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Ickenham Church News

ICKENHAM FESTIVAL

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ICKENHAM FESTIVAL 2026 – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



So that was Ickenham Festival 2026!

We were very lucky with the weather this year, and very few of our events were impacted. In the nine day Festival there were over ninety events (for anyone thinking it is just Village Day and Duck Race!).

How many did you get to? Your Festival team managed to attend almost every event in the week, and we are so pleased to report on the huge display of energy and community spirit. Thanks to our contributors, sponsors, advertisers and Ickenham people for your support.

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CLICKRukiga VISIT TO KAMWEZI PRIMARY SCHOOL (KPS)



Representatives of the committee went on a monitoring visit to Uganda in February. At KPS, we were shown around by their headteacher Annet and other colleagues. Working in remote areas like this is less attractive to teachers due to travel and insufficient on-site accommodation, so recruitment and retention is a problem. In addition, pay is not always on time. However, the

teachers we met are committed and positive in their approach to education. Hillside Junior School Northwood have made a senior year group link and we gave out letters from pupils which caused great excitement and interest.

Thanks to a generous donation from Ashcroft Academy in Surrey who chose CLICKRukiga for their fundraising in 2024-25, a new boys' latrine had just been finished when we



arrived. The school really appreciates these better facilities, as government support is limited. We also saw other work underway which has resulted from fundraising including our coffee morning at St Giles' last year. In one classroom block, we saw floors being re-laid and work on broken windows and walls. Nursery children were using local language educational books that Precious had purchased on our behalf using money raised by an Ickenham Brownie unit. We hope to raise more money to refurbish their classroom block as well as provide guttering to prevent flooding in the classrooms during rainy season storms.

The younger age group has been our focus for new sponsorship, enabling children to regularly attend school when they otherwise would not. Our sponsorship also provides family support and meals both at school and weekend supplementary lessons. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact us via the website www.clickrukiga.org.uk or speak with one of the committee members. Otherwise, we would love to have your support at future fundraising events, including October 13th coffee morning at St Giles' (specifically fundraising for schools) and the Apollo Male Voice Choir concert at the URC on 21st November (fundraising for Rukiga Youth In Development, which provides skills training for young people).

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SUMMER AT ST GILES'

For many of us, August is a season of holiday and rest and at St Giles' we take the opportunity to change pace. Over the summer, we take a break from some of our usual activities, we simplify what we do, and we give ourselves the time, space and permission to live differently.

Some of us can find this change of pace challenging, especially if we like to be active, or draw our sense of purpose from what we do. For others, this change of pace can be liberating, as we embrace the opportunity to become more present to the world around us, to nature, people, ourselves and God.

I love this verse from the Gospel of Mark: *"Because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to His disciples, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"*

It reminds me that Jesus understands the busyness of life and the need to find quiet places to rest.

So if you are in Ickenham over the summer and need to find a quiet (or a cooler!) place to rest, the church will be open each morning, Tuesdays through Fridays, every week.

Happy Summer!

REV'D CHRISTINE BRITTON



OUR COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

Ickenham Festival has come and gone once again in a flash. We all came together to celebrate its 50th glorious year. Throughout the week we enjoyed having fun, new experiences, meeting new friends and best of all, we all helped to raise money for many different charities.

At the URC we helped the week to swing with various musical styles of concerts. The highlight was a concert on the Friday night with the Royal Navy Volunteer Band treating us to a wide selection of film music and golden oldies.

On the Saturday at our Forecourt Sale, we had the pleasure of Red Watch from Hillingdon Fire Station bringing along their bright red fire engine.

One very young man with mum in tow was allowed into the cab and treated to a display of blue lights flashing and siren sounding (aided by a very helpful fireman, as his legs were not quite long enough to push the pedal for the siren). As he got down from the engine, with a great big smile on his face, he was overheard to say that it was one of his best experiences. Thank you, Red Watch!!

It was just one of those very special moments amongst all the events going on that day with the usual parade through the

streets of Ickenham, followed by the music and colourful displays in Milton Court. Well done to our very hard-working Festival Committee and people of Ickenham for all your support.

Surely this day and the whole week was a great example of how people coming together to meet, talk and have fun, just showing how the world could be a better place for all when living in harmony and peace.

As it says in Romans 15:5, *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.*

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REV'D FELICITY DAVIES

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Rev'd Felicity Davies, Associate Minister at St Andrew's Burgess Hill, died on 3rd June 2026, from cancer.

