



Northwood Residents' Association

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Daily Danger on Rickmansworth Road!



Cars park here all day,
quite legally ...

... but they block the
south-bound lane

These photos were taken at 11am, congestion is continuous throughout the day

Vehicles turning right
become vulnerable,
congestion is inevitable



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Traffic and Highways

NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

In mid-2018 a transport study was carried out for LBH, including the following roads:

- A404 Rickmansworth Road
- B469 Green Lane between Rickmansworth Road and Maxwell Road
- Maxwell Road

You may remember that many months ago the study report was submitted to Cllr. Burrows, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, for review. So far there are no confirmed recommendations and the project appears to be dormant. At my request Cllr. Lewis has asked Cllr. Burrows for an update on more than one occasion.

RICKMANSWORTH ROAD/GREEN LANE JUNCTION

In addition, I have voiced serious concern about safety around this junction. There are three major problems:

1. Many vehicles park, some all day, adjacent to the Cornerways nursery (Wetherby House). I have recently counted up to 13 cars there, some parked at least partially on the footpath. This parking means that south-bound traffic has to use the marked right-turning lane (for Copse Wood Way) and turning cars there are very exposed; it inevitably causes hold-ups. A dangerous situation. Cllr. Lewis has made Cllr. Burrows aware of this on more than one occasion.
2. The above situation is made worse by vehicles increasingly crossing the traffic lights on red and at high speed, often several occurrences each day. As an example, as I was walking down Rickmansworth Road one evening in mid-August from the Holy Trinity direction, and approaching this junction, the lights had changed to red. At least one car, and possibly two, had already stopped in the outside straight-through lane. I heard a vehicle approaching from behind me at high speed, which then crossed the junction from the left-turning lane for Green Lane at an estimated speed of at least 50mph, narrowly missing another on-coming car starting to turn right into Green Lane. The offending vehicle was a light grey sports car, which then turned into Copse Wood Way and was heard accelerating away quickly. Cllr. Seaman-Digby has referred this matter to council officers for information and possible actions.

3. Vehicles are still making a U-turn having exited The Avenue into Rickmansworth Road to proceed towards Northwood Hills, causing problems, particularly in the rush hours. For many years now the NRA and our councillors have raised this subject with Cllr Burrows and have been ignored.

ROAD FATALITY – RICKMANSWORTH ROAD

I am very sorry to have to inform you that a bicycle collided with a pedestrian close to the junction with Dene Road on Thursday, 3rd October, just after 5 pm. Sadly the pedestrian has since died.

GREEN LANE

“Carriageway Repairs – Nightwork” scheduled for May were postponed. I have asked for a revised date and Cllr. Lewis has referred this to the Council Leader.

KEWFERRY ROAD

I have recently been advised that for more than two years residents have been trying to persuade the council to tackle the problem of increased traffic in Kewferry Road, especially lorries and HGVs.

There was a petition hearing at the Civic Centre in June 2017, which appeared very positive, but only achieved some signs at each end of the road to inform HGVs that the road is not suitable for them. These have been largely ignored. I have raised this matter with Cllr. Lewis who has made Cllr. Burrows aware. I understand that Three Rivers councillors are now involved and that a solution is in hand – possibly a width restriction.

PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEMES (PMS)

A number of schemes have been under discussion for the last year or so. The latest position is as follows:

The PMS for Gateway Close, Grove Road, Moor Park Road, The Avenue and the first section of Myrtleside Close are going ahead as planned. It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of this calendar year.

The PMS for Kewferry Road, Treetops Close, Hallowell Road, High Street and Roy Road have been deferred at present.

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Peter Lansdown

Meet Your Committee - the minutes secretary

Sue Mansfield is the Committee Minutes Secretary and would like to introduce herself:

You may well have seen me in Northwood, as my husband and I moved here in 1984, and I shop in local shops. Or possibly at the Northwood Tennis Club, of which I was chairman for 16 years. I also volunteer for Northwood Live at Home and was chairman of the Support Committee for six years. And Zonta, the international women's organisation to which I belong, offers annual prizes for a Young Woman In Public Affairs which takes me into Northwood schools. My background is in IT: managerial, technical and sales. My interests include gardening, theatre and reading as well, of course, as family and friends.

Earlier this year one of my Zonta jobs ended so I had some time to use for the Northwood Residents' Association, an organisation I have seen to be very useful for a long time. Taking minutes seemed to require no particular knowledge or background, so I volunteered for that. It is interesting to see more of how our community operates, and I am impressed by the amount and quality of time that committee members spend on their respective jobs.

Northwood is a real community and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.





From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

Hot sunny days are now a distant memory. I find that the older I get, the faster time goes by. When I was a child, days and weeks seemed to be endless. Now they are almost a blur.

This mid-October morning I watched one of the things I hate most about autumn – a neighbour’s gardener blowing

leaves and other debris from the garden onto the street. Not only is it totally inconsiderate, illegal, AND LAZY, it creates a hazard for other residents, particularly the elderly. If you have a gardener, please instruct him/her to put the leaves into the bags that the council provides.

That’s my grouse out of the way!

STATION DEVELOPMENT

This is the latest statement from Curtin & Co, the company employed by TFL/Genesis to handle communications.

“Transport for London and Notting Hill Genesis are still committed to delivering this brownfield site to provide much needed new homes in the area alongside step-free access to the station. We are in the process of finalising our review the redevelopment of Northwood Station Quarter proposals. The project team will be directly briefing local representative groups on the proposals in due course and will be writing to Northwood residents with further information about the proposals.”

“Please see www.northwoodstationquarter.co.uk for future updates or email northwood@curtinandco.com for further information.”

Curtin & Co have invited the NRA committee to see the latest plans but are not intending to consult residents again. We will be meeting them at the end of October. They will, however, write to residents with their final plans. Until we see the proposed plans we have no idea whether TfL listened to residents’ objections and made appropriate changes or not.

We expect TfL/Genesis to submit the planning application in November or December. Once the plans are submitted, the NRA will hold an Extraordinary General Meeting, open to all residents, to decide a plan of action. The NRA Committee is totally opposed to the current plans which would result in a huge influx of people and loss of commuter parking.

NORTHWOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

Following the large number of flats and houses that have been built recently, Northwood must be getting to the stage when the current infrastructure cannot take anymore development. The article on page 6 indicates the strain on the sewage system. In addition, water pressure in parts of the area is very low, roads are constantly being dug up to repair utilities, health services are stretched and schools full. It is very difficult to see how Northwood can cope with another 600 or so residents that the proposed station development will bring.

THE CLOCK

Many of you will remember that members authorised the purchase of a clock to celebrate the NRA’s 50th anniversary and that we got bogged down in council bureaucracy about the electrical connection. Those of you who know me will be aware that I don’t give up easily. Some months ago, I asked Cllr Lewis if he could intervene and he approached the Leader of the Council, Ray Puddifoot, who finally gave his approval. Nothing like going to the top to override the bureaucrats.

I subsequently met with council representatives and Cllr Lewis, and it was agreed that the council will erect the clock on the corner of Maxwell Road and Green Lane. The NRA will buy the clock, the installation will be paid for out of the Ward Budget (financed by LBH) and the council will pay for the electricity. Hopefully it will be in place before Christmas.

NICK HURD MP

Many of you will be saddened at hearing that Nick Hurd will not be standing for re-election. Over the years, I have had many dealings with him and I have always found him to be willing to follow up on any problems raised. As he says in his article on page 7, he has been a key part in the many fights we have had ranging from the closure of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre to the Station development.

