

# Northwood Residents Association



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Colin Harris

The AGM was held on the evening of 27th March at St John's Church Hall and was very well attended. Ruislip/Northwood MP Nick Hurd made a flying visit on his way to the House of Commons and spoke about his campaign for the retention of the Cancer Centre at Mount Vernon, which is beginning to gather momentum now that Hatfield has been ruled out as a likely site. Numerous questions were asked and answered before time forced his departure.

Local policeman Sergeant Ratcliffe was unable to attend due to health problems. However, in his absence and on his behalf Alan Prue put forward the proposal that the NRA part fund a speed gun at a cost of £2,000. After some discussion this

motion was almost unanimously overruled.

The nominated members of the Executive Committee were duly elected and they are: Tony Goom (President), Leonard Hall (Vice President), Colin Harris (Chairman), Ros Plume (Treasurer), Ann Bailey, Lisa Maclay, Valerie Mellor, Lesley Davis, Sue Boulton, Miles Gillman, Keith Baker, Alan Prue, Andy Cockeram, Chris Duffy and Barry Crowe.

Ward Councillors, Ian Oakley and Scott Seaman-Digby joined NRA members Alan Prue, Valerie Mellor and Keith Baker on the panel to provide answers to the questions previously submitted by members.

## JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS



This picture shows the trees, funded by a donation from the NRA, planted in the Jubilee playing fields. A report follows on page 4 and if you know a local worthy cause which the NRA could help financially please read the Treasurer's report on page 3.

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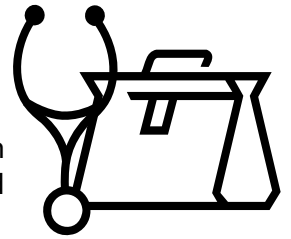
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We await the outcome of the Hillingdon Primary Care Trust's deliberations on the Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital, following a well-attended meeting on 18 April at the Winston Churchill Hall.

We await a decision, due any day, on Harefield Hospital's application for Foundation Trust status.

### **Hillingdon Rebuild**

The style of hospital treatment is changing. There are fewer patients in hospital as refined drug treatment and minimally invasive procedures, such as keyhole surgery, enable earlier discharge. Wherever possible, patients are treated in the community. This leads us on to news about Hillingdon Hospital's proposed rebuild: it is planned to replace wards with 100% single rooms. This will aid infection control and patient safety. The arrangement will offer greater comfort for patients, who will have their own en suite WC and shower, as is usual in private hospitals. Let's hope that the intensive work that is being done to create a superb hospital will also ensure adequate parking for patients and visitors.

We are informed that the Hillingdon Urgent Care Centre is now up and running. This means that patients attending A & E with a primary care problem, rather than an accident or emergency, can be treated there by a primary care physician.

Also up and running is the Referral Management Centre, offering a clinical assessment and treatment service ('CATS'), starting with Dermatology, but later covering musculo-skeletal services, cardiology, ophthalmology and COPD.

These two services are run by Hillingdon Health Ltd., a joint venture company of Hillingdon GPs and Harmoni.

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### **Hillingdon PCT**

Hillingdon PCT Chief Executive, Antony Sumara, has left this post after six months to become Turnaround Director of NHS London, our new Strategic Health Authority. He has left the PCT in better financial shape, reducing the current year's deficit from £22.5 million to £11 million. It is expected that next year, the Hillingdon PCT will achieve in-year balance. However, £54 million of historic debt will be carried forward.

### **Community Voice**

Take a look at the Community Voice website: [www.communityvoicehealth.org.uk](http://www.communityvoicehealth.org.uk). The paper petition organised by Community Voice to support the retention of the Cancer Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital is well under way and will continue until the beginning of June. Petition forms can be found in most of the commercial establishments in Green Lane and Maxwell Road, Northwood. The petition goes hand in hand with the internet petition set up by Nick Hurd. Find it at: [www.supportmountvernon.com](http://www.supportmountvernon.com) and add your signature!

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### **Prescription Charges**

From 1 April, prescription charges have risen by 20 pence to £6.85. There is also an increase in NHS dental fees: Band 1 treatments will cost £15.90, Band 2 - £43.60 and Band 3 - £194.



