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ICKENHAM CHURCH NEWS

July/August 2002

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' JUNIOR HOLIDAY CLUB 2002
Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August inclusive
WORKING TO THE THEME OF

Searching for the Mighty GodSword

Professor Callidus, the world famous archaeologist, is desperate to add to his collection of ancient swords. He has heard about "The Mighty GodSword" which gives particular powers to anyone who finds it. With the help of the Desert Detectives, together with Rhona Black (Expert Field Explorer) and Famulous (not-so-expert Lab. Technician) the professor sets out on the trail of "The Mighty Godsword".

Each day the Desert Detectives send him something they have found. Each find leads the professor to a particular Bible story. Further research then reveals how that story fits into the overall Bible story with its different types of writing. One day the professor discovers that what he has been looking for is not a sword at all …….but you will have to wait for Holiday Club to find out what it is!

If you live in Ickenham, go to school or church in Ickenham and are aged 7 to 11 then ***ICKENHAM CHURCHES' HOLIDAY CLUB is where you need to be from 29th July until 2nd August – 10 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday and 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday.***
REGISTRATION is at The United Reformed Church on *Friday 19th July between 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.*
There is no charge, except for the optional outings, but parents are invited to contribute towards our expenses. You will be asked to pay for your outing when you register.

Desert Detectives is a Scripture Union Holiday Club programme. It is based on the Bible. Not just a few Bible stories, but the whole Bible! It looks at how God's plan for the world has been worked out right through history.

STOP PRESS - GARDEN CENTRE SHOCK

On June 18th David Edington (proprietor of Ickenham Garden Centre) was served, by local solicitors on behalf of the Freeholders, a notice to quit his premises by September!

Questions: What can local people do to help? Could local people create a co-operative to purchase the lease, or freehold?

THANK YOU ICKENHAM

Christian Aid Week 2002

Once again Ickenham has responded generously and with concern for the needs of our global neighbours in the Third World who live in abject poverty.

The Christian Aid red envelope house collection yielded **£6,592**, a little more than last year's record of £6,327. The gift aid recovery of income tax at £581 was a little lower than the previous year but still will yield a very worthwhile sum. This makes the total this year including recovered tax **£7,173**.

Our very grateful thanks to all those who contributed so generously, to the 120 committed collectors who visited nearly 5,000 homes in Ickenham and are the backbone of the operation, to the 15 area organisers on whose hard work the success of Christian Aid Week heavily depends, and to our meticulous treasurer who makes sure that none of the contributions go astray.

We were very grateful to this year's new collectors and area organisers, but even with this invaluable help we still were unable to collect from some streets. We believe that there are those among us who will feel moved to Christian action and will join those already committed to collect or organise next year, when we hope and pray that we will be able to collect in the Brackenbury estate. There must be many there who feel strongly about the suffering of the poorest people of the world and would wish to collect and contribute.

A big thank you to all those who helped to 'Bridge the Gap' between the rich and very poor. The walkers and their sponsors raised a magnificent total of £715 (with gift tax added £858), and had a most enjoyable day.

The grand total (including gift aid tax) **for Christian Aid Week**, House collection and sponsored walk, comes to **£8,031**. The people of Ickenham have been very generous in giving their time and money.

BERNARD PEARCE

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 15th July (Also Monday 19th August). 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.

ICKENHAM DRESSES UP FOR JUBILEE

Lots more pictures of Ickenham Jubilee decorations at www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

JUBILEE PARTYING AT THE BUNTINGS

Lots more pictures from the Buntings on www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

RECTORY WAY AND THE AVENUE

Photo Courtesy Chris Berry - Uxbridge Gazette

FLYPAST OVER ICKENHAM

BUCKINGHAM PALACE GREETS VILLAGERS

In a letter from Buckingham Palace the Queen's assistant Private Secretary informs us that the special Golden Jubilee edition of Ickenham Church News "has been laid before Her Majesty", and "it is hoped that the residents of Ickenham will thoroughly enjoy her visit to Uxbridge as part of the Golden Jubilee tour of West London on 25th June".

