

Northwood

Residents Association

Newsletter no 139



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - *Colin Harris*

There are changes within the Executive Committee necessitated by resignations. Firstly at Secretarial level with Wendy Jordan, finding her family and work demands too much. She is replaced by Ros Plume both as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. This leaves the Treasurer's job vacant (a post held by Ros for many years). If you have a way with figures and would like to volunteer as the NRA Treasurer, please contact Ros for more details of what is involved. The accounts are kept electronically, so use of a computer is essential and some knowledge of spreadsheets would be helpful.

Secondly after some ten years of serving the NRA as Planning Officer, and several of those years as an excellent Chairman, Alan Prue has moved onto an advisory role, his replacement being the vastly experienced Alan Klein.

Lastly, Andy Cockeram has found his job change has reduced his available free time.

To all three the NRA are indebted and on our members' behalf I record our sincerest thanks.

The good news is that two young members have joined the committee, namely Jayesh Patel and Gareth Hunt.

The Reindeer public house has been very much in the news, with its closure and likely reopening. Many letters of objection have been lodged by residents and the NRA, to such an extent that the Licensing application will take the format of a public hearing on Friday 28th September. By the time you read this the outcome will be known - check our web site for the latest news.

The owners of the Reindeer are Scottish/Newcastle Breweries and there are many rumours abounding about the long term outcome of this property. Some talk of a gastro pub, others of demolition and flats, or even a quick serve supermarket. We will have to wait and see.

It would appear that the claspers are unlikely to be employed by the new tenant landlord. However, the land in front and behind the pub is PRIVATE property and should be respected as such.

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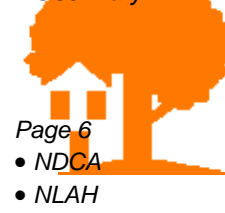


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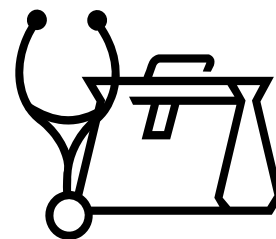
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Hillingdon Primary Care Trust

The new Chief Executive is Professor Yi Mien Koh.

Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust is applying for Foundation Trust status. If you are over 16 and live within the public constituencies of the Trust (= the London Borough of Hillingdon and surrounding wards from other Boroughs), you are urged to obtain the Public Consultation Document 'Our Future as an NHS Foundation Trust' from the **Foundation Trust Communications Office, Hillingdon Hospital, Pield Heath Road, Uxbridge, UB8 3NN** (telephone **0800 8766 953**) and apply to become a Member, or even a Governor, of the Foundation Trust.

Northwood & Pinner Community Hospital

At a meeting held on 19 June 2007, it was decided to close this hospital. However, the PCT will support the development of the site to include clinical and related services. There will be further discussion on this later in the year.

Mount Vernon Cancer Services

The paper petition organised by Community Voice has collected over 72,000 signatures and, together with over 3,000 on-line signatures, will be taken by Nick Hurd MP to the Health Minister as proof that people want the cancer centre to stay in the locality. It has been possible to sign both petitions as they cannot be combined and at the time of writing, it is still possible to sign. For the on-line petition, go to www.supportmountvernon.com.

Threat to our local hospitals?

'Healthcare for London', a report written by Sir Ara Darzi, Minister for Patient Care, commissioned by NHS London and published on 11 July 2007, might put local hospitals under threat of closure. Sir Ara claims that London needs fewer, more advanced hospitals, with a network of walk-in polyclinics providing care for most patients, including up to half the outpatient services currently provided in hospitals. However, it is thought that, whilst part of his plans might see the light of day ten years on, there is no immediate threat to our local hospitals and plans for the rebuild of Hillingdon Hospital and the building of the Mount Vernon Treatment Centre are going ahead.

Mount Vernon Transport

A bus service between Mount Vernon and Hillingdon Hospitals still exists, but the service between Mount Vernon and Watford Hospitals has terminated.

The Steven Shackman GP practice

The new GP surgery on the Mount Vernon Hospital site opened in June. A branch surgery will be retained at the Northwood Health Centre.

Harefield Hospital

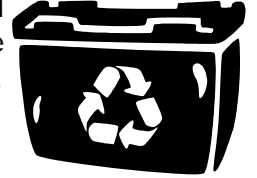
The Harefield Hospital was unsuccessful at a second attempt in May to attain Foundation Trust status.



New Recycling Initiatives

LBH have recently introduced two new schemes, both of which are available at the Harefield and South Ruislip waste sites: the first is the facility to recycle unwanted electronic and electrical equipment and the other is the "Re-Use" scheme, whereby residents can take unwanted household items that are too good to throw away and also help themselves to other people's unwanted things.

There are some new "mini" recycling bins on the corner of Green Lane and Maxwell Road, near Waitrose. These bins are for paper, glass, tins etc (ie the things we would normally put in our clear plastic roadside recycling bags). Please ignore the coloured lids - it doesn't matter which section you use.



