



Northwood

Residents' Association

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As we go to Press, we have received a statement from Curtin & Co regarding TfL's proposals for developing their site in the centre of Northwood:

"The station proposals include installing two lifts providing step-free access to the station, improved bus interchange, and a cycle hub facility. In addition, reflecting the need to deliver more homes in the borough, and in line with TfL's and the Mayor of London's commitment to unlocking its estate for development to create new homes and jobs, a mixed development is being proposed.

"The proposals include 248 new homes over six separate buildings. The two most northern buildings fronting on to Green Lane and Station Approach will include small retail units at ground floor level with a new public square.

"Thirty-five per cent of the new homes will be affordable including a mixture of affordable rent and shared ownership, targeted at young professionals seeking to get onto the housing ladder."

By the time you receive this newsletter, the early March public consultations will have taken place. We hope that many of you attended and made your views known.

We will post information as and when we obtain it

- please keep an eye on our notice boards and website for updates.

Do come to the
AGM on 11th April
See Page 17

RESULTS OF THE 2018 CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION

Thanks to all the businesses in Northwood who helped create such a festive look to the Town Centre and High Street shopping areas. The judges had some difficult decisions to make as there were so many brilliant contenders. After much discussion, the final selection was:



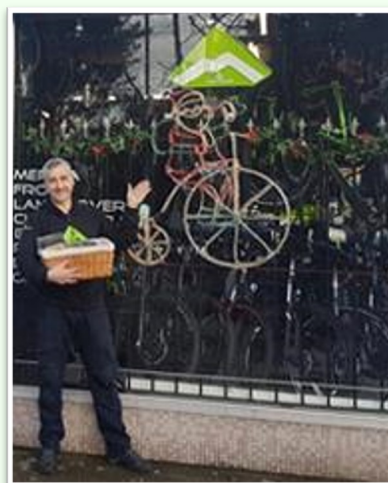
1st prize Town Centre – The Misty Moon.
A local pub with great atmosphere and good Thai Food.



1st prize Old Northwood – Carter Chemist.
Helping to keep Northwood and other local areas mobile and on the move.



Runner up Town Centre – Cancer Research.
Ursula, a regular volunteer, created a window to emphasise that together we will beat cancer.



Runner up Old Northwood – Northwood Cycle Depot.
A 4th generation bicycle business serving Northwood residents for 95 years.

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Michael Sobell Shop. The wonderful window display was created by their volunteer, Carole Harkness.

Barnardos. Their festive window theme reflected their slogan that they "Believe in Children".

COMMENDED:

Lomito. Northwood's popular upmarket Argentinian steak restaurant.

Northwood Cards and Gifts. The Best Greeting Card Retailer, London inside the M25, 2018.

SallyWags. Celebrating their 10th anniversary grooming and beautifying dogs in Northwood and surrounding areas.

E. Spark Ltd. Family owned and run funeral directors, established 1891. The Northwood branch has been run by the Carnegie family for over 35 years.

Our warmest congratulations to all our winners and also to all businesses who participated and helped to make Northwood an inviting place to shop.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARKER & HAMMOND OPTICIANS!

The team at Parker & Hammond Opticians in Green Lane, Northwood has won a prestigious national award organised by the Association of Optometrists (AOP). They have been named Optical Team of the Year in the AOP Awards 2019.

The Awards recognise the highest levels of achievement in UK optics. The Optical Team of the Year accolade, sponsored by Lloyd & Whyte, celebrates an optical team dedicated to delivering the best possible patient experience in the practice.



AOP Awards 2019 - Optical Team of the Year, with host Jo Caulfield and David Beckett from sponsors Lloyd & Whyte

From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

Sitting here wondering what to write, I realised that I have been your Chairman for nearly 10 years and this is my 30th Chairman's report. How time flies.

In these 10 years we have seen many businesses close. Whilst other businesses have opened, we are slowly losing the variety and the essential. Hardware shop, Jackdaw, was always a useful place to buy small items. HSBC, NatWest and, soon, Santander banks gone and once the station development takes place, we'll lose even more. It is incumbent on us all to spend our money locally to enable our existing traders to stay in business.

STATION DEVELOPMENT

We have been informed by TfL's agents that the proposed development will include 248 new homes in six tower blocks. The number suggested at the October consultation was 168 dwellings. This type of inner-city development will completely destroy the character of Northwood and I urge you all to protest at the appropriate time. Whilst it is the Mayor of London's policy to maximise the use of land it cannot be appropriate everywhere. Your views will be sought at the AGM.

A dense development such as this will automatically be referred to the Mayor who has three options:

1. to direct refusal, 2. to take over determination (in which case he has to call a public meeting at City Hall where there are rights of representation), 3. let the council make its own determination.

If the Mayor approves the plans our last recourse is to seek a judicial review which will be very expensive. Normally such reviews are only successful if there are clear grounds that there has been a breach of due process. We would need legal advice before we follow this course.