FROM THE RECTORY

In these weeks of celebration it was a special pleasure to be part of my predecessor's celebration of his 50th anniversary of Ordination in the Church of England. Paul and Gill Kelly moved to Wells in 1994 when Paul retired; he

has remained active in the church there so it was fitting that he should preside at a Eucharist in Wells Cathedral on 12 June. Nine of us went from St Giles' and our Editor has written more about the occasion elsewhere. Being active in retirement is clearly the right thing for Paul and Gill; they both looked in the best of health even sporting a slight suntan from their recent Baltic cruise.
They send their warm greetings to all Ickenham friends.

Holiday Club 2002 is now on the near horizon. Because of the staggered way in which local schools are breaking up this year (oh, for fixed term and holiday dates for all schools throughout the country!), Holiday Club straddles into August this year. It might affect attendance but nevertheless we hope that many children between 7 and 11, together with the leaders and helpers will come and enjoy their time together seeing and hearing something of the love of God for each one of us. Holiday Club has been running for more years than many care to remember; children who came in the early days now bring their own children and undertake leadership roles. I am often reminded when talking to people what Holiday Club has meant to so many over the years. As well as the great fun it provides, it is an opportunity for the churches here to get alongside a large number of children in a short space of time to tell them about the Christian faith and encourage them to explore it for themselves. That process of exploration may not come to fruition for some time; Holiday Club, however, might just sow the seed. If you're 7-11, make sure of your place this year!

Greetings and peace to you all.
Philip

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

June 9th Oliver Thomas Gallear
William Pierre Roussy

Weddings

May 25th Andre William Reid and Marta Santalle Alvarino
Gary Peter Fairbank and Sarah Jane McLachlan
June 7th Robert Charles Penrose Feast and Helen Elizabeth Pemble

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

May 24th Helga Wait, aged 71
May 30th Kate Frances Rickwood, Age 103 *(Service and burial at Greenford Park cemetery)*
June 11th Laurie Jean Johnson, aged 59
May 16th Carol Amy Young, aged 76
May 20th Bert Perks, aged 80 (Burial at Northwood following service at St Giles)

Burial of Ashes

May 27th Helga Wait
June 15th Arthur Harris Buck

FROM THE U.R.C. MINISTER

I shall be spending four days in July in St Andrews, Scotland - not on holiday, though I am looking forward to visiting that ancient university town, but as a representative at the U.R.C. General Assembly. The U.R.C. has churches in Scotland, where the Churches of Christ joined us some years ago, and the Congregational Union of Scotland in 2000. There are 248 A4 pages of reports, resolutions and papers to get through, which might confirm the impression that the churches are bureaucratic institutions. In fact most of us (especially ministers!) try to minimise the time spent on "business", but we recognise that some has to be done. In the U.R.C., whether at local or at national level we seek make decisions in a conciliar way, hence our local church meetings and national General Assemblies.

So what will we be discussing? At the moment the U.R.C. is concerned about how best to support its youth and children's work. Here in Ickenham this is one of our priorities, in partnership with St. Giles'. I wrote about our activities in the U.R.C. in May I.C.N., and I'm glad to say that Kidzone and Friday Club are thriving. This month we have the joint Holiday Club when we aim to help children understand the message of the Bible.

Another discussion will be about future patterns of ministry in our churches. I was encouraged recently when some of our members told me that my principal role was to help them to understand the Christian faith by preaching and teaching - and they felt that they wanted me to do the same thing in the community. Are there any groups in Ickenham who would like to hear a reasoned presentation of the Christian message, with opportunity to respond and ask questions? Please contact me (01895 234862) if you would be interested. We are planning to arrange a course of meetings, with a light meal, to explore Christianity next year - watch out for details.