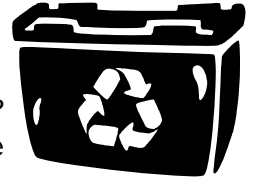


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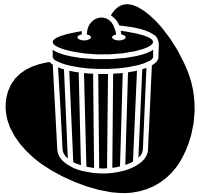
The planting is now complete. Unfortunately, since then it has been very dry and, although the contractors are watering the area from time to time, it is possible that some new plants will not survive. We have to hope for some rain.

### ***Recycling***

Hillingdon now has a quick reference guide to rubbish & recycling on its website. Go to [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/environment/waste/recycling\\_guide.php](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/environment/waste/recycling_guide.php)



Did you know that shredded paper must not be put in the clear recycling bags? The machines apparently cannot deal with it so it must be put out with the ordinary rubbish. Plastic bottle tops and tetra paks also cannot be recycled, though plastic bottles and cardboard cartons can.



### ***Refuse Collections***

There has been much publicity recently about the loss of weekly refuse collections in many areas. You can be sure that the NRA would resist in the strongest possible way any future attempt by LBH to introduce fortnightly collections here.

You may be interested in visiting a website – [www.weeklywaste.com](http://www.weeklywaste.com) - which is running a campaign against fortnightly collections.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT - Ros Plume



At the AGM in March, it was my pleasure to present the accounts for 2006. Subscriptions were up a little on 2005, partly thanks to the support of local businesses that have joined the Association. The committee's general expenses were higher than in some years as we produced items such as a new full colour leaflet to promote the Association and window stickers for business members.

In 2006 we were delighted to make a donation of £1,000 to the Jubilee Playing Field Trustees who have used the money to pay for trees to be planted in the pond area. For more on this subject see Chris Boulton's report on page 4.

If you know of any local project with which you think it would be appropriate for the NRA to help with funding, please do pass on the details. Though we do have a policy of keeping fairly high reserves for that 'rainy day', we feel that we should consider helping to fund any projects which would benefit the local community.

If you were unable to attend the AGM and would like a copy of the balance sheet for 2006, do please contact me.

## JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS - *Chris Boulton*

The contractor has now done most of the additional work required due to last summer's dry weather and steps are in hand to arrange for the use of the field by organisations as soon as possible.



The plan is to make the field available for hire by organisations in the Northwood and local community who wish to use it. This will include Holy Trinity School, who until now have not had a green play area, Holy Trinity Church organisations, Northwood Cricket Club and other local organisations.

The field was purchased with a gift from an anonymous donor by National Playing Fields Association and developed thanks to a lottery grant from the New Opportunities Fund. We will advise details of letting arrangements in a subsequent newsletter.

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## MEMBERSHIP - *Sue Boulton*

Thank you to all the Road Stewards who attended the Road Stewards' Reception in February which was a most enjoyable social occasion and a good arena for sharing ideas and information.

Our membership continues to grow. However, to share the burden of delivering newsletters, we are also in need of more road stewards who are also our ears and eyes of what is happening in Northwood.

If you feel you could spare a little time to deliver newsletters, usually to about 25 houses in your or a neighbouring road, three times a year please contact me. We are in particular need for road stewards on Watford Road (Green Lane end) and Ducks Hill Road. (62-132 Ducks Hill Road, 1-8 Manor House Drive, Jackets Lane, Hurst Place, Rising Hill Close)

Please feel free to email me if you think you could help: [sue@boulton5.com](mailto:sue@boulton5.com)

## NEW NRA WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

The NRA website, first created in 2002, has been undergoing a style makeover. With fresh new colours and a cleaner layout we hope you find the redesigned site informative and easy to use. By the time you read this it will be up and running at [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk).

New content includes an extended 'useful contacts' page with phone numbers for the council, police services, hospitals and libraries, and a 'printer friendly format' option so you can keep a copy of the list by your phone. Our business members have a page with their contact details – please support them with your custom.

We have more ideas in the pipeline and will be adding to the photo gallery, always a popular page for browsing. Any comments or suggestions for the website, or photos of local interest you would like to add to the gallery, are welcome – just email: [webmaster@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@northwoodresidents.co.uk).

If you would like to be notified by email whenever the website is updated, you can join our mailing list by following the instructions on the NRA home page or send a message to the email address above.





## PLANNING - Alan Prue

Since February the Association has considered some twenty-six planning applications objecting to six of these, notably 11 Clive Parade, 34-38 Chester Road, Land to the rear of 128 Hallowell Road, Land to the rear of Aviemore and Fallowfield (High Elms Close), 80 High Street and Land to the rear of 16 Watford Road. We must continue to be vigilant particularly in the cases of Land to the rear of Aviemore and Fallowfield where the developer continues to submit applications which are totally inappropriate and 34-38 Chester Road.