POLICE STATION

As you will read on Page 10, the Metropolitan Police have closed Northwood police station and it is now completely vacated. As far as we are aware, the site will be put up for sale.

The Grade II listing should mean that no major alterations can be made to the exterior by a purchaser. However, a purchaser could go through a lengthy process to get permission to demolish the building, so its future is not guaranteed.

The building is one of the few left in Northwood that has real architectural merit and the NRA, which was instrumental in its listing, will make every effort to see that it is retained. Obviously, we will look to residents for support if this is necessary.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

A review of Ward boundaries in Hillingdon has been undertaken by the Boundary Commission. The proposals are to reduce the number of councillors from 65 to 53, reduce the number of Wards from 21 to 20 and to make some boundary changes. The Commission decided we are over

represented. The number of councillors in Northwood will be reduced from three to two and part of Ruislip Woods moved to Ruislip Ward. There is no change to the electoral roll.

HEATHROW FLIGHT PATH PROPOSALS

Heathrow Airport is proposing to change its flight paths and a public consultation closed on 4th March. As the proposals will mean considerably more noise over Northwood (up to 17 planes an hour taking off below 4,000 feet) we will be adversely affected. The NRA has objected to the proposals and has also encouraged residents to do so.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attendance at the last few AGMs has declined. I hope that it means that the Committee is doing such a good job that you don't feel the need to attend. However, this year we really need to get feedback from you about the proposed station development which is so vital to the future of Northwood. So, do make every effort to come on Thursday, 11th April.

The formal notice is on Page 17.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For the first time in over 10 years we have a full contingent of committee members. Newer members are Emma Brown, who is liaising with local churches and organisations to increase awareness of the NRA, and Dipesh Patel has the mandate to improve involvement with schools. As previously reported, our Secretary, Ros Plume, is now a formal member. Sue Mansfield has become Minutes Secretary but not a member of the committee. Welcome also to Trevor Sherling who has taken over the Planning role. We are already seeing the results of expanding the committee and I will write more about this in the next newsletter.

I am very grateful to all of the committee members who give up much of their free time to the NRA.

CONCLUSION

As ever, we owe thanks to our three councillors and MP Nick Hurd for their continued support.

Our President, Alan Prue is slowly recovering from his stroke and our best wishes go to him and his wife, Pat.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any matters – but please, not on Sundays if possible.

You will notice that I have made no mention of a successor this time, although I live in hope. I am happy to continue for now – as long I have your continued support.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM.



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Want to know what's on in Northwood?
Just head to the NRA website:
www.northwoodresidents.co.uk

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are those of the individual contributors.

Traffic and Highways

NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY. In mid-2018 LBH carried out a transport study for

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

A draft report of this exercise has now been submitted to Cllr Burrows, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, for review. We have seen a copy of this.

The main recommendations are as follows:

Green Lane/Dene Road junction - Reduce the on-street parking bays by 5m (1 space) and relocate the bus stop cage for Bus Stop 'H' eastwards by 5m to improve the two-way flow on Green Lane.

Maxwell Road/Green Lane junction - A 'Keep Clear' road marking could be introduced on Green Lane adjacent to the mini roundabout in order to prevent right turners from Maxwell Rd blocking westbound traffic along Green Lane.

Maxwell Road, outside Northwood College - lengthen the 'School Keep Clear' waiting restriction southwards past the junction with Hawkesworth Close.

Rickmansworth Road, south of the Green Lane junction - extend the double yellow line by 10m to improve vehicle flow in a southbound direction. NRA has commented that as many as nine vehicles have been seen parked for lengthy periods in Rickmansworth Road on the side of the Montessori school (Cornerways) – the existing double yellow lines should be extended south-east beyond Copse Wood Way. The proposed extension of 10m is not enough.



Rickmansworth Road/Green Lane - It is recommended that a more detailed study is undertaken here. The feasibility of tightening the northern kerbline of Green Lane to reduce the crossing distance and introduce a pedestrian crossing across the northern arm could also be incorporated into the investigation. Any

subsequent works could also be extended to address the ponding and other drainage issues at the junction.

Again, NRA has commented that three traffic signal stages are mentioned in the report for the Rickmansworth/Green Lane junction, Stage 2 being "Rickmansworth Road northbound with right turn indicative green arrow (unopposed right turn into Green Lane)". In fact, this stage is very rarely operative, once in a blue moon comes to mind, meaning that this becomes a very dangerous turn. A significant number of vehicles travelling south on Rickmansworth Road regularly appear to ignore the red lights, leading to many "near misses". The introduction of a permanent right turn filter (Stage 2 above) may alleviate this. Although this problem was highlighted during the walk around with a council officer, it appears to have been ignored.

Rickmansworth Road between Ducks Hill Road and Green Lane - It is recommended that a U-turn ban is introduced on the A404 at The Avenue and that the double yellow line restriction north of the Green Lane junction on Rickmansworth Road is extended by 55m.