Nick has been a faithful friend of Northwood and he will be missed. On your behalf I’d like to thank him for his invaluable contribution and wish him well for the future.

CONCLUSION

With the winter approaching, may I make my usual plea of asking you to ensure that your elderly neighbours are well. Many of them are isolated and need comfort. A bit of shopping or perhaps a cup of tea make such a difference.

As ever I’d like to thank our councillors for their contributions, members of the NRA committee for the effort they put in, our Road Stewards and finally, you, our residents, who make it all so worthwhile.

Drive carefully and be well this winter.

Tony Ellis
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Holy Trinity Primary School Christmas Bazaar

Our annual Christmas Bazaar is to take place on Saturday, 30th November and we would be delighted if you were able to come along and join in the fun. The bazaar opens at 11am and closes at 3pm. There will be many stalls and activities for children and adults, as well as a performance by the school choir.

Holy Trinity Open Morning for Nursery/Reception 2020 Intake

Wednesday 20th November, 9.30 am -11.00 am

Children born between 1/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 - Nursery
Children born between 1/09/2015 & 31/08/2016 - Reception

Our next Opening Morning will take place on Wednesday 20th November, commencing at 9.30 am with a presentation. We warmly invite all interested parents and carers to attend, giving the opportunity to find out more about our school, tour our school, meet staff and ask any questions you may have. Please register to attend via our school website:

www.holytrinitynorthwood.org

Business News

Following Hoda Lacey's report in the last newsletter where she expressed dismay at the state of our shopping areas, we hear from a local estate agent.

SHOPS IN NORTHWOOD

As the main commercial estate agent in Northwood, we have been asked to comment on the situation regarding the number of vacant shops. One can be forgiven for thinking that all is doom and gloom in Northwood but fortunately, the reality is very different. There continues to be a reasonably strong demand for shop units in Green Lane and Maxwell Road. However, what is clear is that for traditional retail uses shop buildings are not in demand and that demand is unlikely to return. However, what can be created still is a vibrant location offering a wide range of services. The demise of pure retailing has come for a number of reasons and in many respects we are all to blame by favouring buying on the internet rather than supporting local shops. On the other hand, some local shops failed to keep up with the times and disappeared.



Green Lane, full occupancy by Christmas?

We understand that the former NatWest premises successfully sold with many people trying to buy the property at auction and it has now gone to an owner-occupier who is hoping to take up occupation of the premises shortly (use uncertain). VDBM has the former "Beyond Kitchens" unit in Clive Parade under offer with the lease completing any day now (at the time of writing) and we have also had a good level of interest in respect of the former Santander premises and are pleased to report that is now also under offer. The only other unit currently closed down on this stretch of Green Lane is the former "Northwood News" which went through a number of transitions before finally closing recently. We also have involvement in the re-marketing of that property which is to be sold freehold together with the upper parts and no doubt that will also create a good deal of interest when it comes to the market shortly.

Turning now to Maxwell Road, the only vacant unit is at No. 21. An occupier has been identified and is pursuing a planning application for a change of use.

In about three months' time it is hoped that the shops referred to above will be up and running in a new guise and that the dead frontages created by unoccupied units will be a thing of the past.

We have also been asked to comment on the TfL site. There is, as stated above, little demand for traditional retail premises and a developer is not going to rely on retailers taking the units there. What there would be an ongoing demand for is alternative uses, for example: dentists, chiropractors, physiotherapists, beauticians, all of whom are providing services which cannot be easily acquired on the internet! There is also an increasing demand for small gyms and other exercise-based users.

Given the number of residential properties proposed then there would be some increase in demand for coffee shops or cafes in a new development and possibly a small convenience store.

Neil Altman FRICS
Director, VDBM

NRA Membership

You will hopefully have seen elsewhere in this Newsletter the message from our Treasurer, David Blowers about the desirability to get subs in as early as possible for the calendar year in question, so I won't labour the point.

I am responsible for distributing the "bulk alerts" we send by email from the NRA, and I have been getting an increasing number of "bounces" - so if you have not been receiving them recently, please check we have your current email address correctly listed on our website.

I have perhaps erred on the side of caution to avoid overloading you; at the time of writing, the last alert was sent on Saturday 7th Sept 2019 and was shown as sent to 747 members. If you didn't receive that one it may be a typo problem, do please email me your current email address which I can copy and paste into our system for future use.

Watch out for advance notice of upcoming NRA activities - also, please let me have suggestions for the type of any local

news items for which you would like to be alerted. And thanks to those who have sent emails of appreciation for recent alerts.

With this NRA Newsletter you will also receive a leaflet urging you to sign up for OWL - please do so if you haven't as yet, and do take the opportunity to register, and check with your neighbours that not only are they OWL registered, but also are NRA members!

The good news is our number of registered members in Northwood continues to rise.

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To register for email alerts:
admin@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Paul I. F. Barker
Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer

Planning Matters

Northwood continues to be active on the planning front. Since the last issue there have been some 73 planning applications, and, after reviewing them all, I submitted objections or comments on 24 of them.

The applications continue to range from small extensions through to the demolition of existing houses and requests for consent to redevelop as single houses or blocks of flats.

HOW TO COMMENT. Please know that anyone affected by a planning application can make an objection or comment, and it is easy to do.

Go to your search engine and enter as your search: LB Hillingdon planning search: and the first result should be the link:

<http://planning.hillingdon.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

Enter the first line of the address, usually the property number and road, in the location box. That will give you the link to the application and any previous applications for the

same site. Go to the application you want to object to and view the documents or enter your planning objection or comment. It is that straightforward. If you have a valid planning reason to object then do so during the timetable given on the application page as it is too late to object after consent is granted.

A PETITION MIGHT BE IN ORDER. If the proposal is likely to affect several properties adversely then you can put together a petition. If twenty signatures are obtained from those 18 years of age or older who live in the borough then the lead petitioner can appear before the Planning Committee and present their objections personally. There is also a benefit in obtaining as many signatures as you can as that adds weight to the objection.

If you need assistance in preparing a petition, please contact me by email.

planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Trevor Sherling

Conservation

The Cabinet at the London Borough of Hillingdon has considered the 'Conservation Area Appraisal Statement for Northwood Town Centre & Green Lane Conservation Area and the Local List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Importance' as mentioned in our Summer newsletter.

I am pleased to advise they approved the appraisal and gave the following reasons:

'Cabinet noted that the Northwood Town Centre, Green Lane Conservation Area had come under increasing pressure from new development which had the potential to cause harm to its character and appearance. Following a six-week public consultation on an updated draft Conservation Appraisal and Local List for the area, Cabinet approved the documents for formal adoption following due consideration of the responses received and the subsequent amendments recommended by officers.'

Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Trevor Sherling



News from The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (THH) operates on the sites at Hillingdon and Mount Vernon. Hillingdon is the main site which is in such a poor state of repair that the NHS has finally accepted that a new build is required. The Trust has recently received £16.5 million to fund basic repairs to enable the hospital to continue to function safely and another £5 million to finance the strategic planning of the new build. This is an extremely complex, and political, process and involves many organisations and, of course, patients. A decision needs to be taken as to where to locate the new hospital – on the present site, at Brunel University or elsewhere. Normally such an exercise takes at least two years but the need is so urgent that it is hoped that a report will be produced more quickly.

THE MOUNT VERNON site is owned by THH and has many tenants. THH runs the Treatment Centre, Orthopaedic Surgery, Trinity Ward, Outpatients, Endoscopy, X-Ray, Minor Injuries, Phlebotomy, Daniels and Edmunds Wards. Tenants include the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, run by East and North Herts Trust, Bishops Wood Hospital, Paul Strickland Scanner Centre, Michael Sobell Charity, RAFT. THH has no responsibility for these organisations other than that of landlord. In no way is THH connected with the current consultation about the future of the Cancer Centre. Like Hillingdon, Mount Vernon has been starved of cash for many years and some of its buildings are now in very poor condition.