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## POLICE - Ann Bailey

With our Safer Neighbourhood Team in place - have you met James and Michele our new PCSOs?, both the Team and the Panel need to know the concerns of Northwood Communities about problems which can be alleviated with targeted policing.

Without feedback from the community it is difficult to know your concerns and solutions! I would like Northwood residents to feed back information about identifiable trouble spots and problems. Attendance at the Public Meeting arranged to launch Safer Neighbourhood was minimal and the only problem highlighted was poor driving and particularly speeding. Although the reason for refusing to contribute a small sum from the Residents' Association towards the purchase of a traffic speed gun for use exclusively in Northwood was understood, our team believe wholeheartedly that use of a speed gun would be the most effective way of deterring speeding and making our roads safer, not only for other drivers but also for pedestrians. We will continue to pursue ways of fighting the speeding menace on our highways.

The Hillingdon Police Consultative Committee is very concerned about serious anti-social behaviour on buses throughout the Borough and measures are being taken to try to ensure that people using public transport do not feel under threat.

The good news is that crime in Northwood is generally down but please take your Sat. Nav. with you and do not leave it in the car and remember that mobile phones and cars should be kept apart. The number of people continuing to be seen using their phones when driving is causing great public disgust, it is dangerous to you and our road users and it is illegal!!



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## LOST AND FOUND

Imagine you are walking along Green Lane and you spot a bunch of keys in the gutter. Of course you pick them up, but realise there's no means of identifying the owner. So what do you do next?

Answer: take them to your friendly, local Police Station.

Similarly, suppose you have lost your wallet while out shopping. After retracing your steps and asking shopkeepers if they have found it, your next call should be to the Police Station.

You would be amazed at how much property is handed in at the Police Station, from jewellery to passports and even wallets with their contents intact.

It's always worth reporting lost property. Northwood Police Station front counter is manned by volunteers who carry out many varied duties, but one of the most rewarding aspects of the job is reuniting members of the public with their lost property.

Northwood Police Station is open to the public from 11am to 1pm every Monday to Friday apart from Bank Holidays.



## MOON OVER WATFORD

Is this the name of a new pub or dubious behaviour in the Harlequin Centre? No, it's the latest offering from Northwood author, Lynn Phillips.

The Moon in question is Superintendent Moon, in charge of Watford Police Station where the protagonist, Greta Pusey, is based. Since our encounter with Greta in the award-winning Watford Under Wood, she has been promoted to DS and has passed her induction with SOCO. How will she cope with her first big murder case?

Lynn Phillips' second crime novel is written in her distinctive fast-moving style with a full cast of diverse yet credible characters. The plot swings from a dismembered body to emerald smuggling via drugs and the CIA and takes in familiar locations such as Croxley Green and the canal at Rickmansworth.

Lynn succeeds in cleverly weaving Greta's and her colleagues' personal lives in with their working lives. These sound like 'real' police officers – i.e. human. But does Greta get her man? I recommend you read this gripping novel to find out.

*You can buy **Moon over Watford & Watford Under Wood** from Northwood Bookshop.*

*Ros Plume*

## NORTHWOOD LIONS



We have taken part in a number of activities recently. Our fund-raising events have included Easter egg raffles and a tin-shake outside Waitrose. The tin-shake money went to a London-based charity called REACT which provides useful equipment for terminally-ill children as quickly as possible.

For the first time we made a collection of old hearing aids and spectacles for recycling.

We have also had fun. Some of us went to see "We Will Rock You2" and some also went to a bowling and quiz evening at Stoke Mandeville hospital.

If you would like to know more about Northwood Lions, please telephone Andrew Allen on 0208 863 4626.

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**The Council of Christians & Jews[CCJ], Hillingdon Branch, will be holding the following events locally.**  
All meetings start at 8.00pm and provide time for questions, socialising and light refreshments.  
Entry £1.50 [CCJ members £1.00]. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**



**Tuesday 26 June 2007** at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood. **"Training & Ordination for Religious Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"** presented & discussed by Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein, Bishop Bernard Longley and Imam Ehsan Hannan. The evening will include extracts of a video of the first ordination in Germany since WWII of three Rabbis last year.

