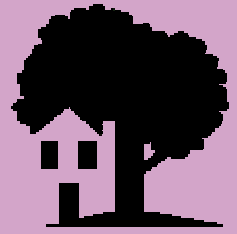


# Northwood Residents' Association



Newsletter 140

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## From the Chairman

**The Reindeer.** After being granted a Premises Licence in September 2007, the Reindeer public house has now been sold. The selling Estate Agent, whilst covering herself with the Data Protection Act, has informed me that the purchasers deal in luxury flat development.

It would appear that the clammers have once again become active. LBH dropped their prosecution of them - the land in front and behind the pub still remains PRIVATE property and should be respected as such.

**Ducks Hill Farm Appeal** was heard on 15th, 16th and 17th January. The appellant is hoping to build 12 properties on what is considered by LBH to be Green Belt land with a Grade II Listed building on the site. LBH opposed this with Counsel. The NRA also OPPOSED THIS DEVELOPMENT. I attended with two NRA representatives and spoke at the summary stage. The Inspector is due to inform his office of the outcome on Friday 1st February. As soon as we have news of the outcome we will post the result on the NRA web site: [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)

**Our AGM** this year will be on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at St John's Church Hall. Our MP Nick Hurd has accepted our invitation to speak and will address us on a matter dear to our hearts, the Support Mount Vernon Campaign. He stresses this campaign is strictly non-partisan.

Nick is also most concerned about the Brownfield/Greenfield planning issue and will talk about the Private Member's Bill to be introduced this month by a colleague of his, Caroline Spelman MP.

Finally, that £200K, **Grant for Improving Northwood** will receive a public airing at the AGM, in the format of a 20 minute illustrated presentation by Councillor Scott Seaman-Digby and one or two officers from the LBH Planning Department. I am certain you, the NRA members, will want to ask many questions.

I look forward to welcoming you all on that evening and take this opportunity of wishing you a Happy New Year.

Colin Harris

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## Membership

Residential membership remains strong and we welcome our new Road Stewards for Watford Road and Copse Wood. We are always in need of new Road Stewards and in particular, **Ducks Hill Road**, where this is a final plea for volunteers.

Our new category of Business Members is administered by Gareth Hunt who would be pleased to hear from any businesses wishing to join.

We are delighted to welcome David Wilson as our new Treasurer.

Sue Boulton,  
Chief Road Steward

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## Health Matters

### Mount Vernon Hospital Cancer Centre

The Community Voice petition for the retention of Cancer Services at Mount Vernon Hospital collected an amazing 77,500 signatures and in mid-December was presented to Ben Bradshaw, Minister of Health responsible for London. In September, Dr Ostler, Director of Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, assured a Community Voice meeting that cancer services would not be moved from the site. Good news, indeed! There is now an appeal under way to upgrade the chemotherapy unit.

The Appeal Coordinator is Brian Abbott.

More information is available on the website:

[www.cancertreatment.org.uk](http://www.cancertreatment.org.uk)

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, plans are afoot for **The Hillingdon Hospital/Mount Vernon Hospital NHS Trust** to apply for **Foundation Trust status**. This means that the hospital will have greater autonomy. In order to support the application, you are invited to become a Member of the Trust. What are the benefits of being a Member? You will receive regular newsletters about hospital services and be asked for your views on them. You will from time to time be invited to join a group telling doctors and managers what you like and don't like about the hospital's services. You can vote in elections for a Governor and even stand for election as a Governor. If you would like to become involved, call Freephone 0800 8766 953 or email [foundation@thh.nhs.uk](mailto:foundation@thh.nhs.uk)

**Hillingdon LINK** On 1 April 2008, LINKs will replace the Patient and Public Involvement Forums. The main roles of a LINK will be to:

- give everyone the chance to comment on their local health and social care services.
- give people the chance to check how those services are planned and run
- provide feedback on what people have said about services

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Fiona Gibbs at 3E/02 Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW or e-mail her at [fgibbs@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:fgibbs@hillingdon.gov.uk)

**Safety of patients in hospital.** There has been a good deal in the media about hospital-acquired infections. The Hillingdon Hospital has a leaflet entitled 'How to help us fight infection....' It reminds us that protecting patients from infection is the responsibility of everyone, including staff and visitors. We are advised to keep away if we have any infection and to cover any wounds or cuts. We are asked to wash our hands carefully and often, using the alcohol hand rub when entering or leaving a ward. Beds are for patients, so visitors are requested not to sit on them. We are informed that staff are expected to wash and cleanse their hands before every contact with patients and we are assured that they will not mind us asking if this has been done.