The site will be included in the strategic plan.

THH is currently planning to move more work from Hillingdon to Mount Vernon to relieve pressure from the Hillingdon site so there is no likelihood of the site being closed in the foreseeable future.

Tony Ellis
Lead Governor

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Need a blood test?

Mount Vernon Hospital's
Phlebotomy dept. is open:
Monday to Friday, 7am - 4.45pm
Telephone: 01923 844732

The department's doors normally close at 4.30pm. No blood tests after 5pm.

A DEFIBRILLATOR has been installed at Holy Trinity Church, Gateway Close, Northwood. It has been installed on an outside wall between the Church and the Parish Hall and is available for use by members of the general public.

**Minor Injuries Unit,
Mount Vernon Hospital**
Open: 9am - 8pm daily
Telephone: 01923 844201

Michael Sobell Hospice Charity



GOOD NEWS! "We are pleased to confirm that construction work has now begun that will enable in-patient hospice care services to come back to the Michael Sobell House. Funding for this development will be provided by Michael Sobell Hospice Charity. The works are anticipated to be completed around the end of November

2019. We look forward to opening the refurbished suites in December 2019 – all things going to plan!

We would especially like to recognise the volunteer network, supporters, and our community who have worked tirelessly since the beginning of the service changes in June 2018 to promote and support with charitable funding the future of the Michael Sobell hospice service. Patients, friends and family, and the staff involved in the services have shown great patience during this time. Their on-going support has been critical to ensuring the future of Michael Sobell Hospice and we would like to thank them for it."

Dr Ian Goodman Chairman, Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group.



Poster on the hospice building

The hard work of fundraising for the future is just beginning!

- ◆ **Back in Business Quiz Night,**
Friday 1st November @ 7.30pm
- ◆ **Light up a Life,**
Sunday 8th December, Ceremonies 4pm & 6.30pm
- ◆ Waitrose at Ruislip and Tesco at Pinner Green have kindly given us the following dates to **Tin Collect** at their stores. Can you help please?
Waitrose, Ruislip: 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th November
Tesco, Pinner Green: 9th December
If you have a spare couple of hours to help, please email: ochambers-henry@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

For more details on MSH and our fundraising events visit www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

or call the Fundraising Office on **0203 826 2367**

Email: mshevents@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

Facebook: /michaelsobellhospice

Twitter: @MSobellHospice

Michael Sobell Hospice,

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Flooding Manhole in the Gravel Pits

With the recent heavy cloudbursts, Northwood's sewer system has been struggling. Thames Water has not up-graded our main sewers to keep up with the increasing number of new homes in the area. As climate change increases and heavy downpours become more frequent, we have seen regular occurrences of man-holes gushing sewage over low lying areas of Northwood such as Hills Lane, Northwood Golf Course and The Gravel Pits off Copse Wood Way.

This gushing man-hole (pictured) in the Gravel Pits had been flooding for three days before anyone reported it. **If you do see a leaking sewer, please call Thames Water on 0800 3169800.**

Thank you.

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Miles Gillman



Community Barbecue in Ravenswood Park



Who says community spirit is ailing? The residents of Ravenswood Park had another successful summer barbecue. The party was organised and generously hosted on the common by our neighbours, Peter and Andrea. Everyone was invited and brought goodies to the table. Great fun was had by all!

Hoda Lacey
Area Road Steward



Northwood & Pinner Community Hospital remains dear to Nick's heart.

A Message from Nick Hurd MP

This may be my last column as your MP, as I will not be standing again at the next General Election - whenever that is!

I have genuinely been very proud to serve Northwood and I am grateful to all those residents who have given support, encouragement, and challenges over the last 14 years. Together we have seen off some very real threats to the quality of life in Northwood. I am thinking especially of the original plan to move the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, the first TfL plans for redeveloping the town centre and the effective abandonment by the NHS of the Cottage Hospital.

The threats are still real and some come around again. The latest TfL proposal is not right for Northwood, not least in the proposal to lose the station car park. I am concerned by a recent very negative review of Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and I want to be sure that the NHS response keeps services on that site, under NHS management which is

committed to it. I also want to be sure that the proposed redevelopment of the Cottage Hospital and Health Centre is done the right way. I want Hillingdon and Northwood to get our fair share of the nearly 1,600 new police officers being recruited in London this year and next. So, plenty still to do and I assure you that I will continue to work closely with you until such time as the election bell tolls.

To contact Northwood MP, Nick Hurd:

Email: nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Nick Hurd MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

Tel: 020 7219 1053 or 01923 822876

You can follow his work on the website: www.nickhurd.com and on Twitter: @nickhurduk



PAUL STRICKLAND SCANNER CENTRE

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital is an independent medical charity which provides CT, MRI and PET scanning to mainly local people. Staff at the centre use the scanners to help diagnose and monitor cancer and other serious conditions, and undertake medical research to help improve treatment and care for future patients.

Join us for a **QUIZ NIGHT** and support local people in the community who are facing one of the biggest challenges of their lives.

Date: Friday 15th November

Time: 7pm

Venue: Sandy Lodge Golf Club

Entry: £17.50 per person (8 people per team if possible) including supper

Cash bar, over 18s only

Book your place today by visiting www.scannercentre.eventbrite.com or calling 01923 886315 during office hours

From the Treasurer

The financial year end corresponds to the calendar year end so there are barely two months to collect all remaining subs for this year if they are to be included in the accounts for this year. Many organisations require payment prior to the start of that year, here we are not too concerned over timing as long as the subs are received, ideally in the year for which they apply. Thanks to all members who have already paid, especially the majority of you who contribute more than our very low £2 minimum. The important thing is to maintain the highest membership possible so we have the most clout based on such numbers.

Our subs receipts, year to date, for this year and the previous four, are as below:

Sep ytd	2019 £	2018 £	2017 £	2016 £	2015 £
Subs	4094	4518	5664.15	3427	3992

These numbers may appear quite volatile but that can be due to the timing of collections by the road stewards. Each will have a preferred way of collecting so the year's total is the really important number. Don't forget subs can also be handed in at Sharmans and Carters, just write a cheque payable to Northwood Residents' Association and place it in the payments envelope with your name, address and email. The latter is optional, but it will enable us to push urgent

information to you. If the email address is provided that is taken as permission to use it for NRA purposes only. We never share or divulge our email lists or indeed any details. In line with regulations you can always request to cease receiving emails.

One thing we can all do is to ensure the NRA is known to all. Please check that your neighbours are members and encourage them to join if they are not. 8% of roads or blocks of flats have 100% membership rates, but we also have a number of roads with no members, probably due to the lack of road stewards. There is an issue with blocks of flats since it can be difficult to access them so some have no members, some of course have 100% as their management committees pay in bulk. We have over 50% membership rates in over 35% of roads/blocks, it would be good to increase these rates so please do publicise our organisation. We provide these full colour newsletters three times a year, maintain our website and have a notice board in the High Street, one outside Waitrose and another inside Waitrose. Our committee members undertake a variety of tasks in support of residents and of course we always like to hear your opinions and views. Your Road Steward is a valuable conduit for information flows, so please do get acquainted to enhance communication.

treasurer@northwoodresidents.co.uk

David Blowers

Environment - Paving over Front Gardens

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

From 1st October 2008 the permitted development rights that allow householders to pave their front gardens with hardstanding without planning permission changed. This was done to reduce the impact of this type of development on flooding and on pollution of watercourses.