Felicity was loved and well-known in Ickenham as the Rector of St Giles' Church, between 2014 and 2023.

Her Funeral and Thanksgiving Service was held on 24th June at St Andrew's and, in typical Felicity style, had been carefully planned by her in advance. As such, the service beautifully reflected Felicity's shining joy and unshakeable faith in Jesus, which leaves such a legacy.

We pray for Felicity's husband Tony, her children, family, friends and all the churches with which she has been associated, as they grieve her loss. She rests in peace and will rise in glory.

CHURCHWARDENS, ST GILES' CHURCH



FROM THE CHURCHES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

24th May Tyler Adamberry-Tutino
12th July Teddie Drinkwater

Burials at Northwood Cemetery

28th May Joyce Perks, aged 100
following a Service in St Giles'

Committals at Breakspear Crematorium

30th June Stephen Gledhill, aged 80
following a Service in St Giles'

ST GILES' CHURCH STREET PRAYER LIST

Each week we pray for all the people who live or work in particular roads in the Parish. We wish to cover the whole Parish within a year, so are moving to more than one road a week, as follows:

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9th August	Edinburgh Close, Edinburgh Drive
16th August	Eleanor Grove, Elgar Close
23rd August	Enstone Road, Farm Close
30th August	Field Close, Fincham Close, Gell Close
6th September	Georgian Close, Gibson Road
13th September	Gilbey Close, Gilmore Close, Glebe Avenue
20th September	Glebe Close, Greenacres Avenue, Grove Close
27th September	Halford Road, Harecroft Lane, Harvil Road

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St Giles' Church Hall (Back Hall)
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The first sign of Festival 2026 was the flags going up (thanks to the flag team). Because we now make the huge effort to deliver a free programme to every home in Ickenham we have seen a marked increase in the turnout at almost every event. The photos here show just a small selection of the range of events in the week. Also, over £20,000 has been raised for many charities and good causes through collections at shows, music, arts and open gardens.

Some of the highlights of the week included a large musical programme, a very full set of events at St Giles' Church, several talks and walks and rambles, exhibitions, quizzes, open gardens and tours. On Village Day, we had some forty stalls, a carousel, and musical stage show. Over one thousand attended the Saturday Evening Concert, which finished with our traditional fireworks. Sunday closed the Festival with the famous Duck Race!



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We plan to hold a public meeting later this year, where Festival team officers will be elected, and our financial statement produced. It's likely that there will be changes in our organisation and activities leading up to Ickenham Festival 2028. As always, we are particularly glad of any offers of help or support at any time and to welcome new members into our team. We are always glad of any suggestions for new or additional events. We will be planning a range of fund-raising and community fun events throughout 2026 and 2027. This will include our Festive Community Night on Friday 11th December 2026. Watch our website and Facebook page for further details.



You can get in touch through our website IckenhamFestival.org.uk or our Facebook page, or call/text us on 07516 984514.

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In the summer months outdoor 'en plein air' painting trips are organised to various local venues, such as The White House at Denham, Osterley House and Ruislip Lido.

Members also have the chance to exhibit, and perhaps sell, their paintings in local art shows such as The Combined Arts Exhibition held in the Great Barn, Ruislip.

We are actively seeking new members at the moment, so why not dust off your brushes and paints, and come along one evening to meet us at the Guide Hut.

**We are a very friendly group,
and you will be made most welcome.**

Contact David on 01895 232569 email: ickenhamart@gmail.com for further details. You can also follow us on Facebook.

FINAL TERM WITH FOUNDER-CONDUCTOR

Hillingdon Choral Society will be commencing the new season on Monday 7th September at 7.45pm in the URC.

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Please submit your event details online by following the prompts at www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For which your support would be appreciated.

