

# Northwood Residents' Association

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## Chairman's Report - Tony Ellis



**This is my first report as your Chairman** and I feel very privileged to have the opportunity of leading the Association. The NRA is a well respected and influential organisation and it is my intention to ensure that

we continue to make our mark with all official bodies to ensure that decisions they take affecting Northwood are for the benefit of the residents.

**LBH partnership.** We have an excellent working relationship with our ward councillors and it is very pleasing to see that our recently-elected councillor, Carol Melvin, has hit the ground running. We also have good relationships with many of the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) officers who are very helpful in trying to accommodate our suggestions.

**Support local business.** I strongly believe that the heart of any community is its shopping centre, in particular the small owner-run businesses. Please do support these shops, cafes and restaurants in Green Lane, Maxwell Road, Pinner Road and the old High Street. If we don't use them, we **will** lose them.

**Your views matter.** The strength and influence of a Residents' Association depends on the active participation of its members. Please do let us know your views and concerns about Northwood and encourage your friends or neighbours who are not members to join and take an active part in the NRA.

You can follow the committee's activities via the NRA web site and I would like to thank Lisa Maclay for updating its news content. With the rapid decline of the Gazette, our website is becoming an invaluable source of local information.

**LBH is introducing new parking charges** in conjunction with the Hillingdon First card. The first half hour remains free, but other charges are being doubled. By inserting their cards in the parking machines, LBH residents will obtain a 50% discount, which means there will be no effective increase for them. Your committee is very much against these new charges as we believe it will discourage shoppers coming from Three Rivers and Pinner and accelerate the decline of local businesses. We have made representations to our councillors and the Leader of the Council who have refused to amend the proposed charges. We have also written to our MP, Nick Hurd. Should we not get a change of heart, then we plan to raise a petition demanding retention of the *status quo* in Northwood.

**New SNT.** We are pleased to welcome Sergeant Ian Stacey and his new Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Street patrols are much more in evidence and the change is very reassuring. If you see any of the team on patrol, do stop and have a chat as they are committed to getting to know residents on their beat.

**We are not happy with the new regulations** which state that a police officer must be present when the police station is open to the public and manned by volunteers. This rather ruins the point of a station being manned by volunteers. Opening hours are now irregular as they are planned around the 5-week shift pattern of the SNT. Our GLA councillor, Richard Barnes, agrees that the change is detrimental to community policing and has promised to raise the matter at the highest level. He has also agreed to meet with the NRA to discuss the situation.

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## Chairman's Report continued

Each **LBH ward has been given £25,000** to support local initiatives. If your local organisation has a specific project that needs funding, apply to Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby. This move is very welcome.

**Speeding traffic** is a major concern in the residential roads of Northwood. We have liaised with the ward councillors who have carried out a study with a view to introducing 20 mph limits in the worst affected roads and outside schools. This is a welcome development and we will continue to be involved. The results of the councillors' 20 mph survey will be published in the summer.

**The NRA AGM** in March was well supported and we were given a very interesting talk by David McVittie, Chief Executive of The Hillingdon Hospital Trust. It was good to hear that with the investment of £13million and completion of The Mount Vernon Treatment Centre, plus plans for more building, the future of our local hospital is secure for the

foreseeable future. In the next few months, Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust will achieve Foundation Trust status. All residents are invited to take part in having a say in the running of the hospital by becoming members of the Trust. I have been elected as a local public governor of the trust so please do contact me if you require further information.

Also at the AGM, Sue Boulton resigned after giving seven years' service on the committee as Chief Road Steward. Thank you, Sue, for co-ordinating the work of our 100 or so Road Stewards in your cheerful, efficient way. We welcome new committee member Adrian Paterson who is taking over from Sue.

**And finally**, on your behalf, I'd like to thank Colin Harris for the hard work he put into being Chairman for the last three years. He is still a committee member, serving on the Police sub-committee and also dealing with Conservation.