Generally, much of the study was conducted at off-peak times and elsewhere peak times of 08.00 – 09.00 and 15.00 – 18.00 were used and not 07.30 – 8.30 and 17.00 – 18.00 which would have been more applicable.

OUT OF WARD: ROAD WORKS FOR HS2

The next planned 8-weeks closure of Breakspear Road South (BRS) has slipped again. In a recent meeting HS2 stated that the work will start on 24th May, but others within HS2 are saying it may be June or July. They also expect to close BRS again in 2020 or 2021 to lower the road under the HS2 line. 33kV power cables have to be laid between Rayners Lane and West Ruislip to supply the tunnel boring machines. It has been suggested that these cables could run along the Met line, but this has been rejected by TfL. Therefore they will be routed along local roads, avoiding main roads where possible, probably working in 50m stages and over several months, possibly starting around September 2019. At some stage this will involve Ickenham Road between Ruislip High Street and West Ruislip, hopefully not when BRS is closed!

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Peter Lansdown

News from the Woods

For a second year running there will be no Ruislip Woods Festival. A spokesman for Hillingdon Council stated that due to the new location of the Festival being close to the access works for the HS2 Railway and the sporadic road closures, it would have to be cancelled. The Festival committee has undertaken to keep pressure on the council to ensure that this is not permanent.

You will have heard that the proposed new Ward Boundaries have altered through Ruislip Woods; this will not affect the overall running of the woods.

For those who like walking, The Ruislip Woods Trust has mapped a new six mile walk through Ruislip Woods starting at St Martin's Church in Ruislip and finishing at St Mary's Church in Harefield. It is called 'The Yellow Walk' and details of the map with useful information of what you might see on the way can be found on their website or you can pick up a leaflet from the library.

For more about Ruislip Woods Trust visit:
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Miles Gillman



Yellow arrows show the way on the new RWT walk

Meet Our New Planning Officer

I HAVE TAKEN ON THE PLANNING OFFICER ROLE which involves reviewing all planning applications in the Northwood Ward. The Hillingdon Planning Department is particularly helpful at supplying the NRA with details of all planning applications. Each planning application has to be reviewed and understood. In my first month there were thirteen planning applications to review and I submitted four comments / objections.

EXTENSIONS. The majority of planning applications are for extensions to existing properties. I do rely upon neighbours deciding if the extension will have an adverse impact on them, particularly by being overlooked by new windows, or where the extension is so large it impacts upon them or the overall appearance and character of the road. Dormer windows in loft conversions should not make the house look too heavy, for instance. Objections do need to be on planning grounds, and not on the loss of value to your own property.

BASEMENTS. There are a small number of planning applications for extensions that include the addition of a basement to provide bedrooms, gyms and even cinemas. Whilst they may not be seen from the outside, it is important that a full survey is carried out to ensure that drainage systems are not affected, nor the structure of adjoining properties. The excavation works can be particularly noisy for neighbours and, whilst not a reason to object, do need to be controlled by Management Plans and conditions set by the council.

INCREASED HOUSING. There are an increasing number of applications for the demolition of an existing house and the construction of multiple townhouses or flats. The council will have to balance the national need for more housing against the impact on neighbouring properties and the local area. Clearly, precedents are set when planning consents are granted.

BEDS IN SHEDS? Some applications are for outbuildings in gardens. They need to be incidental to the use of the house, such as a games room, playroom or for storage. Consequently, kitchen or bathroom facilities are not required, and, indeed, if such facilities are provided, they could provide independent occupation from the main house, which would be unacceptable.

TREES. Northwood is lucky to have an abundance of trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders, which help to ensure their retention. Over time, though, some of these trees need to be cut back for the long-term benefit of the tree. Equally,

some planning applications for extensions or new builds involve the removal of healthy trees. I check that those applications have an Arboricultural Report detailing what will be done to minimise the losses of healthy trees and to replace healthy trees that are to be removed.



Trevor Sherling

Applications to change the planning use of a property are rare but do happen. It might be to change a residential property to a commercial use, for instance. There are planning guidelines on these applications. It is easy to make an objection on the web site. There is a search facility to find the application details and a comment can then be made which goes to the Case Officer and is attached to the application. Go to www.hillingdon.gov.uk then follow:

Residents > Planning > Planning Search Guide > Search now or go directly to: <http://planning.hillingdon.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

START A PETITION. For those affected by a larger planning application or one that would cause a greater impact on the local residents, it can be worthwhile to produce a petition. Where the petition has a minimum of twenty signatures of Hillingdon residents, it gives the right to the petitioners' representative to speak at the planning committee meeting to explain their concerns. Objections do still need to be on planning grounds. A template for the petition is on the Hillingdon web site, follow Council & Democracy > Petitions > Petitions about live Planning Applications or go directly to: <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/28776/Petitions-about-live-planning-applications>

Clearly, the alteration or development of properties adjacent to or even close by your own can be emotive. However, once planning permission is granted, it is too late to voice your objection if there was one on planning grounds.