Planning permission is NOT needed if a new or replacement driveway of any size uses permeable or porous surfacing such as gravel, permeable concrete, block paving or porous asphalt. Similarly, no permission is needed if rainwater is directed to a lawn or permeable area border and allowed to drain naturally.

However, planning permission IS required for laying traditional, impermeable driveways that do not provide for the water to run to a permeable area, if the surface to be covered is more than five square metres in size.

Applying for planning permission will require you to fill in an application form, draw plans to scale and pay a regulation fee of £150. Typically, planning applications for this type of householder development should normally be decided within eight weeks after their submission.

(The source of the above information is the Environment Agency and www.communities.gov.uk).

WHY DOES ALL OF THIS MATTER?

Hillingdon Council has a most useful leaflet on its website in which it explains:

“Where hard paving allows water to run straight off the driveway and on to the road, or you pipe it straight into the sewers, this water enters the drainage system which wasn't designed to cope with the extra water. Water also takes with it pollutants and silt from drives into the roads and sewers and then our rivers. The result is that flooding and pollution has become a more common



Room for a car AND some wildlife habitat

problem. The hard impermeable surfaces soak up heat during the day and then release it into the surrounding environment at night. This contributes to the overall warming of the environment. The paving over of front gardens is also detrimental to local wildlife and biodiversity. Insects and other small organisms lose their natural habitats, so there's less food for mammals and birds.”

To view the whole leaflet, visit the LBH website and type 'paving front garden guidance' in the search box.

environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Andrew Egan

For all information about local environmental issues, visit the council website, www.hillingdon.gov.uk and follow the links or use the Search box
Email: contactcentre1@hillingdon.gov.uk
Tel: 01895 556000



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY VETERANS' LUNCH

The Northwood Councillors are delighted to invite British & Commonwealth Veteran Servicemen and Servicewomen living in the London Borough of Hillingdon to lunch at Lomito, 41 Green Lane, Northwood HA6 3AE following the Northwood Remembrance Sunday Parade on 10th November 2019

There is no charge for this event, but places are strictly limited to 30 veterans

To reserve a veteran's place please call:
Cllr Richard Lewis on 0776 461 2843
or email him at RLewis@Hillingdon.gov.uk

*Northwood Remembrance Sunday Parade starts at 10.30am
Drinks at Lomito 11.45am
Followed by lunch from 12.00pm – 2pm*



Northwood's Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday 10th November from 10.30am. The service itself will start at 10.50am with the two minute silence at 11am.

Please refer to the NRA website and notice boards for any updates to the arrangements.

All views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual contributors.

Councillors' Column - we hear from Cllr Richard Lewis

Dear Northwood Residents

I thought I would give you an update on the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge.

Hillingdon took it over from the Ministry of Defence in 2016; since then we have invested £6 million in building an exhibition and visitor centre which opened in March 2018. And what a first year it's been! The council-owned attraction was visited by more than 35,000 visitors and achieved an impressive five-star rating on TripAdvisor.

The bunker is 76 steps below ground and the new museum creates a true learning experience, featuring two full-size replica aircraft, original artefacts, wartime footage and oral histories.

Battle of Britain Bunker: Wren Avenue, Uxbridge, UB10 0BE.
For lots more information, visit <http://battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/> or telephone: **01895 238154**
Note, admission is FREE with your HillingdonFirst card.

The bunker was the centre of No. 11 Fighter Group operations during the Battle of Britain which ran from July to October 1940, and it was from this site that aircraft were scrambled and controlled in the fight to defend London and the south east of England from Luftwaffe air attacks. It was here that Winston Churchill is said to have first uttered the legendary phrase "Never in the history of mankind has so much been owed by so many to so few."

During the late August Bank Holiday there was a chance to meet a Spitfire pilot and ARP Warden, as well as sample 1940s swing music, and experience what it would have been like to be an evacuee.



Over 97% of reviews on TripAdvisor were either excellent or very good, and the exhibition and visitor centre has also won the Best Public Service Building accolade at the Local Authority Building Control Awards for the London region.

The Battle of Britain Bunker is an important part of Hillingdon's and the UK's heritage and it has become a great interactive experience for residents and visitors alike.

On a completely different note, I am delighted to let you know that your council will once again be funding the Christmas lights in Northwood as part of the Town Centre Improvements Plan at a cost of just under £10,000.

In closing, please do keep in touch and let me know either via the NRA or directly by emailing me if I can help you in any way.

Best wishes,
Richard

Cllr Richard Lewis, Northwood Ward Councillor
Cabinet Member for Central Services, Culture & Heritage

Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:
Richard Lewis, Carol Melvin and Scott Seaman-Digby.

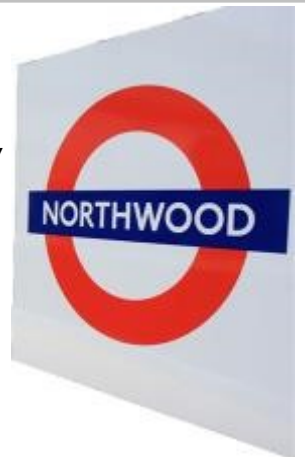
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Metropolitan Line

Regular met line users will have been tearing their hair out as the 'back from summer holidays' period began in the first week of September. A seemingly innocuous letter sent on 28th August informed us that "fewer trains will run while the new signalling system is introduced." Aside from the fact they decided to start this following the school holidays, a bit more notice and discussions with FOMLUC would surely have been helpful. However, perhaps four days of pain would be worth it for long term gain? Alas the promised four days of "fewer" trains turned into more than 14 days of utter chaos and meltdown.

Disastrous communications meant that TfL was forced to admit (once commuters found out) that the real problem was that not enough drivers were trained to use the new system and there were not enough instructors to train them. Numerous trains were cancelled with little or no warning. The situation was so bad a complaint made it to the Mayor at City Hall but he dismissed it without any thought. An email found its way to us on 16th September thanking us for our patience and stating it was all over. Two hours later there were severe delays due to.... signalling problems! It would make you laugh if we weren't crying with frustration. Be aware there is more of this to come as they continue to implement the signalling system along the whole line.

Meanwhile, a couple of stats you might find interesting. Lost customer hours – 17,600 due to a train-stop covered with a rubble bag at Harrow-on-the-Hill one day in February! 'Operators (drivers) not available' was the highest common cause factor for the line operation's lost customer hours earlier in the year at 26%; a clear indication that the Met Line can and must do better. Current performance is unacceptable given the fares we pay and lack of transparency only makes matters worse. With the autumnal leaves and cold days approaching, I guess we can only hope that they up their performance from the recent shenanigans or surely something has to give from the very top.



met@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Gerry Pimm

Gerry represents the NRA on FOMLUC, the Federation of Metropolitan Line User Committees. He is always pleased to receive your Met Line tales, whether woeful or complimentary!

Dear Residents, I hope you all enjoyed the hot weather during the summer months. Now that Autumn is upon us and the nights are drawing in it's really important to follow some simple crime prevention steps to help deter burglary. We tend to see a rise in this type of crime during the longer nights. Improving your lighting both inside and outside your home is a good deterrent. I would advise:



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

From Sergeant James Last

- ◆ Have good lighting at doors as it makes it safer for you when coming and going after dark.
- ◆ A clear, low white light that activates at dusk to dawn is ideal for lighting a yard and garden, allowing any person to be clearly seen.
- ◆ Check to make sure that trees and plants do not obscure your lighting. It's recommended that you regularly cut vegetation back.
- ◆ Take care to position these lights so that light pollution doesn't annoy your neighbours.
- ◆ Use an automatic plugin time switch to operate a lamp or light at pre-set times when you're away.
- ◆ Energy saving LED bulbs are best as they do not use as much electricity, last longer than conventional bulbs and do not generate heat, reducing fire risk.
- ◆ In blocks of flats, automatic low energy lights that detect movement are recommended for corridors, stairwells and communal areas such as car parks and cycle stores.