### Mental Health services

Although statistics show that one in four of us will have a mental health problem at some time in our life, mental health services have traditionally been the Cinderella of the health service. In Hillingdon, mental health services had a star rating of zero. Now taken over by the Central and North-West London Mental Health Trust, strong leadership and effective use of financial resources have led to an 'Excellent' rating for quality of service and 'Good' for use of resources in the recent Healthcare Commission Ratings. Already with Foundation status and not in financial deficit, Central and North-West London Mental Health Trust would nonetheless like to have more members.

To apply, contact: [claire.murdoch@nhs.net](mailto:claire.murdoch@nhs.net)

In our last Newsletter, we referred to the report '**Healthcare for London**'. The consultation document 'Healthcare for London: Consulting the Capital' is now available and you are invited to respond by 7 March 2008. You can obtain a copy of the document by phoning 0808 238 5430, by writing to FREEPOST, Consulting the Capital or via the website: [www.healthcareforlondon.nhs.uk](http://www.healthcareforlondon.nhs.uk)

*Valerie Mellor & Lesley Davis*



### New BT Phone Kiosks cum Advertising Boards

Surely no-one can have failed to notice these in Green Lane? BT is gradually replacing old kiosks with these new-style ones, using advertising revenue to offset losses caused by reduced use. Their advent has caused a huge amount of upset in Northwood for many reasons – their size and bulk, the strength of the illumination, the moving screens and their proximity to the war memorial, the "hub" of our town. One is bad enough, but two is completely unacceptable. We have protested to LBH in the strongest possible terms that planning permission

was granted without any consultation. In December we met with representatives from LBH, BT and J C Decaux advertising, who were left in no doubt as to our opinion of the kiosks. We are very much hoping that BT will agree to move one of the kiosks to a site that would be more acceptable to residents, but the cost of doing so would of course be an issue. Watch this space!

*Lisa Maclay*

## Northwood Town Centre Improvement Gets Go-Ahead

### £200,000 to be spent on Northwood

We were delighted to hear last October that the Council had agreed to spend £200,000 on 'investment in the street scene and infrastructure of the ward'.

This expenditure will be additional to the routine spending on care and maintenance of the town centre.

The NRA Executive Committee is concerned that this once-in-a-decade expenditure should be more than cosmetic and that it should be used to re-invigorate the town centre for business and leisure, making Northwood a destination and not just a drive-through.

### NRA Draft Plan

Members will remember that the Association published its draft plan for 'Improving Northwood' in April 2006 following consultation with over 30 local community organisations. We have been working with the Council and our local ward councillors to get the gist of our plan adopted by them. It is good that the Council's initial ideas mirror several suggested by the Association including a 20 mph zone through Green Lane and the High Street, improved street furniture and benches and development of a farmers' market. This indicates that they are listening to us.

The Association's draft plan is available on our website. Its themes are the maintenance and improvement of the physical and social environments and the co-existence of pedestrians and vehicles. We

know that special attention must be given to the needs of the young and the elderly.

### Consultation Process

Our local Councillors intend to start consultation very soon by writing to local community groups and inviting them, and possibly the general public, to an open day, which is most likely to be held at Oaklands Gate Library.

They will then follow-up with a full consultation process including an exhibition of ideas and proposals.

**Council officers and our ward Councillors will give a presentation at the Association's AGM on 18th March. (See Page 7).**

There will then be a public launch of the final plan following the input from the formal consultation.

The Councillors have said that they will establish a special committee 'to guide through final proposals'. This committee will include 2-3 local representatives including one from the NRA.