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Trevor Sherling



Meet Your Committee

Dipesh Patel has been a Northwood resident since November 2015 and joined the NRA committee in November 2018. Born in Uganda, Dipesh moved to London in 1972. Dipesh has a BSc in Computer Studies and Post Graduate degrees in Accounting & Finance and Management Studies; his career has spanned IT, Change and Programme Management and most recently Risk Management in Banking.

Dipesh's role in the NRA is Youth Liaison - to build closer links and participation between the youth of Northwood and the wider community. He has always been keen on helping the community and currently supports the Northwood Live at Home Scheme and is a local School Governor. Dipesh has a passion for raising funds for charity which includes sporting challenges and manages two annual golf charity events.

Dipesh is married with two daughters and relaxes through participation in as well as watching various sports, plus travel and cooking.

Michael Sobell Hospice - Update

It has now been accepted by all involved that the recent experience of nurses trying to care for both active cancer treatment patients and end of life patients in the same environment has demonstrated that such an arrangement is far from ideal. It has manifestly proved detrimental to the wellbeing of both types of patient and to the effectiveness of both specialist nursing teams.

However, discussions are ongoing between the Michael Sobell Hospice Charity, the Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group, the Hillingdon Hospital and East & North Herts NHS Trusts, and Harlington Hospice, with a view to reopening the Michael Sobell Hospice to in-patients.

Harlington has a record of providing excellent end-of-life care and is prepared to be involved in the future day-to-day running. They have the full backing of the Board of Trustees of the Michael Sobell Hospice Charity, which was set up with the sole purpose of providing a means by which the community could support hospice care financially.

Harlington is actively looking at what is required in the short term to make the original building suitable for use once again. They are prepared to supply nursing staff and indeed some staff who previously worked at Michael Sobell Hospice are currently

employed by Harlington. However, to provide the acute hospice care that Michael Sobell House is renowned for not only requires the availability of nurses, but also doctors. It also relies on access to the medical diagnostic and treatment facilities which are provided by the East & North Herts NHS Trust.

With the new spirit of cooperation between the Charity, Harlington Hospice, and the NHS, we will hopefully be able to see the Michael Sobell Hospice reopen in the near future. All in all it would appear to be a win-win situation and a demonstration of what can be achieved through working together.

The voice of the community has been all important in getting this far. By the time this newsletter arrives there will have been another public meeting at which I believe an acceptable, achievable, plan will have been put forward.



Terry Dean
MSH Volunteer & Campaigner

Visit the website where further updates will be posted:

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

From the Treasurer

THE 2018 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS are in for audit and will be available for approval at the AGM. As usual the income and expenditure are not a mile apart so there are no real concerns. I shall propose there are no changes to the subs so they will remain at a minimum of £2 per household, assuming the AGM approves. I stress the word **minimum** but encourage a £5 or more sub. £5 is the most common payment and as the majority of members pay more than the minimum we can actually sustain that smaller figure. If everyone paid just £2 we would have insufficient funds and would need to raise the sub.

WHAT'S ON YOUR WISH LIST FOR NORTHWOOD? The other request to be made at the AGM is for any suggestions on what we can spend funds to benefit Northwood. We would not spend money on things the council should be doing; for items such as pavement repairs, lighting issues, littering etc, we assist by requesting the council fulfil their duty to fix any such issues. Our request is for ideas. For example, we provided the circular bench around the tree at

the junction of Eastbury Road and Green Lane; that appears to be well used and is a benefit to Northwood. We also have other benches in Northwood; if you look closely you will see that the NRA is mentioned on their plaques. The benches are some of the physical indications of the NRA, the most visible are the two notice boards, one near Waitrose the other in High Street.

Any ideas are therefore welcome, if they carry a significant cost the AGM will need to approve them. By significant that is over a thousand pounds or so, but we all share the same desire to maintain Northwood as an excellent place to live and if it can be enhanced with our help that's all to the good.

So keep those subs, ideally £5 or more, flowing in and if they can be accompanied by ideas for Northwood, or things about Northwood in general please do add them. Tell your Road Steward or, better still, come to the AGM.

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David Blowers

1st Northwood New Scouting Centre

Since I last reported on progress, things have moved on apace. Having spent over five months building the foundations, the new pre-fabricated building went up just in four weeks! The roof was finished just in time for Christmas. Since then the floor screed has been done, the internal doors fitted, and the ceiling fitted. Right now we are taking delivery of more plasterboard panels for the walls, which we are fitting ourselves with volunteer labour. Once that's done we can get the flooring down in the kitchen and toilets and get the facilities installed. Work on the rainwater drainage and landscaping will be started at the end of February.