There is more helpful advice on the Met Police website on the most common types of crime :

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

We communicate with our residents using OWL (Online Watch Link) to keep you up to date with key dates for police contact points and other events. We also send our monthly newsletter using OWL and share with you any crime patterns or scams that we have been made aware of. If you haven't already done so then please register yourself at www.owl.co.uk

Regards, Sgt Jim Last

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on

Telephone: 020 8721 2545 or 020 8246 1823

Email: Northwood.snt@met.police.uk

Twitter: [@MPSNorthwood](https://twitter.com/MPSNorthwood)

Website: www.met.police.uk/your-area/

Address: Ruislip Police Station, The Oaks, HA4 7LF

Sergeant: james.last@met.police.uk

What's happening at Northwood Library?

THE YEAR WAR CAME - On Tuesday November 12th we are delighted to be hosting a talk by Paul Davidson of Hillingdon Local Studies, Archives and Museum Service about how the people of Hillingdon experienced the countdown to the Second World War in 1939. The talk takes place at 10.30am and is free. To book a place please contact the library.



Lego - Building Libraries of the Future

Our programme of **CHRISTMAS EVENTS** includes two events for adults. On Tuesday 3rd December at 1.30pm we will be running a play-reading session, where participants will have the opportunity to read a part in a festive play. It will be a relaxed, informal session and you do not need any acting experience. Alternatively, you are welcome to come along and listen to the other play readers. Our second event is our Crafty Christmas Workshop which takes place on Tuesday 10th December where participants will have the opportunity to create festive decorations. Both events are free - to book a place please contact the library.

We also run a programme of regular events and activities for children and adults:

- ◆ Do you enjoy reading or listening to poetry? Why not come along to our Poetry Group on the third Thursday of each month at 2pm.
- ◆ Our play reading group meets once a month. If you enjoy theatre and drama why not come along and read a part or listen. Contact the library for details of the next meeting.
- ◆ Our support group for people under 65 living with Young Onset Dementia takes place every Thursday 10 - 11.30am. This is a relaxed social group for people with young onset dementia and their carers.
- ◆ Storytime for the under 5s takes place every Wednesday and Friday at 10am during term time. Stories, singing and the opportunity to socialise with other parents.
- ◆ Code club for children aged 8-11 takes place every Tuesday. Booking is essential as places are limited.
- ◆ Chess Club for children takes place on Saturdays at 10.30am - suitable for beginners and children who have some experience of playing chess.

Northwood Library, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AB
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Email: northwood-library@hillingdon.gov.uk

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Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-6pm,

Tuesday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.

Janet Clements

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Hopefully in with this newsletter you will find a specific leaflet regarding OWL. This is a much-advertised Online Watch Link system being used by our local police and Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch to keep in touch with you. It is part of the Met Police communication systems in the West Area. We very much hope that more residents sign up so that we can pass important and local information direct to your computer and/or mobile phone. You can set up neighbours and friends too.

If you have a domestic CCTV system or video doorbell then you can advise the police that you are happy for them to contact you in the event of a crime near you to view your footage - email the central inbox at hillingdoncctv@gmail.com with your details. Only police officers and senior coordinators on OWL will be able to see the fact that you are willing to allow the police to contact you in relation to potential CCTV evidence.

ALL CHANGE AGAIN. Whilst frequent change is not always ideal, we have a very good experienced team resulting from recent changes. PC Max Christmas (ex Northwood Hills SNT) has replaced PC Ashworth and has been with us now for a few months. PC Hugh Childs, also an experienced officer will be replacing PC Ed Thevapreman as the second Dedicated Ward Officer in October. We wish Ed well in his police career. PS Jim Last continues to lead the team and John Usher remains a stalwart as PCSO.

WARD PANEL. At our recent Northwood police ward panel meeting we agreed the three priorities for our local team. They are:

- High visibility day and evening patrols
- Police intelligence-led patrols (drugs)
- OWL recruitment

Our local police ward panel has increased steadily in numbers this year and we now have a good range of residents' opinions and experience to call upon. Two youth representatives, both

Northwood College sixth-form students, have recently enhanced this. If you want to get involved or make comments about local police matters feel free to complete the virtual ward panel survey via OWL or connect with the SNT team or me.

The NRA continues to support the police with their contact sessions and a recent joint venture in Green Lane was well attended. Thanks to all of you who stopped by.

BE EVER OBSERVANT. Whilst we do not want you to put yourselves in danger, local information can be very useful to the police. If you do see an incident or spot something unusual then please pass on your information. You never know whether it will be useful. For example, we often hear that burglaries are now carried out in the daytime when the burglar can see someone leave their house or drive by waiting for home occupants to leave. So there may be a parked car or a car driving around that is not familiar. Try to obtain details without creating a dangerous situation.

ONLINE SCAMS continue and are still robbing people of their hard-earned money. It is important to always consider your personal and online security. Don't always trust what people are telling you. Be wary of giving out any personal or bank details unless you are extremely sure of the person to whom you are speaking. The 4th edition offering police advice about scams can be found on the police website; go to <https://www.met.police.uk/> and enter 'little book of big scams' in the search box.

Whilst we still live in a low crime area your vigilance and effort will help to keep it that way.

Chairman, Northwood Police Ward Panel
nwdpolicepanel@gmail.com

and NRA Police Liaison
police@northwoodresidents.co.uk
H: 01923 450497 M: 07831 116570

Philip Green

NRA Pops-Up!

On Saturday 7th September we held our very first Pop-Up Pimm's Event next to the war memorial. The police also had their Crime Prevention stall there. This was our second attempt as the first one had to be cancelled due to torrential rain. However, we were determined not to be beaten!



On the day, we welcomed a good number of the general public and even signed up some new members. The NRA committee members really got stuck in, introducing themselves to passers-by, handing out complimentary Pimm's and refreshments; it was such an enjoyable day. Many people asked us when we'd be popping-up again!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
Thursday 19th December
Carols@Costa, 6pm to 7.30pm

NRA will once again be serving mulled wine and mince pies under a gazebo outside Costa Coffee while Holy Trinity Church members lead the carol-singing. It would be lovely to see you there!

Emma Brown
Community Liaison

Members, this is your newsletter!

I am always eager to receive comments, articles and suggestions for topics that you would like us to cover. Do get in touch.

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Ros Plume

Local Scout Selected for World Jamboree



Nikhil's Jamboree Unit

From the 20th July to 9th August, I attended the 24th World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. There were over 40,000 Scouts aged 14-17 attending from 152 countries. For the next twelve days, we were camping in this massive nature reserve, doing all sorts of physical activities such as water sports, aerial sports, shooting and even mountain biking. The jamboree was hosted jointly by the Scout Associations of the USA, Canada and Mexico.

I had heard about international jamborees from Scout Leaders at 6th Northwood Group, and from family who had gone to a previous one and it sounded like it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I was eligible to attend as I was in the right age range, so with encouragement and backing from my Scout Leaders at Poindextor Explorers, where I am currently, I applied.