**Tuesday 17 July 2007** in The Africa Lounge, Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood. Brief Branch AGM followed by keynote speaker, the new CEO of CCJ, David Gifford MA **"Looking Outwards - the new face of CCJ"**. Hear about the future inter faith plans of CCJ.

**Tuesday 24 July 2007** CCJ will be supporting a **"Disaster in Darfur"** event hosted by the Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue. All are invited to an information evening to help you understand the great tragedy that is happening in Darfur. There will be films and talks by experts and a Darfuran survivor. Free admission.

**Wednesday 15 August** at St Giles' Church, Junction Swakeleys Rd & High St. Ickenham **"Local Mayors/Chairs – Religion & Politics"**. Jewish, C of E, RC, Muslim & Hindu councillors will relate and discuss their local authority mayoral/chair experiences.

**Wednesday 19 September** at Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood. **"Do we worship the same God?"** A discussion led by the Reverend Alison Walker, Vicar of Northwood Methodist Church and Rabbi Sidney Brichto.

*CCJ's primary aim is to promote dialogue and understanding. It encourages Christians and Jews to appreciate and respect each other's distinctive beliefs whilst recognizing their common ground. Our experience also informs and assists those involved in other inter faith dialogues. The CCJ has achieved a great deal, but so much more remains to be done. We believe that only through education can we hope to make the UK a more tolerant, informed and compassionate society.*

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). Visit our website [www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk](http://www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk).





## MANCHES MOOR PARK 10K & JUNIOR FUN RUNS 2007



The sixth annual 10k race will take place on Sunday 30th September at Merchant Taylors' School. This popular traffic-free event has attracted a growing number of runners each year with more than 700 people taking part last year. The junior races have also been well supported.

12 noon Under 15s (2 1/2 miles)                      12.45 pm Under 12s (1.5 miles)  
1.15 pm Under 10s (3/4 mile)                              3.00 pm Manches Moor Park 10k

This event raises money for the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre (LJMC), the support and information service at the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. The centre's services include a drop-in centre, telephone helpline, counselling and complementary therapies. The LJMC receives 15,000 requests for help each year but is only partially funded by the NHS.

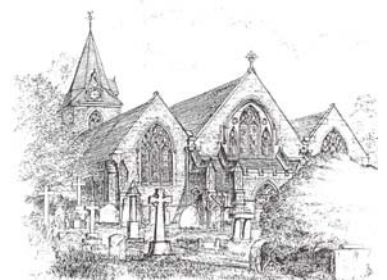
The success of the 10k race has been reflected in the total raised by this event - nearly £125,000 over the five years that it has been held. Further information about the event can be obtained from the website:  
**[www.moorpark10k.org.uk](http://www.moorpark10k.org.uk)**

If running is not 'your thing', then the organisers would still like to hear from you. We need an army of volunteers to help on the day, from setting up to marshalling, making tea to helping clear up. We are also seeking sponsors for the individual race trophies and welcome donations from individuals and companies. £100 will pay for the cost of trophies for each age group and all donors will receive acknowledgement in the race programme and on our website.

If you'd like to be involved in the LJMC's largest annual fundraising event, please contact the Race Director, John Hambleton on 020 8950 6586. Every penny raised will go towards our goal - 'working to improve the lives of people affected by cancer'.

Thank you for your support!

All are welcome at  
**Holy Trinity Church,**  
Rickmansworth Road,  
Northwood.



Tuesday-Friday	9.00am Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	8.00am Holy Communion (followed by breakfast)
Sundays	8.00am Holy Communion
	10.00am Parish Communion (main service)
	11.45am Holy Communion (not 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)
	6.00pm Evensong

On the first Sunday of each month there is a Family Service at 10am. On every third Sunday there is an all age communion service. Other Sundays (except August and special services) we offer a full programme of children/youth activities.

Other activities at the church include:

**Toddler Group** - Tues and Thurs mornings in the Church Hall

**Talking Point** - coffee and discussion group, every Friday at 9.30 to 11.30am at the Manor of the Rose, Merchant Taylor's School.

**Parish Lunch** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, preceded by Holy Communion at 12 noon

Please call the Parish Office for further info: 01923 822990 (open Mon to Fri mornings) or email [office@htnorthwood.co.uk](mailto:office@htnorthwood.co.uk)

**June/July**  
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**16<sup>th</sup> June Family Fete and Barbecue from 12 noon to 4pm**



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