*Tony Ellis*



Having said farewell to Sgt Paul Ratcliffe, we welcome Sgt Ian Stacey who has now taken over at

Northwood. Sgt Stacey is well aware of the concern there is in Northwood about driving standards and in particular excess speed, and he will be building on Sgt Ratcliffe's work in trying to address the problem.

The Commissioner, Sir Paul Stephenson, has taken on board the concerns so often expressed about a lack of visible police presence on the streets. To increase patrols, our PCSOs will no longer always be seen walking together, although they will patrol together in the evenings.

The goal of many PCSOs is to go on to become regular police officers so there are likely to be fairly frequent changes in our team in the future. We should give our Support Officers every encouragement to further their careers.

PC Dave Woods who served us so faithfully showing exceptional skill in getting alongside young people in trouble has gone to work as a Schools Officer.

## Police

We are privileged to live in this part of the Borough where crime is very low but, as always, I urge residents who have queries about crime and policing to make their problems known. Our Safer Neighbourhood Panel has the duty to identify policing priorities for our ward and this can be done effectively only when your concerns are made known. Any resident interested in knowing more about the Panel should contact me as your representative on the Borough Consultative Committee.

I should reassure everybody that despite rumour to the contrary it is not the policy of the Police for Safer Neighbourhoods Teams to be moved out of their area to serve in other wards. However it must be understood that on rare occasions, particularly if National Security is at stake, officers will be expected to help out in other areas of the Met and particularly at Heathrow.

*Ann Bailey*

**For details of the Northwood SNT see Sgt Stacey's article on Page 5.**

## Communicating with our Membership

By now most members will have seen our new notice board just inside the doors at the car park entrance to Waitrose. We aim to keep it up to date with items of importance and interest to residents, plus details of how to communicate with London Borough of Hillingdon, local councillors, police etc.

We are most grateful to Waitrose for providing the notice board for us.

We at NRA feel it is vital for us to communicate with residents via the newsletter, notice board and website, and we always welcome residents' views on any issue, however small, so that we can lobby on your behalf.

Contact us via any of the numbers given on the back of this newsletter, by email to **info@northwoodresidents.co.uk** or via your road steward.

*Lisa Maclay  
Communications Officer*

## Health Matters

**Congratulations** to Tony Ellis, the new Chairman of the NRA, not only for taking on this important and arduous role, but also for being elected as a Governor of the Hillingdon Hospital Foundation Trust, representing both the North Constituency and the Northwood Live at Home Scheme.

### Volunteers needed at Mount Vernon Treatment Centre

The new Treatment Centre opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> February without much of a fanfare, the official



*MV Treatment Centre now open*

opening being scheduled for a later date. It is designed for out-patient consultations, for planned day-surgery and for planned short-stay in-patient treatment, with no provision for children under 16.

Out-Patients check in on a screen as they arrive and proceed to the new Out-Patient Department on the ground floor where there are 18 consulting rooms.

The 14 Day-Care beds are separated into male/female sections. The Day-Care area also has a seated recovery room with comfortable reclining chairs, enabling a twice-daily turnover, taking up to 28 patients per day. For those needing it, there is a Post-Anaesthetic Care Unit with 6 beds from where In-Patients move to one of the 25 In-Patient beds for a 3- to 5-day stay.

The Treatment Centre has 24-hour anaesthetic cover and Registrar-level medical cover.

Infection control is of the utmost importance at the Centre, and hand cleaning is highly rated, a weekly audit of hand gel use being done.