I'll tell you how I got on at St Andrews in September - meanwhile, enjoy the summer!

With best wishes, RICHARD

FROM THE U.R.C. REGISTERS

Weddings

May 25th Mark Richard William Tipton and Elisabeth Sarah Christine Stokes
June 1st Ken Mitchell-Gears and Catherine Elisabeth Roxborough

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

June 10th James Farquhar Matheson, aged 69
12th Beryl Ethel Daphne Stephenson, aged 83 (after service at the U.R.C.)

Cremation at Amersham Crematorium

June 10th Albert John Ogilvie, aged 73

ANOTHER GIFT FOR 'HOLY MOWERS'

St. Giles' Churchyard 'Holy Mowers' have received a gift of a new lawnmower from Honda UK, through the good offices of a relation of John Harris.

We wish to record our grateful thanks for this superb gift, which will help in the maintenance of our churchyard.

Just look at John Harris demonstrating its grass cutting powers.

"Perhaps the job will now be completed in half the time giving us a longer coffee break and more time to put the world to rights."

JOHN RALPH

2ND ICKENHAM (U.R.C.) SCOUTS WEBSITE

www.2ndickenhamscoutgroup.org.uk

Our local U.R.C. based Scout Group has been busy producing its very own website and you can find the link above and at I.C.N. Online. You can link into the Scouts, Cubs or Beavers and there is even an online application form. There are sections relating to dates and events as well as Scout

Group News, Committee news and links. Each Pack, Troop and the Explorer Scouts, have an individual section.

ROYAL CONNECTIONS

Tim Noad

Timothy Noad, lesson reader at St Giles' Church, is a resident of Ickenham and Herald Painter at the College of Arms. He was formerly a student at Bishop Ramsey School and it was there that he first discovered his talent for heraldic art. Tim entered the competition to design the new school badge and he won. Encouraged by his Art teacher, he joined the local Heraldry Society and later attended classes in Heraldic Art at St. Brides' Institute in London. This led to him becoming an Heraldic Artist and subsequently Herald Painter at the College of Arms.

Tim Noad's Heraldic Design for the Jubilee Sovereign

Two important emblems of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the sovereign coin and the Jubilee Medal, have featured his designs. The sovereign, recently released, bears a special commemorative reverse. Tim's design depicts the crowned shield of the Royal Arms. This sovereign is issued this year only and it is also featured on a limited edition Royal Worcester plate brought out by the Royal Mint.

The Jubilee medal, which also bears another version of the Royal Shield of Arms has been awarded to all members of the armed services, the police, emergency services and the Royal Household - some 360,000 people altogether! Viewers of the Jubilee celebrations in London may have noticed the Princes William and Harry sporting their medals. "In fact", said Tim, "just about everybody has one except its designer!"

The Orignial Jubilee Medal sketch with the Heraldic

Tim was born in Ickenham, christened and confirmed in St Giles'. He was married to Alice, also a pupil at Bishop Ramsey, in St Benet's Church (the Herald's Church) in the City of London. They now live in Brackenbury Village with their five-year-old daughter Estella.

Besides his work at the College of Arms, Tim also undertakes commissions for calligraphy, miniature paintings and illuminations. He has published two books on calligraphy and illumination. His work has been exhibited in St Paul's Cathedral, Leighton House, the Westminster Gallery and the Llewellyn Alexander Gallery, where he won the First Prize at an International Miniaturists' Exhibition. Examples of his work were recently exhibited at Brunel University where he teaches calligraphy. He has also lectured at the Victoria and Albert Museum and held workshops for the Society of Scribes and Illuminators of which he is a Fellow.