Please find FULL details of all events at

www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk or email events@ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

All submissions to be entered online by representatives of the church groups, clubs and societies themselves.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER EVENTS

One-off Events - Open to all

ICKENHAM & SWAKELEYS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

5th September 2.30pm-5pm

Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8DG
Free public viewing from 2.30pm. Refreshments including homemade cakes. Prize giving and raffle draw at 4.30pm

Contact Rosemary Bennett 01895 633217

www.ickenham-horticultural.org.uk

CHURCH ORGANISED EVENTS

Everyone is welcome - Open to all

ST GILES' MOTHERS' UNION

Second Thursday of each month 1.45pm - 3.45pm

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

August - no meeting

10th Sept - The Ven Catherine Pickford, Archdeacon

My Vocational Journey

Contact Brenda on 01895 636803

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1st Wednesday of each month 1.00pm-2.00pm

Oasis Café, URC, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8BE

Please sign the list at the URC or call the Church Administrator 07792 143888

CLUBS, SOCIETIES & INTERESTS

Weekly & Monthly - Open to all

OASIS CAFÉ AT THE URC

Every weekday 10.30am-12.30pm

URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE

Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Biscuits - Friendly, relaxed atmosphere - Monday - Friday. All Welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE SELF-LEARNING GROUP

Monday 11am-12pm

Ickenham Library, Long Lane, Ickenham UB10 8RE

Join our flexible group to learn words and phrases together.

Experienced signers very welcome to assist with basic conversation practice. Spaces are limited.

Book at ickenham-library@hillingdon.gov.uk

HILLINGDON BRIDGE CLUB

Every Monday and Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Hillingdon Community Hall, 304 Long Lane UB10 9PE

Come and play Duplicate Bridge £3 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. New members welcome.

Contact 07808805033 or www.bridgewebs.com/hillingdon/

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY

Every Monday in term time 7.45pm-9.45pm

URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE

We are a friendly and hard-working choir of about 60 voices who celebrated 40 years in 2021. We rehearse on Monday evenings in Ickenham, and we perform three concerts each year.

New members very welcome. No auditions required.

Contact hillingdonchoralsociety@gmail.com

OVER 60's FUN EXERCISE WITH ALICE

Monday, Thursday & Friday 10am-11am

The Guide Hut, Community Close, Ickenham UB10 8RE

All abilities / UK Award Winning classes

Please contact Alice at exercisewithalice@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07736 546190 www.exercisewithalice.co.uk

HILLINGDON SING! COMMUNITY CHOIR

Tuesdays in term time 1pm-3pm

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

The Hillingdon Sing! Community Choir is a friendly mixed vocal group. We sing a variety of music and our aim is to have fun and meet like-minded music lovers.

No auditions required and new members very welcome.

Contact Email: admin@hillingdonsingchoir.co.uk

Website: www.hillingdonsingchoir.co.uk

HATHA YOGA

Every Tuesday and Wednesday in term time 10am-11.15am

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

Improve your Mental & Physical Wellbeing.

Beginners welcome. Classes £9 when booked in a half term block, can swap between classes.

Contact Sally Baxter 07977 748820 yogawithsallyb@gmail.com

website: yogawithsallyb.com

CHAIR FIT - MOBILITY • STRENGTH • DANCE

Every Tuesday 10-10.45am

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

Gentle chair-based fitness session with 'chairobics' for fun and coordination, mobility/flexibility moves, strength exercises using light dumbbells and bands (supplied), plus occasional standing balance work. First session free, then £8 pay or £27 monthly. Please contact Emma on 07956 315851 or email emmabfitness@gmail.com

EASTCOTE AND RUISLIP CHORAL SOCIETY

Enjoy singing? Come & join us in our 80th Anniversary year.

We are a friendly choir and welcome new singers.

No audition is required. The ability to read music is not essential.

We rehearse on Tuesdays 8.00 - 10.00pm at Ruislip Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road, Ruislip HA4 7BZ.

More details on our website www.eastcote-ruislip-choral.org

RUMMIKUB KLUB

Every 2nd and 4th Friday 10.30am-12noon

Ickenham Library, Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD

Would you like to learn how to play Rummikub with our friendly group? Rummikub is a tile based game which is easy to learn, good for the brain and above all FUN! Drop in, no booking required

TURKS BADMINTON CLUB

Every Tuesday Evening 7-9pm

Bishop Ramsey Sports Hall, Hume Way, Ruislip HA4 8EE

Please just come along. £5 a session.

Contact Kirsten Taylor 07940 950709 or kirst@europe.com

COFFEE, CAKE AND COMPANY MORNINGS

Every Wednesday 10.45am-12.45pm

All Saints Church Hall, Long Lane, Hillingdon UB10 9PE

Coffee morning for people to have a chat with old friends or make some new ones over a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake £3. Free to come in.