The Treatment Centre is most impressive and the offer of volunteer help is invited from the local community. Areas in which help would be appreciated include: Clinics, Wards, Reception, Helping at mealtimes, Gardening, Clerical, and Fund-raising. If you are interested, please contact Sonniah Aldridge, Volunteer Services Manager, Voluntary Services Dept, Hillingdon Hospital, Pield Heath Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex, UB8 3NN

Telephone: 01895 279856

Email: [Sonniah.Aldridge@thh.nhs.uk](mailto:Sonniah.Aldridge@thh.nhs.uk)

### Patients and visitors can use the shuttle bus service between Mount Vernon and Hillingdon Hospital

A bus leaves from Mount Vernon Main Entrance at: 07.45; 08.45; 10.45; 11.45; 12.45; 13.45; 14.45; 16.00; 17.00; 18.30; 19.30

A bus leaves Hillingdon Hospital A & E Ramp at: 07.15; 08.15; 09.15; 11.15; 12.15; 13.15; 14.15; 15.15; 16.30; 17.45; 19.00

**Hillingdon LINK** created the Hospital Discharge Project which is currently looking at patients' experiences when leaving hospital and their follow-up treatment at home, and would like to hear from anyone who has recently left hospital about their experiences, either good or bad, or from their carers.

Contact details:

Hillingdon LINK, 3rd floor, Globe House, Benpinck Road, West Drayton, UB7 7RQ

Telephone: Hillingdon Support Team on 08450 49497 or Catherine Herriott, Community Engagement Officer on 07977 505679

Email [hillingdonlink@hapuk.co.uk](mailto:hillingdonlink@hapuk.co.uk)

**The Paul Strickland Scanner Centre** has a new Siemens Definition Dual Source 64 multidetector CT Scanner which allows staff to perform CT colonography to detect colonic polyps, the precursor to bowel cancer, and the cancer itself. This is a non-invasive, patient friendly test with no need for sedation.

### ICE

Please excuse us for mentioning 'ICE' now that the warmer weather is (hopefully) on its way! ICE stands for In Case of Emergency and is a method of helping the Ambulance Service. If you carry a mobile phone, under the name ICE store the number of a contact person or persons who should be called during an emergency. For more than one contact, simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc. Emergency service personnel and hospital staff would then be able to contact the right person by simply dialing the number stored as ICE.

*Valerie Mellor & Lesley Davis*

## Asperger's Syndrome - Local Support Group

Do you have Asperger's Syndrome, or does an Adult member of your family have this condition? Do you live in the London Borough of Hillingdon? If so, and you would like to know more about this condition, or you think you would benefit from attending a support group or carers' support group, then please get in touch with me. You can leave a message for me, Linda, on 07948 217383 giving a land line number if possible. I will return your call as soon as I can.

## Environment

### Green Lane – Phase 1

Phase 1 refurbishment is now near completion. LBH and its contractors are to be congratulated on the standard of the work and the fact it was completed on schedule.

Following tight management of the project, there were funds and time to resurface Oaklands Gate which was not in the original scheme.

LBH has told us that it intends to install hanging baskets, and carry out other floral planting during May.



*Hanging baskets coming soon*

### Green Lane – Phase 2

Phase 2 includes the creation of a 20 mph zone between Watford Road and the Green Lane car park. The final road markings and parking arrangements will be carried out as part of this phase. TfL has provided the budget for the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Eastbury Road. These lights are planned to have pedestrian crossing lights on all four sides of the junction, including Station Approach. At the NRA Forum last November, residents voted almost unanimously for a Pelican (pedestrian controlled with lights) crossing near to the present crossing. NRA is still of the opinion that the Pelican crossing is the better option and is to have further consultations with LBH and ward councillors.

Phase 2 also includes the provision of a new pedestrian crossing near the mini roundabout at the junction of Green Lane with Watford Road.

### Rickmansworth Road

LBH officials have now received their consultants' report and recommendations for implementing a 30 mph limit in place of the current 40 mph limit between Batchworth Heath and Murray Road. Detailed drawings are to be produced and the NRA committee will be invited to make comments and suggestions prior to the plans being finalised. LBH hopes to have the scheme in place by the autumn but exact timing will depend on the completion of the water main currently being laid by Three Valleys Water/Balfour Beatty.