After a selection day and interview, I learned that **I had been selected to be a member of one of the 100 UK units each made up of 36 young people.**

There was a large outdoor stadium, hosting the opening and closing ceremonies as well as a cultural unity show. Culture tents and food houses from various countries were also present, and we visited a few of those. One of the days was a cultural celebration day, where we went around to campsites from other countries and tried their food and drink, like Japanese tea, or different traditions and games such as Finland's wife carrying. We also learnt about lots of important matters for our generation, such as technology and life in the 21st century, first aid, peace, and global warming. At the closing ceremony, Ban Ki-Moon encouraged us to share all that we had learnt.

After the jamboree itself, we headed to Washington for two days, with watching a baseball game and visiting an American theme park being the highlights, as well as a quick city tour.

On the final leg of the journey we headed to Newfoundland in Canada for the 'hosted hospitality' part of the trip, where we found out what typical life as a Canadian Scout was like, such as at a campfire. The local Scout group from Mount Pearl hosted us at a high school, their base for meetings. We spent a day at sea, on a speed boat as well as sea kayaks, and another day at an annual rowing race at a big lake. It was a public holiday, so thousands of people were there, and I even got to meet the Prime Minister himself, Justin Trudeau!

In total, participants from the UK paid £3,900 per person. This was higher than some countries, because a small fee was collected to fund Scouts from developing countries. I did a lot of Fundraising with events such as a quiz night and cake sales and received contributions from my group and Scout District. For what I paid, it was definitely worth it as I don't think I will ever have another opportunity like this one again.

Nikhil Varodaria
Explorer Scout

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6th Northwood Scouts

We are one of two Scout Groups meeting in the Northwood area serving the local community. We meet at Oaklands Gate in the Methodist Church and have a small area of land behind the Church that we use for many outdoor activities – fire-lighting, cooking, small pioneering projects and even have a small vegetable garden so by the time you read this we might well have been able to cook and eat the harvest as well!

We are currently using a grant from the Northwood Residents' Association to develop and improve our land to improve security and enlarge the hard standing that we use for our minibus and to renovate the storage area ready for another year of activities. Thank you!

We are always on the lookout for more helpers either in uniform or supporting the activities of the Group. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch by emailing: gsl@6nscouts.org.uk

1st Northwood Scouting Centre is OPEN!

On Thursday 19th September, the new 1st Northwood Scouting Centre in Northwood Way, Northwood Hills was officially opened by past mayors Carol Melvin and John Morgan. It was a wonderful warm and sunny evening and the event ran very smoothly. The ceremony was the culmination of three years work from the initial planning and fundraising through to demolition of the old hut and construction and fitting out of the new centre. In his speech John Morgan said "This project run by 1st Northwood Scouts has been a triumph for volunteering in the community and I congratulate you all."

The event started with a prosecco reception in the grounds of the Centre, followed by cutting the ribbon across the front doors. All the guests then entered the building for a speech from Councillor John Morgan, and responses by 1st Northwood members. The event continued with a hog roast, and a bar was available throughout the evening.

Over 100 people attended. The purpose of the event was to thank the major donors (including Northwood Residents' Association) and contractors for making the project happen. Other attendees included Scouting representatives from District and County levels, local Police, other local Councillors and many others who had supported the Group in different ways.

The Group wishes to thank all members of the local community who have contributed to the success of the project.



Cllrs Morgan & Melvin, a great double act!

If you would like to learn more about 1st Northwood Scouts, please visit our website at:

<https://www.1stnorthwoodscouts.org.uk/>

*Richard Plume
Scouting Centre Project Director*



Volunteering at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

Volunteers support Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in countless ways – from meeting and greeting to gardening, and from administration to complementary therapy. But all of our volunteer roles have one thing in common – they make a difference to the patients and visitors we serve.

Our volunteer roles are designed to be mutually beneficial so whether you want to meet new people, improve your confidence, enhance your CV, give back to your local community or fill some spare hours we may have a role that would suit you.

You may not be aware that we have some amazing green spaces at Mount Vernon. We are currently in year one of a two-year project in conjunction with the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare and Heathrow Communities Fund to develop our outdoor spaces to benefit the health and wellbeing of all those who visit the hospital – patients, staff, families and visitors. We are looking for more volunteer gardeners to join us at this exciting time. No experience is necessary, just a reasonable level of fitness, a positive attitude and time to commit to us for at least 3 hours a week for at least 6 months.

We are also keen to hear from experienced practitioners of aromatherapy, reflexology or massage. If you are interested in complementary therapy or gardening or any other volunteer role please do get in touch with us:

email: volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net or call us on 0203 826 2515.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Northwood Methodist Church

We are an outward-looking, warm-hearted, Jesus-centred church and everyone is very welcome to come to our 10.30am service every Sunday morning.

Christmas is coming!

Our Christmas Messy church is on Saturday December 7th at 5pm for children aged two upwards, with an adult, to enjoy crafts and a short service followed by a meal.

December 8th, at 9.15am, "Breakfast Praise", singing and readings followed by a continental breakfast. At 10.30am, a Nativity all-age service suitable for everybody from the very young (crèche provided) to the very old.

Sunday December 22nd at 4pm, Candlelight Carol service
Christmas Eve at 4pm, Christingle service, again suitable for children and adults alike. At 11pm there will be Christmas Eve carols and a communion service to welcome Christmas Day.

Christmas morning, 10am there will be a family service when everyone is invited to bring a gift they have received.

During term time "Little Acorns" toddler group meets on Monday mornings, 9.30am to 11.30am. It is a relaxed and welcoming toddler and baby group for mums, dads and carers with their pre-school children.

For adults we run several small, friendly "Discovery Groups" in people's homes. For details please contact our minister.

Our Oasis coffee lounge is open from 10am to 12noon, Wednesdays to Saturdays. You'll find a warm welcome and free Wi-fi as well as hot drinks and homemade cake at prices that won't break the bank!

Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA
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www.northwoodmethodistchurch.org

Minister: Rev. Andrew Pottage

Tel: 01923 821034

andrew.pottage@methodist.org.uk

We have reached the dizzy heights of 810 Members but there is still room for more. Can you think of a better way to spend the 1st Wednesday of the month than listening to various speakers and then chatting to friends while partaking of free coffee and biscuits?

Our Speaker in August, Brian Greenan, told us all about Frank Sinatra and his links to the Mafia. Unfortunately, he had to go after an hour otherwise I think that most of us would still be sitting there hanging on to his every word.

There have been so many trips this year; the Walking Group's trip to Bavaria, the weekend break in Holland, Chislehurst Caves and Coal Drops Yard were without doubt some of the most talked about.

June Murray must again be congratulated for the very varied Theatre Outings. There are more trips booking for later this year including Russian Ice Stars, Cinderella and Mathew Bourne's The Red Shoes.

The list of Interest Groups grows ever longer: Holiday Memories and Tips, Country Dancing, 2nd Ukulele Group, Knitting, Sewing for Fun and Crochet are just a few.

This is Fred Butterworth's final year as our very able chairman; always good humoured, he will be missed. To all our committee members we give our heartfelt thanks for yet another year of sterling and often unnoticed work.

If you do not already belong give us a try. I don't think that you will regret your decision.

u3asites.org.uk/northwood

Maureen Crimmins



Northwood Area Women's Club

WE ARE NORTHWOOD AREA WOMEN'S CLUB (NAWC), a social club that brings women together. We are a local non-profit organisation for women who come from all

corners of the world. Women of all ages and nationalities are welcome even if you are only temporarily in the UK.