We are planning to have the new building usable for our Jumble Sale, which this year will be on Saturday 25th May. We will then complete the finishing touches and plan to have our grand opening ceremony in the summer.



To see more pictures of the progress of the work, or to make a donation, please visit our website at:

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

Richard Plume
Scouting Centre Project Manager

A Message from Nick Hurd MP

I will spare you Brexit. If you want to know what your MP is thinking or doing on this most tortuous of subjects, do please check in with my website or contact me direct. Of course, it matters a lot but I am fed up with it, and I suspect most of my constituents are too. So let me update you on some Northwood issues that are bleeping on my radar screen.

First of all, the Police. Some residents will be upset by the confirmation that the Mayor intends to continue with his plan to sell Northwood Police station. We did manage to persuade him to retain Ruislip Police station, and local commanders have assured me that nothing will change in relation to the activity of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. However, it is a loss of a community asset with some heritage. I will be pressing for a redevelopment that contributes something positive to the community, and will be asking the question, "How will Northwood benefit from the proceeds of the sale?". On a broader front, as Minister for Police, I have just taken through Parliament the Police funding settlement for next year; the Met will get up to £172 million more public money, on top of the £100m extra they received this year. They are using some of the new resource to recruit 300 additional officers, which I hope you welcome.

The other local issue causing concern is the risk to the Michael Sobell Hospice, which has long enjoyed strong community support. There has been an issue with the building which required the inpatients to be moved. Stakeholders have been slow to confirm their plans to fix the

building and restore the Hospice. With others I have been pressing for clarity, and there is now welcome talk of a supportive proposal from Harlington Hospice.

I am waiting for TfL to show their hand in relation to their latest plans for redeveloping the Town Centre. I expect these to be more controversial locally than the last, and I stand ready to support the majority view of the community as and when we know the plan.

Plans for redeveloping the Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital move in the right direction, but slowly - I still expect a mixed development that will see extra accommodation together with an upgrade of the Health Centre, and possibly some additional community health facilities.

Do please get in touch if I can help with anything, or if you have a view.



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We Join In Carols@Costa

The NRA committee had great fun on Thursday 13th December 2018. They set up a gazebo in the town centre and dispensed festive cheer in the form of mulled wine and mince pies to passing commuters scurrying on their way home. Members of Holy Trinity Church, led by Rev Ann Lynes, began their Carols@Costa evening by coming out to the gazebo and singing a selection of popular carols with us. That got the evening off to a great start - thank you Ann.

During the evening, the results of the Christmas Display Competition were announced and prizes presented.

Where will the NRA gazebo pop-up next?



NRA Membership

I am pleased to report that some 660 NRA members have fully "entered the digital age" by providing us with their email addresses to receive serious or significant Alerts for Northwood happenings. BUT as we have around 2,400 registered members, a large number are still missing out.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Do email me at admin@northwoodresidents.co.uk if you wish to receive alerts; giving your name and postal address would save some detective time on my part to enter you in the system. And of course, don't forget to let us know if you change your email address.

I STRESS – I only author email Alerts for what I judge to be serious info you should have, and the email never does more than provide a link to an item, article or location where the information itself can be found – YOU WON'T be bombarded with unwanted information by email from me, and can always opt-out if you so desire.

We are very grateful for the thanks we have received following some of the critical alert warnings we have put out.

DO YOU LIVE IN OR NEAR TO GREEN LANE, DUCKS HILL ROAD OR FRITHWOOD AVENUE?

Finally, the request for replacement Road Stewards to help by distributing newsletters three times a year is ongoing. Critical now is for Green Lane: three sections – from the top of High Street to past St Helen's school, then a stretch to the Car Park, and finally from there to Ricky Road.

Also, sections of Ducks Hill Road and its tributaries, and the middle section of Frithwood Avenue. A full map will be shown at the AGM – you don't have to live in any of these roads to volunteer to help!

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CRS and DPO

Environment

STOP THE DIRT & LITTER

A new resident to Northwood asked the NRA if Northwood residents, businesses and retailers were happy to dump their dirt & litter, their rubbish and their discarded goods on their streets and pavements! The statement was made as dumped rubbish turned up in this couple's neighbourhood quite regularly. If you walk around the town, either in the shopping areas or in residential areas it is frequently the case that rubbish is discarded well before the published collection day, or even just after the normal collection day.



The pictures show some examples of the dumpers' work.



Dumping rubbish is an anti-social behaviour act and the actions of a few ill-mannered people have a hurtful effect on the majority who do try to put their rubbish out in the late afternoon or early evening before the following day's collection. Generally speaking, the Hillingdon Council waste

disposal services provide excellent collection services. Additionally, the council offers an on-request collection facility for large items. All that information is on their website. It is a bit sad to think that some owners of Hillingdon First Cards may be even too lazy to take a trip to the council waste site.