### Kewferry Road

LBH has agreed to provide a raised crossing in Kewferry Road, outside Holy Trinity school.

LBH has also agreed to carry out a speed survey in Kewferry Road with a view to reducing speeding and its use as a rat-run by heavy vehicles.

### Dene Road

Following complaints from residents about excessive vehicle speeds in Dene Road and Sandy Lodge Way, LBH has agreed to carry out a 24/7 speed survey by means of tubes across the road. This will give them more comprehensive information on the extent of the problem.

*Barry Crowe*

## Coppicing in Copse Wood

The felling and trimming of trees in certain areas of Ruislip Woods is underway. This action may upset some residents as it appears at first to be rather drastic. However, this is being done under the guidance of English Nature to preserve the character of this woodland, which was first recorded in the Domesday Book.

'Coppicing' as it is known, was originally done to harvest the wood from trees without killing them. The trees that are cut will sprout repeatedly from the stump, and so can live for centuries. A properly run coppice cycle gives a diverse age and habitat range for both trees and wildlife. The cut Hornbeam timber is being left on site to increase the deadwood resource for invertebrates, bats and birds.



*Miles Gillman*

### Any unwanted typewriters or sewing machines?

The Ruislip/Northwood Rotary Club is collecting typewriters and sewing machines to send to East Africa via a Chesham based charity, Workaid.

Contact Brian Lewis on 01895 238650 to arrange collection.

### Hillingdon People

Are you receiving your copy of Hillingdon People magazine? If not, please contact me giving your house number and postcode.

Tel: 01895 250828

Email: [hillingtonpeople@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:hillingtonpeople@hillington.gov.uk)

*Hannah Collins, LBH Publications Officer*

## Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team

**Please allow me to introduce myself.** My name is Ian Stacey and I am the new sergeant for Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT). I am a married man with two young children and live in Buckinghamshire. I have 23 years in the police and was previously the sergeant for the South Ruislip SNT.

Paul Ratcliffe is a hard act to follow and I know he was very popular with the residents in Northwood. I only hope that I can live up to your expectations.

**SNT back up to strength.** My team now consists of PCs Dave Kirby, Louise Kennedy and PCSOs Louise Griffiths, Leeanne Parke and Paul Onslow.

**Policing Pledge.** Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team along with the rest of Hillingdon Borough Police will: Provide you with information about your dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team.

2. Ensure we and other police patrols are visible and on your patch at times when they will be most effective and when you tell us you most need them. We will ensure that your team is not taken away from neighbourhood business more than is absolutely necessary. We will spend at least 80% of our time visibly working in your neighbourhood, tackling your priorities. Staff turnover will be minimised.
3. Respond to every message directed to us within 24 hours and where necessary, provide a more detailed response as soon as we can.
4. Arrange public meetings to agree your priorities, at least once a month, giving you a chance to meet your local team with other members of your community.
5. Provide monthly updates on progress and on local crime and policing issues.

The full Policing Pledge can be found on the Metropolitan Police website: [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)



### Northwood Police Station opening times

Don't shoot the messenger! For the past 6 years Northwood Police Station has been successfully opened by volunteers, Monday to Friday, 11 am to 1 pm.

A recent risk assessment concluded that a police officer should be available when the volunteers open the station. Therefore, the station will open only when the Northwood Police Team is on duty. As we are on duty in the evenings and at weekends it means that the station will not be open every weekday morning as before. The times we are open have been posted in the library, Waitrose, the Underground Station and other prominent places, also outside the police station and in local press.

There is currently an on-going review of all Hillingdon Police counter services, so this may change, as I am aware of the concerns of the local community.

I hope to meet a lot of residents in the coming months. If you have any information, questions or opinions (good or bad) please speak to me or a member of my team.