**We are very excited at the imminent prospect of significant town improvements. We will need to work hard and closely with the Council and other statutory bodies to make sure that the changes are profound, of long-term benefit and good value-for-money.**

Keith Baker

## Police

**The threat of closure of our Police Station** is hanging over us. The Metropolitan Police have published 'An Asset Management Plan for Hillingdon' which sets out proposals for "improving the Metropolitan Police Estate in Hillingdon over the next three years".

Copies are available at Northwood Police Station or online via [www.met.police.uk/hillingdon](http://www.met.police.uk/hillingdon); click on 'Our aims, plans and objectives'.

The consultation process ends on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and I am told our Borough Commander is aware of the concerns of residents and particularly of the need to have a Police presence in the centre of the community.

**Remember that consultation means your voice needs to be heard, so please be sure to make it heard.**



**Burglary Trend.** I am glad to report that what recently seemed to be an increase in burglary has now subsided but the need for vigilance at all times remains essential. It is

not just Sat Navs and mobile phones that tempt thieves, it is also your homes; security must be a priority at all times.

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to protect your car and never leave items on the back seat to invite opportunists.

**Speeding.** The Police continue to issue a large number of tickets to speeding drivers, particularly on Rickmansworth Road. We continue to seek ways of curbing this menace and of reducing serious danger to pedestrians and other drivers.

Ann Bailey

Northwood Police Station is open Mon - Fri 11am to 1pm

## Déjà Vu? An extract from the NRA Newsletter dated October 1978

*"We have continued to be deeply exercised by the reports of the transfer to administrative centres and the possible eventual closure of some police stations (including our own). In co-operation with our MP ..., we have been in constant touch with the Home Office and Scotland Yard. We have made the plea that Northwood is an area substantially populated by elderly and retired people, ..., that crime and vandalism is on the increase, and that the knowledge of a police presence on the streets adds to the feeling of security ...."*



## Street Champions

In October 2007, Hillingdon Council announced that it was to extend its Street Champions scheme to cover Northwood,

Ickenham and Harefield. All households in Northwood should have received a leaflet explaining the scheme, and inviting residents to become Street Champions. There was a well-attended Start-Up Meeting at Ickenham Village Hall in November and 121 Northwood residents signed up.

The purpose of the scheme is for residents to become "eyes and ears" for their community, and to report issues to the Council. These issues can include excess litter, fly tipping, overhanging trees, damaged pavements, graffiti, defective street lighting etc, etc.

Street Champions are not expected to patrol the streets looking for issues. You can do as little or as much as you like. It can be whilst you drive to the shops, walk the dog, take the children to school, or any other activity that takes you out and about in Northwood. Issues can be reported via the Hillingdon Council website, by e-mail, by text message, by telephone, or in person at the Civic Centre. Each Street Champion is given a Street Champion Number which enables them to track the progress of their report.

If you have not already signed up, but are interested in the scheme, you can get further information at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/streetchampions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/streetchampions), or by email to [streetchampions@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:streetchampions@hillingdon.gov.uk), or by telephoning David Frost of Hillingdon Council on 01895 556247.

*Barry Crowe*

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## Mount Vernon Comforts Fund

The New Year begins a year of change for our 73-year-old charity raising money through retailing on the Mount Vernon site. All our volunteers are committed to raising funds to supply those little extras needed by Mount Vernon but not achievable through NHS budgets.

Our corner shop is being refurbished during January and we hope to re-open early in February selling newspapers, magazines, confectionery and general items for patients and staff. Then we hope to move our bookshop into the newly-decorated shop and we welcome donations of good quality books for re-sale.

The Atrium Coffee Shop in the Princess Christian Building will continue to provide its popular service until Hillingdon NHS Trust takes the space to link the Princess Christian Building to the new Treatment Centre, probably in the late Spring. Also, our small Outpatients kiosk in the general clinics will close, but not until the end of the year.

The Look-In charity shop continues to sell good-value clothing and bric-à-brac; the coffee and refreshment service to cancer patients will continue in Radiotherapy as will the ward trolley service.

If we are to maintain our fund-raising targets (£60K - £70K for 2007/8) we need your continued support, so please do visit our outlets when you are at the hospital for any reason.