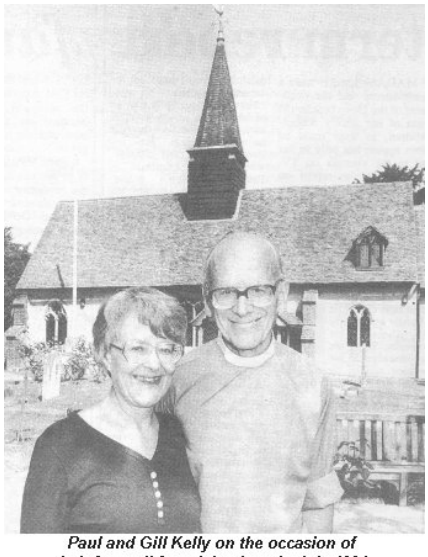
The Jubilee Medal as worn by Service Men and Women

Timothy holds a first class honours degree in the History of Art and is currently completing a Master's degree in Northern Renaissance Art at the Courtauld Institute.

ALAN NOAD

PAUL KELLY'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

50 Years since Ordination as Deacon



Paul and Gill Kelly on the occasion of their farewell from Ickenham in July 1994.

June 12th at noon saw the Lady Chapel in the Cathedral Church of St Andrew in Wells, packed with family and friends of the Revd. Paul Kelly and his wife Gill. All were in attendance at a Communion Service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Paul's ordination to the deaconate.

Nine members of St. Giles' congregation travelled the 135 miles to be with their former Rector on his special day.

Gill read the New Testament lesson and the Dean read from the Gospel. Both readings were those we normally use on Trinity Sunday - the festival on which Paul was ordained.

The Chancellor of the Cathedral delivered the sermon and our own Philip Robinson the intercessory prayers.

During Communion we were treated to fine music on piano and violin.

After an excellent lunch taken in "Vicars Hall", within the Cathedral walls, Gill asked that her love be sent to everyone in Ickenham. Paul sent his best wishes to all those who had sent cards, and written letters, to him. He said " I have had 50 happy years but the best of all were the final ones spent in Ickenham".
EDITOR

RAINBOW'S END

Volunteer help needed desperately

Brenda Willans and Lyn Searle retire from 1st Ickenham Rainbows (otherwise known as the Red Rainbows) at the end of this term after many years of service to Ickenham District Guides. At the moment there is no one to replace Brenda and Lyn and the Rainbows will close in July unless we find someone to take their places. If you would like to put 'Red' back into the rainbow please call Marjorie Brooks on 01895 636892.

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged, with grateful thanks, of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.*: Anonymous from Eleanor Grove, Anonymous from Swakeleys Drive via Mrs Beauchamp, Anonymous from Oak Avenue, Anonymous from Glebe Avenue via Yvonne Watson, Mehernez Randeria of Ickenham Massage Therapy Clinic, Chris and Fraser Mutter of Church Place Retirement Development, Anonymous from Rectory Way via Beryl Gwilt.

Many thanks for so many kind words about last month's special colour edition of I.C.N. We were all very pleased with the result. One reader noticed that her decorated car was featured in the article by Sally Ayres and through e-mail we were able to reunite her with a copy of her treasured memory.
A special thank you to our printer – Stanley Hunt Printers Limited – for the time spent setting up the edition and for the complementary gift of extra weight paper to ensure that the print copy was excellent. Our association with our Northampton printer has been going on for over thirty years. Long may it last. We were delighted to hear that one of the gentlemen at Hunts, who normally works on our magazine, is making excellent progress after a serious health scare.

Copy for the September edition should be with me by **13th August.**
Additional photographs, articles and much more, plus last month's magazine, can be found at **ICN Online:** www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

SILLY STORIES

What You Missed in June

One winter's night saw the coldest and hardest frost for fifty years. In the morning a farmer viewed with horror his field of cows. The poor beasts were rigid with frost and unable to move. The farmer wondered what he could do when later that day an elderly lady opened the gate, walked into his field and the cows miraculously began to move.

Awed of her power the farmer asked the name of the lady.

Thora Hird came the response!