*Sgt Ian Stacey*

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## Met Line Woes

The imbalance between the Uxbridge and Watford services continues, due to the fact that some trains start at Aldgate and others at Baker St. There only has to be a minor delay somewhere for the timetable to be thrown out, resulting sometimes in 3 or 4 non-Watfords in a row. Met management have agreed that, when this happens, where possible they will endeavour to change the destination of trains at Baker St., Wembley or Harrow. Please continue to let us have your "horror stories" so that we can keep up the pressure for improvement.

We are waiting to see the draft new timetable proposed for December onwards, which we are promised will see an improvement in the Watford service.

Some communication improvements are being introduced, such as "Connect" radio, which all train and station staff will have, new tracker screens etc. which will enable much better communication between stations, signallers, drivers and passengers.

Contact me at: [met@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:met@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

*Lisa Maclay*

*Federation of Metropolitan Line Users' Committees (FOMLUC)*

## NRA Membership

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chief Road Steward, having taken over from Sue Boulton at the AGM in March. Sue has been thanked elsewhere for all her hard work, but I would like to add my personal thanks to her for a most efficient hand-over.

Three times a year almost 3,000 NRA newsletters are delivered to Northwood residents. This distribution is achieved thanks primarily to the efforts of approximately 100 volunteer Road Stewards, to whom we offer our grateful thanks. There are also a dozen Area Road Stewards involved in the process, also deserving of thanks. The other vital role carried out by the Road Stewards is the collection of the annual NRA subscription. In the course of these tasks, there is the opportunity to hear about members' concerns and wishes, which is all-important. Our aim is to keep each Road Steward's area down to a manageable number of homes, say 25-30. However, many current Road Stewards deliver more than their fair share of newsletters, and sometimes in locations not close to home. With this in mind, volunteers for Road Stewards are always most welcome, but currently with particular reference to the following:

**Ducks Hill Road** – nos 9-61, 20-24, Hurst Place, Jackets Lane, Fringewood Close, Manor House Drive, and Rising Hill Close. **Dene Road** - Trinity Close. **Morgan Close**

*Adrian Paterson*

## Planning

I have taken over the role of NRA Planning advisor from the able hands of Alan Prue and had a baptism of fire with a proposed development at 44, The Drive. This was sufficiently complex to introduce me to the many aspects of my role. The result awaits a decision by the London Borough of Hillingdon Planning committee. The proposals for The Reindeer site were opposed by the NRA and by LBH Planning committee and then went to Appeal. We await a decision from The Planning Inspectorate. A notable success has been the withdrawal of plans for a proposed car valeting service on Green Lane Car Park.

Notices of all planning applications for Northwood should be sent to me by LBH Planning department. I check these with the Hillingdon Unitary Development Plan and other reference documents. Proposed plans should be also sent to neighbours in the form of a letter with references for checking the plans online.

If you are notified about a plan near you please check the online reference and view the documents. You can make objections online.



I don't always receive notification of proposed plans so **please let me know about those you receive.**

Please note objections must be relevant to the Hillingdon UDP and planning guidelines. Boundary disputes, or the effect of the proposal on property values, are not normally considered valid objections. A petition of at least 20 names will have some influence as will the support of your elected Councillors and the NRA.

Please feel free to email me at **planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk** or phone me on 01923 836440 if you have any questions, need advice or support.

*Malcolm Ruddock*

## Northwood Lions Club



For over 20 years we have tried to serve our community as best we can. In the last year, however, our Club has been fortunate in becoming involved with the Saturday Market on the Pinner Road, now known as the "Lions' Den". Thanks to the unstinting work of the volunteers there, over £10,000 has been raised during this time. We recently held a presentation evening when half of this money was divided between Grangewood School, Northwood Live at Home Scheme, Hillingdon Young Carers and one of the Mayor of Hillingdon's charities. The remaining £5,000 we allocated to the volunteers to donate to a charity of their choice. Your continued support of this venture will enable us to provide even more local help next year. We do also continue to raise funds by other means.