*Jan Sutton, Chairman*

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## Hillingdon Inter Faith Network

The Hillingdon Inter Faith Network (HIFN) was officially launched by the London Borough of Hillingdon in September 2006. The network is headed up by a truly inter-faith team of Honorary Officers supported by a Committee representing all the faith groups in the borough.

HIFN is planning a range of inter faith activities throughout the borough in 2008. Public awareness, involvement, commitment and indeed help are the vital ingredients necessary to achieve mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence in this multi-culture environment in which we live.

### **The 2008 plans include:**

1. An introductory faith course covering all of the faiths in Hillingdon. Volunteers are needed for a small working party which will arrange the details and deal with the organisation and marketing.
2. An induction training programme on faith issues.
3. Dialogue breakfasts for faith leaders based around a theme.
4. Plan for Peace Week, in September. A facilitator is required plus volunteers to produce a programme of events.

**For more information, please contact** Fiona Gibbs, Principal Officer, Connecting Communities & Community Cohesion. Deputy CEO's Office, LBH Tel: 01895 277035, Email: [FGibbs@Hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:FGibbs@Hillingdon.gov.uk) or NRA member Sidney Moss on 01923 841990



## Environment

### Speed Camera

Most residents will have noticed the new camera in the Rickmansworth Road, just inside the Hillingdon boundary with Hertfordshire. This has been financed by TfL. We feel that it is not in the most useful place, and that a position nearer Holy Trinity School would have been better. We have asked that the whole stretch of road from the county boundary to the Murray Road junction be reduced to 30 mph, but any reduction in speed is apparently not supported by the police. We are also trying to get speed reduction measures (such as speed-activated signs) at several sites in Northwood, particularly Ducks Hill Road.

### Heathrow Airport Expansion

The proposed expansion, to include a third runway, would see the number of flights increasing from about 480,000 to 700,000.



An article in a recent "Hillingdon People" gave details of how to support LBH's campaign against expansion. An organisation called the 2M Group gives details on its website as to how expansion could affect Northwood, as follows: "A third runway would mean more aircraft flying overhead on their approach when the airport is operating on easterlies. The loss of runway alternation on the two existing runways would lead to more aircraft overhead when the airport is operating on westerlies" [apparently the Government is reviewing the current system whereby the airport operates on "westerlies" for around 70% of the year. This is when aircraft come in from the east – descending over London – and land into the prevailing west wind.]

For more information visit [2mgroup.org.uk](http://2mgroup.org.uk), also LBH's website [www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk).

### Temporary Closure of Northgate

Flood alleviation work started in January and could take up to 12 weeks to complete, during which time Northgate will be closed to through traffic.

### Rubbish and Recycling

Duncan Jones, LBH's Waste Development Manager, has recently stated that Hillingdon has no plans to bring in a charging system for refuse collection. The borough has a good rate of recycling at present, and he does not believe that charging is the answer to increasing this further. This follows a statement from Ray Puddifoot, the Leader of the Council, that there are no plans to reduce weekly collections. We welcome the "carrot" approach rather than the "stick"

The garden waste collection was suspended between 10 December and 21 January. This was a much shorter suspension period than in recent years. Unfortunately many residents still expect that the collection carries on regardless, and many white sacks were left outside for weeks at a time. It is very easy to get up-to-date information by going on to the NRA website at [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)

### Finally, Reporting problems in Northwood

If you see anything that worries or annoys you, be it a pothole, graffiti, broken pavement, barriers left up after a repair is finished, etc. please don't assume that someone else will deal with it. We all have our part to play, not just the NRA committee.

It couldn't be easier to report it now that it can be done online – no more waiting on the phone, not knowing which department to ask for. Simply send a quick email to

[contactcentre1@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:contactcentre1@hillington.gov.uk) outlining the problem and its location. You can also go to [www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk) and click on the "Do it online" tab on the Home Page.

(Or volunteer to be a Street Champion, see P4 - Ed)

It always helps if LBH receives several complaints rather than just one.