Our monthly **General Meetings**, held at St John's URC, Hallowell Road, include diverse and entertaining speakers and our **Interest Groups** give members the opportunity to develop new skills and interests all whilst making new friends. Everyone is welcome to participate whether a novice or with some experience of the activity. Depending on the interests of current members these activities may change but at present they include:

Guided walks & tours in London, Mah Jong, Ladies Who Lunch, Walkers & Strollers Groups, Book clubs, Knitting & Stitching, Cookery club, Language groups, Dancercise, Ladies' Night Out, Theatre trips.

Each year our members select a local charity and raise funds to assist their work. Our charity for 2019/20 is **FirmFoundation**, based in Harrow, which helps relieve the immediate suffering of the homeless and works with them to find practical, sustainable solutions to their needs.



Members enjoy a London walk

Join us today, the annual subscription for 2019/20 is £35 and the half-yearly fee from January 2020 onwards is only £20. You are welcome to attend your first meeting as our guest.

For more about NAWC visit:

<https://www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk/>

Email: info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk

Tel: 01923 822680

Rosemary Mastin
President, NAWC

Northwood Christmas Craft Market

VENUE: Methodist Church Hall, Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA

TIME: 10am-3pm **FREE ADMISSION**

DATE: Saturday 7th December



There is always a special buzz at our Christmas Craft Market where you can find great gift ideas. All crafts for sale are handmade by local craftspeople and you can be sure of high

quality and originality. Crafts include Christmas decorations, jewellery, knitting & crochet, embroidery, children's clothing, silk scarves, watercolours, fairy houses, mosaics, fabric bags & purses, home accessories, and more.

For children, as well as hands-on Christmas crafts to make, there will be a Christmas Treasure Hunt and the chance to visit **Santa in his Grotto**. He will entertain them with magic tricks and of course looks forward to receiving their letters and Christmas wish lists.

The Northwood Live at Home Scheme will be there selling Christmas puddings, homemade jams & jellies, and other festive fayre to raise funds for their charity. Don't forget that you can also call in to the church coffee shop and take a break for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes.

For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

Like us on Facebook; Follow us on Twitter @CraftNorthwood

Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone Susan on 07780 601842

Mount Vernon Hospital Comforts Fund

In June this year Jan Sutton our chairman retired. After many years as a volunteer and the last 13 years as chairman, she felt the need to stand down and seek new challenges. Jan has been absolutely outstanding and worked tirelessly for the Comforts Fund. She has promoted and developed it while acting as mentor to so many working within it. She has been an inspiration and will be sorely missed; a very hard act to follow.

Jan's successor is Professor Robert Elkeles. Robert has spent his career in the NHS as Consultant Physician to St Mary's Hospital Paddington (Imperial College NHS Healthcare) and Professor of Diabetic Medicine at Imperial College. He is currently trustee and Chairman of Clinical Governance at St Luke's Hospice in Harrow. He has lived in Moor Park for 38 years.

In addition, three new trustees have been appointed: Mrs Charis Burland, Professor John Laycock and Mrs Andrea Norman.

Plans are being made to improve signage to our shops to help increase footfall and increase public awareness of them. We have been told of plans by Hillingdon

Want to get involved?
Please leave your details on 01923 844629 or
email: lesley.almond1@nhs.net

NHS Trust to move some work from Hillingdon Hospital to the Mount Vernon site; we hope to be able to help fund some of the required refurbishments through the funds raised by our dedicated teams of volunteers.



Retiring chairman Jan Sutton & successor Robert Elkeles

Northwood Live at Home Scheme

NORTHWOOD LIVE AT HOME has had a busy summer. The ever-popular canal boat trip with fish and chip lunch was fully subscribed and this year's seaside outing to Southend was enjoyed by all. Thanks to a generous auction prize donation many members, along with children from Frithwood and Yeading Junior Schools, had fun travelling on the Ruislip Lido railway, followed by a picnic and ice-creams on the private railway lawn.



Members enjoying an outing at Ruislip Lido Railway

December activities include a Christmas Party with a popular Dean Martin tribute, closely followed by our Christmas Lunch, supported this year by the NRA, and the annual visit to the Royal Albert Hall's Christmas Show. The scheme supports older local residents who wish to remain living independently. It is run by a team of six staff and trained volunteers who help serve meals, accompany outings, befriend or drive those with mobility issues to activities. Membership is free but a small charge is made towards the cost of activities, all of which are subsidised.

Well done Assistant Manager Julie, who with other staff and volunteers completed her 25-mile sponsored walk to raise a useful sum for the scheme.

We now look forward to our autumn programme. In September members visited "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at the Wycombe Swan and enjoyed Indian Navratri celebrations as we reach out to our Asian community. On 17th November we are hosting a **Diwali Lunch with an Indian Buffet, Music and Dance**, which is open to all. The event takes place at St. John's URC from 1.30pm and costs just £12. To book please call the office, 07828 752520 or email shashi.desikan@mha.org.

NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Five people are waiting for a befriender and we are always short of drivers. For more information or to see our autumn programme, please contact the office.

To find out more about us and to get involved, please contact the office: Tel: **01923 842494**
Email: Northwood.LiveatHome@mha.org.uk
<https://www.mha.org.uk/live-home/live-home-near-me/northwood/>

Jo Wild, Volunteer

The Arts Society Moor Park - Forthcoming talks, open to all

Wednesday 20 November 2019

"Coventry Cathedral - Icon and Inspiration"

by Alexandra Epps

The extraordinary story of the rebuilding of the Cathedral as a symbol of peace and reconciliation and its inspiring commitment to the modern.

Wednesday 15 January 2020

"Picasso in Britain - Art, Politics and Outcry" by Kate Aspinall

Pablo Picasso had a tumultuous relationship with Britain over the course of his life, related to both his personal politics and the shock of his art.



Venue: Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip, HA4 7QL at 10:50am; complimentary coffee/tea available from 10:15am; Free car parking available. **Cost:** donation on the door of £8.00 each is invited

For enquiries and details of ticketed events at Moor Park Mansion and outside visits, please visit our website: moorparkdfas.com



News From Your Local Horticultural Society

EASTBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY held its annual show on 21st

September at Eastbury Farm School. There was something for everyone to delight in, whether an active green-fingered gardening veteran or a passive armchair admirer: single rose blooms freshly cut that morning, armfuls of glorious autumnal foliage and flowers, exquisite floral arrangements, tasty jams, delicious cake, fragrant herbs and a huge variety of fruit and veg.

Congratulations go to our top prize winner Kathy Tooley and to Jawaad Dhalla for his children's winning entry of a flourishing bean plant grown from seed.



A winning entry

Thanks go as ever to our marvellous judges: Christine Edwards, Carole Hamwijk and Aurie Anderson with thanks too to County Councillor Frances Button for awarding the prizes.

Our 2020 Show is on 4th July and we warmly welcome all to join us in this community celebration of the joys of local gardening. Our speaker season is well under way with the next talk being "Winter Care in the Garden" by Mark Eaton on Monday 11th November at 8.00pm (coffee at 7.45pm) at the usual venue, Eastbury Farm School in Bishops Avenue. Guests will be more than welcome and, who knows, you may even wish to join the Society!

We welcome new members; please contact Tim Ellison, email: ehs.members@gmail.com Tel: 01923 822162

Northwood Lions Club

It's been another busy year for Northwood Lions Club. We had stalls at three summer fêtes - Eastcote House Garden, Uxbridge Auto Show, and Pinner Village Show.