It's not all work for the Lions; we also enjoy a varied social programme. Our meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at Haste Hill Golf Club, The Drive, Northwood at 8pm. For further information please contact us on 0845 833 7853.

## Déjà Vu?

*From the NRA Magazine, Spring 1969*

**"Car Parking.** The Association will have to be alert to possible Council plans for Northwood. The Council's outline proposals, which are shrouded in secrecy, are being considered by the GLC before any information is released to ratepayers. Whether this indicates a 'fait accompli' cannot be confirmed yet, but an undertaking has been made that consultation will take place before the plans are finalised. What is **not** wanted is a master plan for the Borough imposed on Northwood. We, like other areas in the Borough have particular problems which require an individual solution."

## Councillors' Corner

Each edition of the newsletter carries our Councillors' response to questions put by members of the NRA committee.

### **Q. What is the current thinking on the proposal for traffic lights at the junction of Green Lane/Eastbury Road? Are you considering having more public consultation?**

**A.** These traffic lights/crossing proposals are still being worked up with officers. In terms of consultation with residents, we seek to inform residents and ensure that we capture their views. However when we plan and install safety measures it is carried out purely on a technical basis and is decided by elected Councillors with advice from officers. The case presented will examine and discuss all the possible ways forward before recommending the option deemed to be the most appropriate, having looked at technical data, professional advice from within the Council and from key partners (Police, Fire, Ambulance and TfL). The report will also include views of residents and local groups.

Following a full meeting with officers and NRA to look in detail at the options for the junction the report will then be prepared for Cabinet.

### **Q. The current changes regarding parking whereby Hillingdon residents will be able to use a card to obtain half price parking rates were not well publicised. Consultation documents are well hidden on the LBH website - there should be a "new this week" link on the Home page.**

**A.** The parking charges scheme forms part of the overall Hillingdon First scheme which has been widely publicised across the borough. We appreciate that there are issues around the consultation process in part as this has tended to use a publication not available widely in Northwood; this has been fed into the Communications team and the Leader's Office.

Having reviewed the range of access to the consultation process, through media, web and in Council publications we have advised officers on some improvements but feel that in general the feedback from residents across the borough has been overwhelmingly supportive of the new initiative. Future consultations that impact on Northwood will be discussed in detail with officers to ensure we gain an even wider awareness and response to any plans.

We have raised the concerns of the Residents' Association with the Council and the Leader and have highlighted the issues that you refer to. We have asked for further clarity on the process we use to consult and issue notices to ensure that residents are best kept informed. Your idea that these should be published on the website seems very sensible, and perhaps also at the libraries/local notice-boards if we do not do so already. The idea of a 'New Consultations' link is a good one and we have fed this to our web and Communications teams.

#### **To contact your councillors:**

Tel: 01895 2502316 (Civic Centre Office) or 01923 822876 (Northwood Ward Office)

Email us all at [Northwoodward@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:Northwoodward@hillingdon.gov.uk)

#### **From Nick Hurd MP**

It is a great honour to serve as Member of Parliament for Ruislip-Northwood. If there is any way in which I can help you, please contact me

by post: Nick Hurd, MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA  
Tel: 0207 219 1053 or 01923 822876

Email: [hurdn@parliament.uk](mailto:hurdn@parliament.uk)

Surgeries are held by appointment; please call Ann at the  
Constituency Office - 01923 822876

#### **Advance Warning!**

Following the success of their first Forum last November, the NRA executive committee is holding an

#### **Open Forum**

on Thursday 12th November 2009  
at Oaklands Gate Methodist Church  
7.30 pm



### **Northwood Live At Home Scheme Weekly Dining Club**

Northwood Live At Home Scheme has been granted funding from the London Borough of Hillingdon to run a weekly lunch club in Northwood. Detailed plans are being put in place in conjunction with St John's URC in Hallowell Road and Holy Trinity Church in Rickmansworth Road. The Scheme provides support for elderly

people in Northwood to assist them to remain living in their own homes. The new lunch club will be open to NLAH members and to non-members. Details of the club will be published widely, including in the Library, local churches and synagogues.