Lisa Maclay



### Hot-Spot Warning

More and more motorists are ignoring the pedestrian crossing next to the junction of Eastbury Road and Green Lane. For pedestrians still on the kerb awaiting the opportunity to cross, this is irritating and a cause to be even more alert than usual before stepping on to the road. But increasingly it has been noted that drivers are accelerating across the stripes while people are actually in the road.

So, this little item is addressed to motorists and pedestrians. Motorists: beware – there might be police watching, or worse still, you might cause a serious accident; and remember, at some time or other you too must be a pedestrian. Everyone: take extra care when using this crossing, and be ready to leap out of harm's way or stop still to avoid it!

Lynn Phillips

(Note: the NRA Improving Northwood sub-committee is looking at zebra crossings as part of its discussion on Traffic Management)





## The Glen Conservation Area

The Glen was designated as a Conservation Area last July. It was planned and constructed in the late 1950's on a site previously occupied by three large houses, The Glen, The Spinney and The Firs. The layout of the Glen development consists of 52 flats incorporated in 13 two-storey blocks spaced around three court areas. Cars are housed in separate lock up garages. In 1996 the residents bought the freehold and established a private management company -The Glen Residents' Association Limited.

The GRA has an elected Chairman and Committee who decide applications from residents wishing to make internal or external alterations. It also deals with communal interests such as gardening, garage repairs, highway issues and insurance.

Many of the trees from the original three large gardens were retained and provide an attractive setting to this interesting, half century old, development.

Hillingdon is currently carrying out Conservation Area Appraisals for each of its Conservation Areas in accordance with the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and more recent Government guidance. This includes a consultation exercise on a Draft Management Plan.

For further details see [www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk) and follow the links via 'Environment and Planning'.

*Alan Klein  
NRA Planning officer*

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## Volunteers Needed

Local people have always shown their support for **Mount Vernon Hospital** and now staff at the **Cancer Centre** are asking local people to consider volunteering their time to help within the patient areas, wards and offices. Duties are of a non-nursing nature and include helping with meals and drinks, chatting to the patients and visitors, escorting patients, providing general help and administration as well as providing specialist skills such as gardening and offering shaves to the male patients. The time involved can vary from a few hours twice a week to a couple of hours once a month.

In addition, **Michael Sobell House**, the Hospice and Specialist Palliative Care Unit located within the Cancer Centre is looking for new volunteers to drive patients to and from the Day Therapy Unit. The time involved is usually one or two days per week, collecting patients from their homes and dropping them at the hospice at approximately 9.30am, then returning to pick them up at 3.30pm to take them home again. Travel may be local but volunteers willing to travel to Watford, Hayes and Uxbridge are desperately needed.

Please note that all volunteers working in patient areas require a disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. For further information, please contact Jo-Anne Edwards on 01923-844569.

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## Northwood Craft Market

A successful 2007 for the market saw many new artists and crafters join this creative endeavour, bringing many interesting and old crafts to light and enthusiastically sharing them with us.

We hope this market has added to the enjoyment for everyone in Northwood and the surrounding areas.

The Christmas Market was a festive occasion with the arrival of Santa Claus and Carol-singing by the Northwood Methodist Church Choir. Mince pies and mulled fruit cup, generously donated by Waitrose, were sold by the Northwood Live at Home Scheme(NLAH). Many thanks to the stores in Northwood who donated prizes for the raffle in aid of NLAH.

**Future market dates** are: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 1pm in Northwood Methodist Church hall. All are welcome. Admission is free.



## Northwood Art Society

If you're interested in art why not come and join our friendly group? You can paint at our workshops which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Manor Farm

Hall, 2 - 4pm or come to our meetings in the Oasis Lounge at Oaklands Gate Methodist Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7.30 – 9.30pm.

We have professional demonstrations, critiques and other projects.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Pastels demonstration; 13<sup>th</sup> March: Critique; 10<sup>th</sup> April: Watercolour demonstration.

Our Annual Exhibition will be held at the Cow Byre, Ruislip Manor Farm 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008

All enquiries- contact Marguerite Neale 01923 822938

# Northwood Residents' Association 42nd Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 18th March 2008  
Starting at 8.00 pm

**At St John's Church Hall, Hallowell Road, Northwood**

Our local MP, Nick Hurd, has agreed to come along to the AGM to update us on his campaign to save the Cancer Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital. He will also be talking about the Brownfield/ Greenfield planning issue.