Commercial businesses may employ regular private rubbish collection services and it is normally possible for businesses to place their rubbish to be collected without overlong displays of bags awaiting collection, but not all businesses play fairly - some may just bag their rubbish and find a convenient kerb on which to dump it. That is not a way to make a neighbourhood attractive!

The message is, "please be tidy and caring with how you put out rubbish for collection, and don't be a dumper". **Please report dumping incidents to the council, preferably with photographic evidence; come to us if you have no response.**

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Andrew Egan

For all information about local environmental issues, visit the council website, www.hillingdon.gov.uk and follow the links: Residents > Environmental Issues.

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Scott Reveals the Contents of our Councillors' Postbags

To start with it is ever so rarely an actual letter these days, even the days of receiving bulky council papers by mail has thankfully largely passed. In my 21st year as a Councillor the postbag hasn't changed wildly, but the contact from residents has increased overall and particularly on individual cases, email makes it possible to be much more responsive and quickly engaged.

PLANNING ISSUES largely remain the key contact we have with residents, and often local businesses. Here the notable balance has changed over a decade from being almost wholly letters and petitions 'against' an application to a mixture of 75% against and 25% supporting. Noticeably, the supporting now increasingly comes from planning consultants and developers' agents seeking to move or shape opinions.

With the large-scale threat to Northwood that the earlier TfL plans heralded, and the ongoing pressure with the new bid from Notting Hill Genesis, this took up an unprecedented amount of time a few years back. Working with NRA and local residents I was involved in setting up the Save our Northwood group and worked with the group to raise the petitions and funds to fight the issues. It may surprise people but the actual number of people writing against the development individually was less than 35, with a few

supporting the plans. Whilst the petitions raised thousands of names few came to their councillors directly.

SOCIAL ISSUES are a real problem even in leafy Northwood, tending to focus around care provision and support that our older residents and their families receive. We don't have such a myriad of cases as other wards do but for those involved who are often facing personal challenges alongside the issues with the council, it's vital we get stuck in and overcome the problems as best we can.

PARKING and other traffic related issues frequently raise their heads. Traffic light issues or problems with junctions and localised parking (or indeed speeding issues) are regular occurrences. A particular problem is parking around some of the local schools, a problem hard to overcome as our excellent schools have wide catchment areas. That said the schools are keen to engage locally to try to mitigate this impact.

In terms of the written word the three areas above take up most of the contact we have with residents. The rest involves face to face meetings and more public ones, more of which next time.

Whilst we cannot always deliver what people want or change the things that they don't like, councillors are a key conduit for getting the residents' voices heard and directing concerns in to the council - do feel free to add to our postbags.



Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby

Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:

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Northwood's HelloNeighbour Challenge Group

At the end of 2018, a campaign was launched through the *Nextdoor Northwood* website to recruit volunteers to tackle loneliness and isolation in middle-aged and elderly Northwood residents. The idea is to recruit volunteers to befriend their elderly neighbours, and carry out acts of kindness for just one hour per week doing simple chores like shopping for them or providing lifts or escorting them to group meetings or gatherings.

An excellent response was received with 35 individuals expressing

interest, most of whom have attended the meetings.

We are liaising with Angela Flux, manager of the Northwood Live at Home Scheme, who is keen to have input from volunteers particularly as drivers or serving at luncheon meetings or befriending. See more about NLAH on Page 15.

Do get in touch with me if you are interested in joining our group.

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Dr Amir Lakha

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

Minor Injuries Unit, Mount Vernon Hospital

Open: 9am - 8pm daily
Telephone: 01923 844201

Need a blood test?

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Phlebotomy dept. is open:
Monday to Friday, 7am - 4.45pm
Telephone: 01923 844732

The department's doors normally close at 4.30pm so that staff can process any patients who are already there. No blood tests are performed after 5pm.



British radiology team scoops major accolade at RSNA

An educational exhibit by a team of Northwood radiologists about the most exciting future developments in advanced prostate cancer imaging has scooped a major accolade at the world's biggest medical conference.

Dr Amish Lakhani, Lead Consultant for Training

at Paul Strickland Scanner Centre (PSSC), led a team to produce a poster called *Next Generation Imaging in Advanced Prostate Cancer: An Overview*. It was chosen for a prestigious magna cum laude award at the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) conference in Chicago last December, which was attended by more than 50,000 radiologists, oncologists and associated professionals. The award is the highest honour for an educational exhibit at RSNA and went to only a few dozen educational exhibits from amongst more than 2,000 entries.

For more information about PSSC
appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk
or call: 01923 844290
www.stricklandscanner.org.uk

This year **Radio Mount Vernon** is celebrating 50 years of broadcasting. We'd love to hear from past volunteers, please email radiomountvernon@googlemail.com

We broadcast 24 hours a day with Sky News on the hour. We also broadcast live several times a week, including some patients' request shows.