New NLAH members and volunteers are welcome – contact the Scheme Manager, Angela, on 01923 842494

## Conservation

The LBH Conservation and Urban Design Team is responsible for, amongst other things, the designation of Conservation Areas, Areas of Special Local Character and the Local List of Buildings of Architectural and Historic importance.

LBH is currently undertaking a review of the **Local List of Buildings of Architectural and Historic importance**.

This local list includes buildings, structures or features that have local historical, architectural or social importance. Whilst not statutorily listed, these buildings are important features in their own right and make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of their locality.

Such buildings and features are protected under the Council's policies contained in the Unitary Development Plan – Saved Policies 2007 (UDP) and in the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF).

There was a consultation period from March 16<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>, following which an assessment is being made of the buildings. A draft report containing a short statement of significance, photograph and location map of each of the entries will be compiled.

### Areas of Special Local Character (ASLC)

There are three ASLCs in Northwood ward namely:

1. Dene Road estate
2. Copse Wood estate
3. Old Northwood



*Houses in the heart of Old Northwood*

### Old Northwood

This ASLC is considered to have an interesting and pleasant townscape with distinctive character, which is reflected in its street scene and in its Victorian building styles. Northwood was developed during 1887-1891 by local magnate Frank MAXWELL MURRAY HALLOWELL CAREW of Eastbury House, who named streets after himself, his wife (stage name Edith CHESTER) and his sons ROY, and REGINALD.

Carew stipulated that house prices should be, for example, £400 for a detached house in Chester Road and £700 for a semi-detached pair, whilst in the High Street terraced cottages were available at £120.

Roads included in Old Northwood ASLC are:

Hilliard Road, Part of Northwood High Street, Part of Emmanuel Road, Part of Church Road, Chester Road, Part of Kemps Drive, Wychwood Way, Ashurst Close, Part of Hallowell Road, Roy Road, Reginald Road, Highfield Road and Highfield Close.

### Buildings not yet covered by a conservation classification.

Northwood has other fine examples of Victorian and Edwardian buildings which are outside any ASLC; namely the Maxwell Road shops and Northwood College (original part of the building); parts of Green Lane, near the car park, Oaklands Gate, the corner of Eastbury Road and the area near Station Approach. There remain fine examples of houses in Murray Road as well.

The retention of such buildings is important to the overall appearance and character of Northwood. The NRA is actively pursuing the means to conserve more of our important buildings.

*Colin Harris*

*In the next newsletter, Colin will report on the Dene Road estate ASLC*

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## Northwood Craft Market

The Northwood Craft Market continues to thrive, holding monthly markets at Northwood Methodist Church Hall, Oaklands Gate. We are welcoming new local crafters all the time and a wide variety of their handmade crafts are on show and for sale at the markets. Crafts vary at each market.

Forthcoming markets are on Saturdays 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> September, all from 10 am to 1 pm. Admission is free. All dates for the remainder of the year, as well as information for any crafters wishing to register with the market, can be found on our website [www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk)

We would appeal to anyone who can spare some time to help with the market, for example with advertising, to please get in touch.

Email us at [northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk),  
phone Susan on 01923 450954,

or come along to one of the markets and speak to us at the registration table.



## What Is The WEA?

The Workers' Educational Association was founded over 100 years ago to provide education for poor members of society. It is now a major voluntary adult education organisation in Britain providing over 10,000 courses each year for over 150,000 students. The WEA is recognised and supported by central and local government.

There are branches in Northwood and Ruislip & Uxbridge providing part time courses for adult students. No qualifications are necessary and the first class may be attended without charge. The majority of courses take place in the daytime and last for 20 weeks between September and March. Brochures are available from July in local libraries and bookshops. For further information contact Caroline Field on 01923 824922

## 6th Northwood Scouts

Your scout group needs you!

