer prayer by Margaret Benefiel

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
for which your support would be appreciated

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' WOMEN'S GROUP

Next meeting is on Thursday 7th February in the U.R.C. Hardwick Room at 8 p.m.
Local author Rebecca Shaw will speak on: ***'So I Wrote a Book'.***
Tuesday 7th March Justine Millard on 'The London Wetland Service'

ICKENHAM (EVENING) WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting is Thursday 21st February in
Ickenham Village Hall 7.30 to 10 p.m.
Jean Schooling will speak on: ***"The Grand Canyon"***
Members, guests and new members welcome.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting will take place in St. Giles' Church (front) Hall on
Thursday 28th February at 2 p.m.
Capt. Donald Woodhouse will give a ***'Lentern Talk'***
Everyone is welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March, 1.30 p.m. at ***St. Martin's Church, Ruislip***
Everyone welcome. Refreshments available.

HILLINGDON D.F.A.S.

The Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at
Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip at 2 p.m.
Wednesday 13th February (Ash Wednesday) Paul Roberts speaks on:

'The Roman Art of Eating and Drinking'

MUSIC IN ST. MARTIN'S, RUISLIP

Lunchtime Concerts in St. Martin's Church Hall have established themselves as a vital, and vibrant, part of the music scene in Ruislip. The standard of some of these performances rival those to be found in a London concert hall.

Wednesday 27th February at 12.15 p.m.

Asterios Pouftis – 'Cello and Lefki Karpodini – pianoforte

ANGLO GREEK CLUB

Why not join the Anglo Greek Club on 1st February for a Greek Dancing display ***come and see a spectacular demonstration from Thanasis Liakos & his colleagues*** at The North Hillingdon Adult Education Centre, 86 Long Lane, Ickenham from 7.30 - 9.30pm. There is plenty of parking at the Centre or from Hillingdon station, turn left and the Centre is on left hand side about 10 minutes walk from the station. Entrance fee £2 per meeting - refreshments included - For more details call Lena Markou on 01895 631865.

Join the Anglo Greek Club on **1st March** for ***Wine Tasting*** **-** a chance to sample wines from various regions of Greece, with savoury snacks. **Same time, same place.**

There is a £12 annual membership fee (payable in October) with a reduced rate when joining at a later date in the year. We don't charge this on the initial visit but it is payable on a second visit.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

20th February at 8.15pm at St.Andrews United Reformed Church, Bridle Road, Eastcote. Rabbi Dr. Sidney Brichto will give a talk entitled ***"Rabbi Translates the New Testament".*** The usual format for the meetings is that the guest speaker(s) give a talk for around an hour or so, with time at the end for questions, and then this is followed by light refreshments. Everyone is very welcome.

For further information 'phone Bernard Tiley on 01895 638088. Email: bernardtiley@yahoo.co.uk

LADIES OF ICKENHAM

Are you looking for a fun and exciting new hobby in 2002?
Forget the diet class, instead get fit and happy by joining our enthusiastic and energetic Barbershop Chorus #*** **CAPITAL CONNECTION** ***#
We sing AND dance to popular songs in a cappella harmony.
Interested? Curious? Want to know more?
You are welcome to come along to our Open Evening on Wednesday 20th Feb 7.45pm at South Ruislip Community Centre, Long Drive, South Ruislip.
For a chat and more info, phone Linda Stevens (01895 636751) or Jacqui Greenwood (020 8845 7385).
Also, you can log on to the excellent web site at www.capitalconnection.org.uk

WILLESDEN MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEME

Thursday evening 7th February – ***Spirituality Workshop*** - St. Lawrence Centre, Eastcote
Saturday 9th February – ***Workshop For Understanding Yourself and Others Better*** – St. Anne's, Brondesbury
Quiet Day on Saturday 9th February
For further details of these and other events, and to book, contact Willesden Area Office (020-8907-5993/e-mail: wao@willesden.demon.co.uk) See Courses and Events Folder in Church.

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