Apparently Hillingdon is well on the way to reaching a target of recycling 40% of waste by 2010.



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR LEAVES!

A reminder to residents and their gardeners as autumn approaches - please do not blow fallen leaves onto the road. They should be picked up and added to your compost heap or put in the garden waste recycling bags.



TREASURER'S REPORT - Ros Plume

In the last newsletter, I suggested that members might wish the NRA to consider helping to fund projects that benefit the local community. I'm delighted to say that two such projects have been brought to the notice of the executive committee.

First of all, we made a donation of £50 to the Northwood Craft Market committee to pay for advertising to launch the first of the monthly craft markets to be held in Oaklands Gate Methodist Church hall. You can read more about these markets on Page 7.

More recently, the executive committee has agreed to donate £500 to the Northwood Live at Home Scheme to enable it to provide essential training for the volunteers.

We are pleased that we have been able to make these donations and still maintain good reserves for whatever the future demands.



POLICE - *Ann Bailey*

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team continues to patrol and watch over our interests keeping Northwood the safe and pleasant place it is to live in. Crime is very low, however there have been a few burglars working here so do keep safe and make your own security a priority and do beware of bogus callers - always being careful to satisfy yourself that the identity of any stray caller is bona fide. Car crime is a problem, so be sure that nothing tempting (it doesn't have to be much) is left on view in your empty parked car.

Talking about car crime, a recent speed survey on the Rickmansworth Road resulted in 100 tickets being issued over a 40 minute period using a speed gun. Sgt Ratcliffe is giving urgent attention to ways of deterring speeding and keeping our roads safe.

We are concerned about the application for a new licence for the Reindeer. There is always a risk of antisocial behaviour and vandalism, particularly near a pub which tends to attract revellers from outside our area. A close watch will be kept to see that things do not get out of control and thank you to the many residents who have written with their objections.

Community Support Officers are helping to ensure that there is safety on the buses following reports that a few young people were involved in threatening behaviour particularly on the 282 route.

MEMBERSHIP - *Sue Boulton*

Although more and more people are able to access the internet to keep up to date with what is going on in Northwood via our website (which is updated regularly), it is still vital to keep communication going at ground level. We are always looking for new volunteers to help distribute our newsletter and I would be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to deliver our newsletter to their neighbours.

JUBILEE SPORTS FIELD

After several years of development, Northwood's Jubilee Playing Field is now coming into use. The first official use was early in September when a Fun Run attracting about 50 entrants was held. Although the main users are expected to be Holy Trinity School and Holy Trinity Church, the field is also available to let for sport and recreational activities to other organisations in the Northwood community.

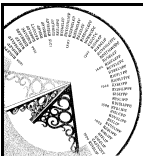
The Jubilee Field was named to mark the Millennium and was created thanks to an anonymous donation for the purchase of the field, a Lottery Grant for its development and a donation from the Northwood Residents' Association which provided trees for landscaping.

The field, located off Ducks Hill Road next to the Northwood Cricket Club ground and Riverside, is suitable for junior games and sports.

Enquiries and bookings should be made via Holy Trinity Parish Office, Gateway Close, Northwood HA6 2RP tel. 01923 822990.



RUISLIP, NORTHWOOD & EASTCOTE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
LECTURE PROGRAMME 2007 - 2008



2007

15 October	AGM & History of Building & Restoration of Westminster Abbey	Geoffrey Roberts Site Surveyor for major Abbey restoration
19 November	Recent Medieval Finds in London	Geoffrey Egan MoLAS Finds Specialist
17 December	Emily's Diary 1853	Ken Pearce Uxbridge Record Society

2008

21 January	The City of London & Livery Companies	Yasha Beresiner City London Guide
18 February	Waterside London - Docks, Canals & River History	Diane Burstein City of London Guide
10 March	The Roman Army in Peace & War	Mark Hassall Institute of Archaeology
21 April	History of Mount Vernon Hospital	Brian Morgan MV Hospital Surgeon

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



NORTHWOOD LIONS

With the help of Denham & Phoenix Lions Clubs, Northwood Lions Club once again organised the Northwood Carnival on August Bank Holiday Monday. This year the weather was kind to us and everyone who came seemed to enjoy the day. We even sold out of burgers and hot-dogs! The money raised, together with that raised at our tin-shake outside Waitrose two days earlier will go to the RNIB Sunshine School in Dene Road. Our thanks to everyone who came to either event.

Would you like to become involved in Northwood Lions Club? We have many social events as well as doing our best to help our local community. We meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8 pm at Haste Hill Golf Club at the end of The Drive. For more information call 0845 8337853.

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 23 October 2007 at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood. *"Ecological Perspectives from Jewish & Christian Scriptures"*. **Dr Laurie Michaelis** - Quaker Green Action and **Lizz Roe** - Tutor in Practical Theology at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre will explore what the Jewish & Christian scriptures say to us in response to today's ecological crisis.