Q. What's the difference between Noah's Ark and Joan of Arc?
A. One is made from gopher wood and the other is Maid of Orleans!

Q. Who was the wife of Noah?
A. Joan of Arc!

One Ickenham Christian Aid volunteer reports that when a generous house owner passed back her full, red envelope the collector asked whether the 'giver' wished to complete the 30% tax form on the flap. "No" came back the response. "I never bother with competitions"!

Note. If you happen to have any silly, amusing and appropriate anecdotes please pass them on to the Editor who has run out of them! Church based would be even better.

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Hannah : 1 Samuel 1:1 - 20

The story of Hannah touches our emotions as few other stories in the Bible. Just as God transformed her barrenness to bring about the birth of Samuel, so he will meet us in our own painful and difficult circumstances.

Hannah's Pain
Hannah's husband Elkanah went up to Shiloh every year to sacrifice and celebrate God's blessing upon their home (1:3). Despite his love for Hannah, she felt sorrow and humiliation, because while she could not give Elkanah any children unlike his other wife Peninnah.
* In what areas are you struggling with barrenness in your life?

Hannah's Provocation
Peninnah took every opportunity on these trips to mercilessly torment and provoke Hannah because she couldn't have children (1:6). As her rival she taunted Hannah persistently to the point of tears.
* In what ways are we provoked by others and how do we respond?

Hannah's Prayer
Although barren and bitter (1:10), Hannah was not prayerless! Her pain found refuge in a prayer, which was both simple but passionate. In recognising the power of prayer, Hannah poured out her request for a child before God, leading Eli to imagine that she was drunk (1:11-19). Her vow to offer the child to the Lord reflected the depth of her desire and brokeness, as well as trust in God's answer.
* Are we expectant when bringing our areas of struggle to God in prayer?

Hannah's tragedy was turned to triumph, and her sorrow turned to joy with the birth of Samuel (cf. her Song of Praise, 2:1-10). The story can encourage our faith as we recognise the way God, by his

sovereign hand, used this barren woman's life of sorrow and pain to further His purpose for his people.

PAUL HARDINGHAM

THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN

What do you make of Christ's words about the unforgivable sin?
Does he mean planting a bomb in a crowd? Or the ruin of a family through adultery? Or blasphemy against his own holy name?
No! anyone who commits even horrific sins and then repents and turns to him for forgiveness, will be forgiven. He bore our sins on the cross that we might receive pardon and live to God's glory.
It is by his Holy Spirit that God convinces us of our sinfulness and seeks to lead us to Jesus in repentance.
If people go on resisting the Holy Spirit long enough, they become so hard that they don't care; so blind that they can no longer tell truth from falsehood; and so prejudiced that they attribute Jesus' miraculous powers to the devil. Some people even said that Jesus' healing of a blind and dumb demoniac by the power of the Holy spirit was the devil's work.
This persistent resistance to God's Holy spirit is the unforgivable sin.

GORDON HARMAN

Luke 12:32

ABBEYFIELD SOCIETY ICKENHAM

Relief Housekeepers

We have 2 relief housekeepers who provide cover for the full time housekeeper on her days off but would like to add to this number to ensure we can always do this. The jobs entail providing 2 meals a day for our 8 elderly residents and are paid positions. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Mrs. Mary Holloway on 01753 - 890679**.**

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For Massage Therapy and Indian Head Massage.
Call now for an appointment.
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E-mail mjranderia@hotmail.com
Call out appointments available.