More of Jean's memories

Soon after the end of the war Northwood resumed life as before, except of course no lining up in Old Northwood for food. In those days we welcomed my grandparents to live with us in our two-bed bungalow, they had lost their home in the east London bombing.

School followed at Potter Street, now Northwood School; the emphasis was on sport, which I hated. Lessons included sewing, cooking, shorthand and typing for the girls, and engineering and carpentry for the boys. Our careers were mapped out early on.

The local treats in our rural community were outdoors - no TV or car or even phone to distract us. So we walked everywhere or rode bikes. We took great advantage of the woods, blackberry-picking, mushroom-hunting on the edge of Haste Hill Golf Course, going across the golf course to watch the blue dragonflies on the pond half way to the Lido.

Another vivid memory was of lying on our backs on Haste Hill watching the swallows and skylarks zooming overhead, where are they now? When the steam trains stopped on their way to Aylesbury from Marylebone we clambered on and went to Rickmansworth Aquadrome for a picnic, I'm not sure whether we had to go to Harrow first to pick up the train.

A big treat for us was the Police Sports Day, cannot remember where, Dad was running in the relay. We watched the display of police dogs and horses performing for us children. We were very proud of a local Mounted Policeman, Johnnie Hayward, who rode his magnificent white horse for us. We were so proud of him when he rode in front of the Queen's Carriage down the Mall on various ceremonial occasions.

We were breathing again after the war in a very close, friendly community with very little crime other than scrumping apples in local orchards, and getting our ears tweaked by a local Bobby on a bike who would threaten to tell our Dads if we did it again.

Jean McFarlane

Dear Residents,

It is with great pride I have joined the Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team as your new ward Sergeant. I

have served in the Met for the last 18 years across many boroughs operationally and I have recently transferred to you on the 7th January 2019. Further to my arrival you have also received a new designated ward officer, PC Dan Ashworth who will bring a great deal of policing experience to your community and completes the current team working alongside PC Dave Bell and PCSO John Usher.



METROPOLITAN
POLICE

From Sergeant James Last



I hope you have had a chance to meet the team on your travels around the ward but if not then please come and see them for a chat at their regular police surgeries at Costa Coffee on Green Lane, and Waitrose. We advertise these on our website, on twitter and in our monthly newsletter.

We are always looking for new ways to meet residents and talk about any policing issues they may have. As well as our regular surgeries above, we meet quarterly with your ward panel where we discuss issues on the ward and set priorities for the team to work on. If you would like to become a member then please contact our Ward Panel Chairman Philip Green at nwdpolicepanel@gmail.com. If you would like to take part then please email the team at Northwood.SNT@met.police.uk with your name, address and telephone number.

Finally, please can I urge you all to sign up to the Online Watch Link or OWL as it is commonly referred to. OWL is used by Police and Neighbourhood Watch to send out crime alerts and crime prevention advice directly to residents, and now has over 10,000 members! It is the only secure communications system in the UK that is Police approved under the "Secured by Design" scheme. We invite YOU to sign up to OWL today at: www.owl.co.uk You can also sign up for friends and family or neighbours if you feel they can benefit or cannot do it themselves.

Thanks for reading, Sergeant James Last

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on

Telephone: 020 8721 2545 or 020 8246 1823

Email: Northwood.snt@met.police.uk

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

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

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

Sergeant: james.last@met.police.uk

Drop-in Surgeries at Costa Coffee
Friday March 22nd, 4pm to 5pm
Tuesday April 2nd, 2pm to 3pm

Crime Prevention Stalls at Waitrose:
Saturday 23rd March, 3pm to 4pm
Thursday 4th April, 1pm to 2pm

Northwood Police Station

You will have heard via the NRA's email alert or the Met Police OWL messaging that Northwood Police Station is now closed to the general public as from 5th February 2019.

Designed by John Dixon Butler FRIBA, Northwood Police Station was built and opened to the public in 1911. It was designed to look like a large house to match other houses in Northwood. In fact, there have been many residents over the years who did not know that the building was a police station. Northwood's was the only police station with a white police lamp as opposed to the usual blue one, so as not to stand out. The police station including the lamp, call box, boundary fence and gates were awarded Grade II Listed status by Historic England in 2008.

Since May 2003 the front desk has been manned by Met Police Volunteers, a number of whom were also NRA committee members. They have offered a service to residents who needed to come into a police station for whatever reason. Volunteers have never been allowed to deal with crime but would always offer advice on what they should do.

Volunteer Ian Seely says, "Volunteers never knew what would come to the front desk, for instance the need to issue forms regarding traffic accidents, recording change of address for foreign nationals and one overseas lady, who had lived in Northwood for a



Volunteers Ian Seely and David Hazan work their final shift

number of years, recording that she was still alive so she could continue to receive her overseas pension. One recent incident was that a bag was handed in which contained medical records on CD from a private hospital in London. When contacted, the owner immediately sent a courier to collect these records and were very grateful to the volunteers for their help."