The 6th Northwood Scout Group celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. Scouting gives boys and girls aged between 6 and 14 the opportunity to enjoy activities and take part in events they may not otherwise have the chance to do. Leaders are desperately needed for the group to continue. This is a chance to give something back to the community.

Full training is given and the benefits you can enjoy from being a Scout Leader are limitless in enhancing your own life skills and seeing children develop their abilities.

If you feel you may be able to help or wish to discuss this please contact Keith Fanshawe on 07976 267948 or Julian Greer on 01923 451275

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## Beating the Holy Trinity Bounds

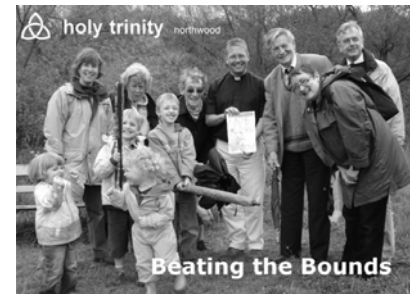
Beating the Bounds involved walking around the parish boundary and beating markers with a willow wand. Ensuring that boundaries were not hidden or encroached, parishioners would know the full extent of their parish.

On Rogation Sunday, reviving this custom, members of Holy Trinity risked the heavy showers, walking from the church, alongside Northwood Golf Club, through Ruislip Woods to the southernmost part of the parish for a picnic by Haste Hill Station at Ruislip Lido.

After lunch, the walkers, headed up past Haste Hill Golf Course and to the War Memorial in Green Lane, and then alongside the eastern boundary adjacent to the Metropolitan Line up to the northernmost part (which just happens to be in the garden of a parishioner in Moor Park) for tea and cakes!

Over this five-mile walk, a new tradition may have been inadvertently started by beating the bounds with umbrellas instead of willow!

*Carl Landsbert*



### *Making dialogue make a difference.....*

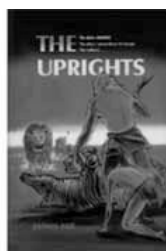
The Hillingdon branch of the Council of Christians and Jews holds very interesting regular monthly meetings in and around Northwood at which members of all faiths are very welcome.

On Tuesday 16 June **Mr Jay Lakhani** will talk about Hindu pilgrimages to the **Damshineswar Temple in Calcutta** and **Dr William Griffiths** the Roman Catholic pilgrimages to **Santiago de Compostela**, 8.00pm at **Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue**, Oaklands Gate.

For further information visit our website [www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk](http://www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk), email [chairman@ccj-hillingdon.org.uk](mailto:chairman@ccj-hillingdon.org.uk), or telephone our Hon. Secretary on 01923 825872

## The Uprights by James Hill

If you have enjoyed the 'Earth's Children' series by Jean M Auel you may be interested in 'The Uprights', written by local author James Hill. This is a vividly imagined story of our ancestors from 50,000 BC as they struggle to survive against wild animals and Neanderthals. But this isn't simply a tale of hunting and human conflict; it is a study of developing human intelligence and our ancestors' growing understanding of their environment.



The style of writing is unusual and takes some getting used to, but gives immediacy to the narrative. The characters are all believable and the action is non-stop, so if you fancy an entertaining read, with a more thoughtful underlying theme of human evolution, this should suit you. You can read more about the book on the author's website [www.theuprights.co.uk](http://www.theuprights.co.uk)

*James Hill, formerly a psychiatrist, has lived in Northwood with his family for over 30 years and is a long-term NRA member.*



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For more information please ring Nikki Hind on 01923 823678  
or visit [www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk)

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**21 Sep** Dowsing for History

Keith Harm (British Soc. Of Dowsers)

**19 Oct** The More: Cardinal Wolsey's Palace in Rickmansworth

Heather Falvey (History researcher)

Meetings are held in St Martin's Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip at 8.15pm.

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