Contact Lesley on 07742326667 or email lkthmp@aol.com

SWAKELEYS TENNIS CLUB - ADULT SOCIAL TENNIS

Every Weds, Fri and Sun morning from 9am, Sat from 1pm

Contact Brian O'Leary - 01895 467843

email tennis@swakeleys-tennis.co.uk

www.swakeleys-tennis.co.uk

or just come along - off Swakeleys Drive UB10 8FU

ICKENHAM ART SOCIETY

Every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm

Guide Hut, community Close, Ickenham, UB10 8RE

www.facebook.com/ickenhamart/ or 01895 232569

ST MARTIN'S THURSDAY LUNCHES

Every Thursday 11am-1.30pm

St Martins Church Hall, corner of Ruislip High St/Eastcote Rd, Ruislip, HA4 8DG

Everyone welcome for light lunch, tea, coffee, homemade cake, filled rolls, conversation & company, non-profit making. Inexpensive prices.

Contact Church Hall Office 01895-625456 or

stmartinsruislip@btconnect.com

ICKENHAM KNIT & NATTER

Bimonthly on Thursday 10.30am - 12.00pm

Ickenham Library (Meeting room) Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD

Please come and join us for friendly chat and knitting. Free admission.

August dates - 6th and 20th

September dates - 3rd and 17th

Contact Jill Wakeman 07876 233545 or email: wakemanjill@gmail.com

THE ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY

1st Saturday of the month April - December

12 noon - 5.30pm

Entrance in the car park of the Coach and Horses pub

Free admission, rides £1

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Contact www.idsme.co.uk and see our Facebook page

HILLINGDON U3A MONTHLY MEETING

Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL

Second Monday of each month 10am-12noon

Come along and find out how to join Hillingdon u3a or check out our

website for more information www.hillingdon.u3asite.uk/

or call our membership secretary on 07532 268002

TINY TALES AND TINY TUNES

Ickenham Library, Community Close UB10 8RE

Tiny Tales - Stories and rhymes for children 18 months to 5 years and their parents / carers. Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.15am - term time only

Tiny Tunes - Stories and rhymes for children aged 0-18 months and their parents / carers. Fridays 10.15am - term time only

Please book in advance at hillingdon.gov.uk/events

ONCE UPON A BUMP

Ickenham Library, Community Close UB10 8RE

Fridays 2.15pm-3pm - term time only

Come and join our group for new and expectant parents with babies aged from bump to crawling. Meet other new and expectant parents, and chat with library staff about all things parenthood, with toys and songs for bumps to babies.

Please book at hillingdon.gov.uk/events

THE ARTS SOCIETY HILLINGDON

Usually 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.45pm for 2pm

Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

Everyone welcome, just turn up. Member free, visitors £9

Contact: Rachel Garside 01895 674484

ICKENHAM FLOWER CLUB

2nd Thursday monthly 7.30pm - 9.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8DG

Uxbridge and Ickenham Floral Art Society. Themed flower arranging demonstration. Watch a professional demonstrator create floral art designs - free for members - £10 for visitors - raffle on the night and refreshments.

Contact Linda Varley - linda.varley1@virginmedia.com

LIVE JAZZ

1st Wednesday of the month 8pm-10pm

Ruislip Conservative Club, 56 Ickenham Rd. Ruislip, HA4 7DQ

Admission £15. Contact: 01895 637477

BALLROOM AND LATIN CLASSES

St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE

Mondays 8pm - improvers

Thursdays 7pm - beginners, 8pm - improvers

Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes from beginners to improvers, wanting to learn sound technique and the popular dances.

Contact Eugene: 07714 051388

ICKENHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

4th Monday of the month 2pm-4pm

URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE

Contact Jenny Thompson, Ickenham Afternoon TWG

Tel: 01895 634851

HILLINGDON AMATEUR GARDENERS MEETING

Every third Fridays of month Sept to June 7.30pm

URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE

Regular meetings with talks on gardening topics

Contact Ankephillips@gmail.com

www.hillingdonamateurgardeners.co.uk

HILLINGDON LANGUAGE CLUBS

Spanish, French and Italian Clubs

St Giles' Church Hall, UB10 8LE

7.30pm one Thursday of the month each Club, from October to the summer

For details, contact the club you are interested in:

hillingdonspanishclub@gmail.com or 07759 804960

hillingdonfrenchclub@gmail.com or 07941 918 473

hillingdonitalianclub@gmail.com or 01895 674292

web: www.hillingdonlanguageclubs.wordpress.com