We shall also have a presentation on the £200,000 Grant for Improving Northwood. This presentation will be made by Councillor Scott Seaman-Digby and planning officers from the London Borough of Hillingdon.

## AGENDA

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Nick Hurd MP
- 3) To receive the Chairman's Report for 2007
- 4) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2007
- 5) To set the rate of subscription for the year 2008  
(currently set at a minimum of £2 per household)
- 6) To elect the Officers, currently:  
Chairman Mr Colin HARRIS  
Vice-Chairman Mr Miles GILLMAN  
Treasurer Mr David WILSON  
Hon Auditor Mr Chris ROGERS FCA
- 7) To elect an Executive Committee:  
Members standing again are Mrs Ann Bailey, Dr Keith Baker, Mrs Sue Boulton, Mr Barry Crowe, Miss Lesley Davis, Mr Chris Duffy, Mr Alan Klein, Mrs Lisa Maclay, Mrs Valerie Mellor, Mr Jayesh Patel
- 8) To elect the President, currently Mr Tony Goom  
and Vice President, currently Mr Leonard Hall
- 9) Presentation on £200,000 Grant for Improving Northwood
- 10) Any Other Business.

**Please Note:** There are vacancies for membership of the executive committee.

NOMINATIONS in writing for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, with the written consent of the candidate, must reach the Chairman at least four days before the AGM.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS proposed and seconded by two members must be delivered to the Chairman at least ten days before the AGM.

All members are invited to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to other Northwood residents, our Member of Parliament and our Ward Councillors.

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### The Council of Christians & Jews (CCJ)

The Hillingdon Branch holds regular monthly events in local places of worship. Speakers from various religious persuasions speak on subjects of interest to many members of the multi-faith community in which we live.



All meetings start at 8.00pm and provide time for questions, socialising and light refreshments.

Entry £1.50 (CCJ members £1.00)

### Wednesday 20 February 2008

#### "Mixed Faith Marriage – working with a reality"

At Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood.

... ALL ARE WELCOME ... whatever their faith

For details of events & membership of CCJ Hillingdon Branch contact Hon. Secretary Tel: 01923 825872,

E-mail: [hon.secretary@ccj-hillingdon.org.uk](mailto:hon.secretary@ccj-hillingdon.org.uk)

### Ruislip/Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

Meetings at Northwood College, Maxwell Rd. 7pm for 7.30pm start.

**4th March:** 'Inspiration' with Jean Crane, national demonstrator.

**1st April:** AGM

**6th May:** 'This Magical Earth' - Pat Dibben, national demonstrator.

All are welcome. Non-members £5 admission. Annual sub £25

Contact: 01923-826266

### Northwood Choral Society (Formerly Trinity Music Society)

All voices welcome. Rehearsals Sundays 7.15pm to 9.15pm.

**15th March at 7.30pm:** Spring concert St Johns URC, Hallowell Rd  
Tickets £8 from Northwood Bookshop or 01923-822026 or at door.

**10th May:** Sing Mendelssohn's Elijah From Scratch at St Johns URC, Hallowell Rd. Details from John Ling 0208-863-7009

**17th May at 7.30pm:** Summer concert of light music with supper & wine at Holy Trinity Church hall, Rickmansworth Rd, Northwood.  
Apply for tickets : 01923-827752

### Easter Services at Holy Trinity Church

#### Friday 21st March:

10am Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns  
12-3pm 3 hour service - come & go on the hour

#### Saturday 22nd March:

11pm Service of Light & First Communion of Easter

#### Sunday 23rd March:

10am Easter Family Communion Service  
6pm Easter Carol Service

There's more about Holy Trinity at [www.htnorthwood.co.uk](http://www.htnorthwood.co.uk)



### Karol Szymanski, 1916 to 2007

It is with sadness that we report the death of Karol Szymanski. He was very active in the NRA, both as a committee member and as Road Steward for Chester Road. Karol died in Poland where he was given a funeral with full military honours. A memorial service was held at St Matthews Church, Hallowell Road on 7th January.