LOCAL PART-TIME JOB

Church Close Retirement Development

A relief manager is required at Church Place Retirement Development in Ickenham to cover up to 112 days per annum. Involves some weekend cover. A practical and caring attitude together with a sense of humour is essential. For more information contact Chris and Fraser Mutter - Courtyard Managers - on 01895 624882

BEV'S AEROBIC WORKOUT

£3.50 per class
Supervised Crèche available £1 per child
Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings
9.40 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.
At Girl Guides Hall, Community Close (opposite library and car park) Ickenham
Bring Drink and Towel. For more information 'phone Bev: 07932 007213

FORTHCOMING EVENTS
for which your support would be appreciated

ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY
Saturday 6th July - 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m..
Also Saturday 3rd August
ENJOY A RIDE OR COME AND WATCH.
Entrance behind The Pump, Ickenham.
ADMISSION FREE. RIDE 25p
(A donation supporter of ICN)

SWAKELEYS HOUSE OPEN DAYS 2002
Sunday 7th July between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
This Open Day will go ahead despite the takeover of
Bristol Myers by Proctor & Gamble
There is now NO entrance charge but any contributions offered will go to charity

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' WOMEN'S GROUP
Next meeting is on Thursday 4th July in the U.R.C. Hardwick Room at 8 p.m.
Lilias Bignall on 'Gossip of a Travel Courier'
Thursday 5th September: Eric Goodall gives an illustrated talk about
"Cruising The Norwegian Fiords"
(A donation supporter of ICN)

ICKENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
The next meeting is Thursday 18th July in Ickenham Village Hall 7.30 to 10 p.m.
Mrs.E.L. Harrison speaks on ' Story for the Receipt of a Dead Canary'
Thursday 15th August – ***Members Meeting***
Members and visitors welcome. Charge for visitors is 50p which includes tea.

THE MOTHERS' UNION
St. Giles' Church (front) Hall on Thursday 11th July**,** 12 noon to 1.30 p.m
Social Afternoon and Tea Party
No meeting in August
Everyone is welcome.

HILLINGDON D.F.A.S.
The Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip.
Next meeting is Wednesday 10th July at 2 p.m.
Eric Shanes speaks on 'Art in Vienna 1880 – 1938' (1.5 hours)

ANGLO GREEK CLUB
Next meeting Friday 5th July from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the North Hillingdon Adult Education Centre, 86 Long Lane, Ickenham. (Use playground to park).
'Souvlaki Evening – Join us as we recreate a typical Greek Meal'
£5 Entrance Fee for the event.
Friday 2nd August – Social Evening at The Water's Edge, Ruislip Lido
Non-members welcome at £2 per meeting. Annual fee £12 – refreshments included.
For more information call Lena Markou on 01895 631865

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY

Summer Concert

Conductor: Peter J. Williams

Gounod – Faust (Concert Version)

Saturday 6th July, 7.30 p.m. at Uxbridge College Sports Hall

Tickets: £8 Concessions £6 from Hayes Book Shop, Glebe Avenue

or Tel. 01895 637725 and 020 8841 6370

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Hillingdon Branch

The AGM is on Wednesday 10 July 2002 at 8.15pm at Ruislip Synagogue, Shenley Avenue, Ruislip Manor, and at the conclusion of the AGM business ***a talk will be given by Rev. Malcolm Wiseman entitled "The Jewish mentality seen through its humour".*** This promises to be a very entertaining evening and all are welcome.

BREAKSPEAR SCHOOLS SUMMER FETE

Bushey Road Ickenham Saturday 6th July 2002 11.30a.m. –2.30 p.m. **Entrance 30p.**

Theme: Kings, Queens and the Golden Jubilee.

Fancy Dress competition. Huge raffle: 1st prize - Play Station 2, 2nd prize - T.V., 3rd prize - Theatre Tickets & many more prizes. BBQ, Sideshows, Rides and Bar.

HARROW & HILLINGDON ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Balloon race at THE TEMPLETON DAY CENTRE – ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

Wiltshire Lane, Eastcote on Saturday 13th July from 5 p.m.

This is a major fundraising event to raise funds for the move of our day centre.

Farewell Barbecue, Raffle and other events.

No Entrance Charge.

BUY YOUR BALLOONS IN ADVANCE BY PHONING YVETTE (07958 749025)