## Ickenham Festival 2020 is cancelled

The Ickenham Festival Team met today and we have made the decision to cancel this year's Ickenham Festival (which was to be  $6^{th}$  June –  $14^{th}$  June 2020).

This is due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

This decision has not been taken lightly, but we feel that the health of exhibitors, volunteers and the general public must come first.

The Government has prohibited large scale events, both indoor and outdoor. If we now proceed, we feel that we could incur substantial losses that could jeopardise future Festival events. It is also now impossible for the various Ickenham groups (Churches, School, Voluntary organisations etc.) to plan and commit to a June event. Our business supporters have come under severe pressure, as their customer numbers and staff are reduced.

We intend to work towards the next Ickenham Festival and we appreciate all the support and help that we have received to date. Any payments made to Ickenham Festival 2020 for pitches etc. will be refunded. Starting in Autumn 2020 we will re-launch our series of traditional and new events to raise funds toward that aim.

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