On **14th November** we're holding another of our popular Quiz Nights, kindly hosted by David Lloyd Club in Ducks Hill Road - last year's was very enjoyable, and we're hoping they'll become a regular Autumn fixture in our fundraising calendar. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased on the night or from: suejcar@btopenworld.com

Also in November we will be holding one of our twice yearly Presentation Evenings where we'll be donating £12,000 to local good causes, including: Hillingdon Hospital Paediatrics; Friends of Hillingdon Music; 6th Northwood Scouts; Radio Mt Vernon; Mayor's Charities; ORCHYD; Hillingdon Community Transport.

Like Lions Clubs all over the world, Northwood Lions exists to raise money (and have fun doing it), which we then donate to local good causes. Our main source of income is our Saturday Market at 195 Pinner Road, HA6 1DF (near the Iron

Olive Fairclough runs the Lions' Saturday Market, but her association with that building on Pinner Road goes way back. She says:

"I joined Northwood Red Cross in January 1961. We met on Thursday evenings in a school room in Potter Street School where we had lectures in First Aid and Nursing. Our equipment was kept in a locked cupboard in the corridor. We were joined at the hip to Ruislip Red Cross but our Chief, Hilda Dyson, was determined that Northwood should have a centre of its own and eventually, when we became part of The London Borough of Hillingdon, she was offered a derelict building at 195 Pinner Road. It took about three years before we could hold an official opening and this was on Thursday, February 25th 1965. I know this because I hold the scrap book which was begun on that day and which is a record of the history of the Northwood Red Cross."

Bridge) which is as much a regular social occasion as a weekly sale - do pay us a visit on any Saturday morning from 9.45am to 11.45am.



Lions and friends - one of the biannual presentation evenings

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News from St John's URC, Hallowell Road



At St John's we are growing 'Activities 4 You', a range of activities available to all. We try to keep costs to a minimum and where possible events are free. Whether you would like to develop an interest you already have or try something new you are very welcome.



Music

Join us every third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am to enjoy tea/coffee and chat followed by a **free** half hour concert at 11.30am.

- 19th November: Fumi Otsuki - Violin, Gina Kruger - Piano
Music by Vaughan Williams and Grieg (Violin Sonata)
17th December: St. John's Singers - Christmas music
21st January: David Banbury - Baritone, Geoffrey Whitworth - Piano

Everyone is welcome to drop-in on the following, no need to join:

- **Sew & Sew** – every Tuesday afternoon, 1pm-3pm
- **Squares R Us** – every Tuesday afternoon, 2.30pm-3.30pm
- **Laughter Yoga** – Tuesdays 12th November & 10th December, 2.40pm
- **Art 4 Fun** – first and third Wednesday of the month, 9.30am-11.00am
- **Reading Group** – Friday 8th November, 2.15pm to 3.30pm
- **Poetry Appreciation** – first Monday of the month, 2pm-3.30pm

For further information please contact the church office:

Telephone: 01923 829166
email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com
Website: www.urnorthwood.org



Emmanuel Church Christmas services

Sunday 15 December

6.00pm - Contemporary Carols Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Sunday 22 December

10.00am - Family Carols A carol service for all ages

6.00pm - Carols by Candlelight Followed by mulled wine & mince pies

Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

4.00pm - Nativity Service Family service – children are invited to come dressed up as their favourite nativity character

11.30pm - Midnight Communion A short contemplative service to welcome in Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)

10.00am - Christmas Celebration An all-age celebration - children are welcome to bring a favourite present. All are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper!

11.15am - Christmas Communion A short service of Holy Communion

Emmanuel Church, High Street,
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A warm invitation to Holy Trinity Northwood
this Advent and Christmas season!

Highlights include:

Saturday 23rd November **Messy Church for Christ the King 2** - 4pm in church hall

Sunday 1st December **Christingle** 10am in church

and in the evening **Choral Evensong** with HT choir 6pm in church

Sunday 15th December **Carols by Candlelight** 6pm in church

Thursday 19th December **Community Carols** (at Costa/War Memorial) 6 - 7.30pm supported by NRA

Sunday 22nd December **Blue Christmas** 6pm in church

(for those who find Christmas difficult)

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December **Children's Nativity** 4pm in church (contact us if you'd like to perform) and in the evening **Midnight Communion** at 11pm in church

Christmas Day Wed 25th December **Traditional Prayerbook Communion**, 8am

Contemporary All-age Communion, 10am (bring a present to show us!)

Holy Trinity Church

Gateway Close

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Northwood Live at Home Scheme

invites you to their fundraising Musical Evening.

Saturday 24th November, from 7.15pm

Holy Trinity Church hall.

Tickets £40 to include champagne reception, two

course meal and dancing to **Big Bill & the Write-Offs**. (60s Rock etc)

Contact: 01923 829939 - hurry, we sold out last year!



Want to know what's on in Northwood?

Just head to the NRA website:

www.northwoodresidents.co.uk

Teenager Takeover at the Tennis Club

History was made at Northwood Tennis Club's Finals Day when three titles were won by teenagers. This is the first time recently and perhaps ever that this has happened.

Hannah Ghosh and Lazar Andelkovic each played in three finals with Hannah beating Alita Davern in the ladies' singles in a tense three set match by 6-2, 3-6, 7-6. In the men's singles after a slow start Lazar comfortably beat John Ghosh by 7-6, 6-3.

In the ladies' doubles another teenager, Hermione Peart, partnered Hannah in an easy win over Angela Ghosh and Alita Davern 6-1, 6-4. In the men's doubles Lazar and his partner, Guiseppe Messina, looked to be on course for taking the first set when Guiseppe suffered a muscle injury. Fergal Davern and John Ghosh took the set 7-5 but that proved to be the end as Guiseppe had to retire.

The old guard fought back to win the mixed doubles final. Alita and Fergal Davern used their experience to beat Hannah and Lazar. The veterans' mixed doubles winners were Hope Ezomo and Roddy Ward who were not greatly troubled winning 6-2, 6-1 against Alison Cameron and Andy Smith.

The presentations were followed by a BBQ attended by around 55 members and friends.

The following day the junior section took over. The girls' U 18 singles was won by Hannah Ghosh and the runner-up was Hermione

Peart. The boys' U18 singles winner was Josh Dominguez who overcame Teddy Mangan in a close match. The Green Ball tournament was won by Serena McCarthy who beat Shreeyansh Saskas.

Our excellent lights and court surface enable us to play through the Winter months with a tournament and matches and also several social events.



Lazar in action



Hannah and Hermione

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Northwood Bowling Clubs

Northwood Bowling Club and Northwood Ladies Bowling Club

Northwood Bowling Clubs recently held their finals days, played in glorious sunshine. The large number of club members who entered was whittled down to the last two in each of eight competitions and a new star has been born. One member, who until he took up the game only last summer had never bowled before, walked away with no fewer than five of the eight trophies to be won. I wrote that to show, you don't have to be a seasoned expert to join us and to do well.



Finals days for the bowling clubs

Our outdoor bowls season runs from April, across the summer, this year until early October. Many of our members also belong to indoor bowls clubs, so the game is available all the year round and the same bowls can be used indoors and outdoors.

We will be having an Open Day again next year, the date yet to be decided. On the Open Day we supply the bowls, as we can do after you join and until you become more confident.

We are a very friendly club. We have roll ups, that means you just turn up and play with whoever else has come along, during the week in the afternoons. We are involved in various Harrow and District competitions and leagues and, of course, have our own competitions. We all take it sufficiently seriously that we want to win whatever match we are in, but we also all have the attitude that we are playing for enjoyment and if we don't win, it's not really the end of the world.

Even though the season will be over when you read this, please feel free to get in touch to ask questions and to be put on the mailing list for details of the 2020 Open Day.

Nigel Shock
President, Men's Club

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NORTHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

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