Wednesday 14 November 2007 at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood. "The Importance of Jerusalem & its Political Future " Ronit Ben Dor, Public Relations Director of the Israeli Embassy in London will answer questions on Israel..." Canon Richard Bartlett, Holy Trinity Church and Rabbi Alan Plancey, Northwood United Synagogue will speak about the "Importance of Jerusalem to Christians and Jews".

Tuesday 11 December 2007 at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood. Enjoy complimentary kosher wine, kosher mincepies & kosher doughnuts. Super Raffle and interfaith socializing...and more !!...for details contact our Hon. Secretary details below nearer the date.

January 2008 at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood. A Holocaust survivor will describe her personal experience during WWII. She is a remarkable lady, tells her story with great vividness and dignity, and today is much involved in helping others in many ways. The date of this meeting will be available soon - contact our Hon. Secretary details below.

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. Visit our website www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk.



NORTHWOOD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our year of activities started in September and the Association celebrates its 60th Anniversary next year. We have 16 sections and there is something on each day of the week, some in the daytime and some in the evening. A week could consist of Sunday Singles, Table Tennis, Social Evening (card and board games), Line Dancing, Short Mat Bowls, Keep Fit, Tennis. We also have sections on Walking for Pleasure (afternoons), Longer Rambles, Bridge, Scrabble, Whist, German/Anglo Group, another Keep Fit session, Badminton, two more Short Mat Bowls sessions and a Monthly Community Evening when we have a speaker or presentation on a wide range of interests.

We do not have a meeting place of our own, but hire halls and rooms in three of the local churches, so we would always be accessible by car, public transport or even within walking distance of our membership.

We would welcome any new members, especially for the Social Evening, Bowls, Rambling and Tennis.

Please contact the secretary on 01923 836346 if you are interested or want more information. I look forward to hearing from you.

NORTHWOOD LIVE AT HOME SCHEME

Northwood live at Home Scheme is in to its 10th year of supporting elderly members of our community. The scheme continues to offer support to enable older people to live more rewarding lives.



To enable the scheme to continue offering the services we provide for the older person of Northwood we need to recruit more volunteers. It does not matter if it is for one hour a month or a few times a week, we rely on our volunteers to support our members by offering services such as, volunteer befriending, drivers, assisted shopping trips, regular lunches and what is most important friendship to those that may have become isolated due to ill health or frailty.

Volunteering is worthwhile and rewarding. We offer our volunteers continuous support and training.

If you have a car, a 'free' hour once a fortnight or just occasionally and would like to help someone, or can spare some of your time to visit one of our members please contact us.

We have recently had outings to Flowerland Garden Centre in Iver, a boat trip to Windsor, lunch at Ruislip Golf course, regular tea and chats, our planned visits are to Haste Hill Golf Club for lunch, shopping trips to Uxbridge and Watford and even a trip to the sea-side. If you are feeling isolated, lonely, or in need of assistance and live in Northwood or Northwood Hills or if you would like to join us in our activities contact us.

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We'd like to thank Northwood residents for their generous support during this year as well.

If anyone would like further information about the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre, please call the Telephone Helpline on 01923 844014.

INTRODUCING A CRAFT MARKET INTO NORTHWOOD

The Northwood Craft Market opened for the first time, on the 21st of July 2007 and was held in the Methodist Church Hall, in Oaklands Gate. A second market was held on the 25th of August with both markets enjoying great success. The response has been very encouraging as many visitors from surrounding areas have come along to support our artists and crafters.

A wide variety of crafts can be found at the market, from stained glass ornaments; handmade cards; crystal, silver and costume jewellery; original mounted photographs; handbags; crochet and knitted articles; pottery, handmade dolls-house furniture and accessories; aromatherapy oils and creams; oil, water and pastel works of art, to name a few. Future market dates are already attracting many varied crafts and as Christmas approaches, visitors will be able to find original gifts, stocking-fillers, cards and decorations on sale.

This Craft Market has been a year in the making and was established for the sole purpose of encouraging all local artists and crafters, both young and old alike, to display and sell their crafts, thereby gaining exposure and recognition for their works. Many of these crafts are a dying art, and by holding a regular market, we hope to encourage the youth and all those who would like to try their hand at creating, producing and selling a craft, to become inspired and take part in this community project.

The Northwood Craft Market is a non-profit organisation, run by un-paid volunteers who would like to include and involve many of the local residents in becoming a part of its ongoing development. We would like to see the market continue to grow and become a well-known attraction in Northwood.

Future market dates are on the following Saturdays from 10am till 1pm: 29th September, 27th October, 24th November and the Christmas Market on the 15th December.

Any members of the community who would like to volunteer and become involved within the Northwood Craft Market, please contact Cheryl Lamb on **01923 450740**.

Artists and crafters wishing to register with the Northwood Craft Market, please e-mail: [**northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk)

All are welcome at the market. Please support our local artists and crafters.



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