If Northwood residents need to go to a police station, Ruislip Police Station is manned by volunteers every Monday to Saturday morning; Hayes or Harrow Police Stations are open 24/7. But there are many other ways in which to interact with our local police: see the grey boxes above.

Ros Plume

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

As expected, Northwood Police station is now fully closed to the public. It was being kept open part time by a fantastic team of volunteers who will sadly no longer be required but hopefully may be providing their expertise in the Hillingdon area. I would like to thank all of them who have helped us over the years.

THE CONTACT SESSIONS will continue in Costa Coffee and Waitrose and in the good weather under a gazebo in various locations. But if you have an emergency call 999 where there is a danger to life or a crime is in progress. 101 for **non-emergencies** where police attendance is required, to report a crime or to report any other incidents. Calls to 101 have a fixed cost of 15p per call. You can also go online to report all types of crime at <http://www.met.police.uk/>

Our local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will still operate as usual and we welcome both PC Dan Ashworth who has replaced PC Nathan Martin and our new Sergeant James Last. Both PC Dave Bell and PCSO John Usher remain in post.

The SNT is starting a '**STREET A WEEK**' initiative where they will engage with residents in a specific road for a week. Do make sure they are genuine police officers before letting them in; being asked for ID will not be a problem for a genuine police officer.

SECURITY. This is a good time of year to start thinking about your property security, looking at boundaries, sheds and outbuildings as well as your main property. The Police cannot stand outside your door 24 hours a day or log-on and protect your online activity for you so do consider your personal security.

Our **WARD PANEL** continues to discuss local issues with your SNT each quarter and we welcome your comments. We urge residents of all ages to join us to keep Northwood safe. Please contact me for details.

HILLINGDON POLICE CRIME SURVEY

A new initiative from Hillingdon allows local residents to pass on comments about policing which helps us to determine where resources should be used. You can join in and also see the results at www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/

Chairman, Northwood Police Ward Panel
nwdpolicepanel@gmail.com

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

Philip Green

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

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Ros Plume

What's happening at Northwood Library?

Forthcoming events at Northwood Library:

On 25th March at 10.30am we will be hosting a talk by Ronald Koorm entitled "**Eastcote to GCHQ**" which tells the story of the Eastcote code-breaking station during World War II, which later became GCHQ. Please contact the library to book a place.



Crafty Christmas Workshop, December 2108

Drama. Due to the success of The Ferryman play-reading sessions during our Culture Bite festival we have now started to run regular monthly sessions. If you enjoy drama come along and read a part or just listen to the play reading. Contact the library for details of the next session.

Our new group for people living with Dementia and their carers launches on 28th February and will take place every Thursday at 10.30am. The group is aimed at under 65s who are living with Early Onset Dementia. It will be a relaxed social group where people can get together and share experiences as well as taking part in other activities such as crafts and quizzes in a Dementia friendly environment.

Our new **Coding Club** started in January, for children aged 8-11. The club runs after school on Tuesdays and aims to help children develop coding skills. Each course runs in 6 weekly blocks. Please contact the library for more information.

Chess club continues to run on Fridays and Saturdays for children aged 7-12. If you've never played before our young volunteers will teach you how to play.

Have you got a new smart phone or tablet and are not sure how to use it? Book a place on our Monday morning **ICT** sessions where our volunteer will help you get started.

If you enjoy poetry, our **poetry group** meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month, to read aloud and discuss their favourite poems.

Storytime for the under 5s takes place every Wednesday and Friday at 10am during term time. Stories, singing and the chance to socialise with other parents. These sessions are very popular so get there early!

For further information or to book a place on any of these events please contact the library directly.

Northwood Library, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AB
Tel: 01895 558262

Email: northwood-library@hillingsdon.gov.uk

Web: <http://hillingsdon.gov.uk/libraries>

Twitter: www.twitter.com/Hill_Libraries

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries

Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-6pm,
Tuesday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.

Janet Clements

Northwood College Shuffle

Every year we raise funds for Comic Relief as we wholeheartedly support its mission to 'Create a Just World Free from Poverty'. I thought long and hard about what we could do this March beyond the regular mufti day, cake bake or face painting. My aim was to create an activity that our whole school could get involved in - girls and staff; one that requires focus, dedication and hard work, but is also lots of fun!

I happened to notice a clip on YouTube of a Chinese Principal who, in a bid to encourage his pupils to exercise more, learnt a rather complicated shuffle dance and went on to teach the whole school. Perfect, I thought – we will create our own NWC Shuffle! The PE Department volunteered to choreograph a simplified version of the Shuffle and we held a 'Shuffle-Off' to select the song, at which the girls voted for 'Everyday I'm Shuffling'!

Girls aged 3 to 18 have been learning the dance in PE lessons and staff members have been donning their trainers and taking to the floor during break time rehearsals.

Our official NWC Shuffle will take place on 12th March and to raise funds we set a challenge to our families – make a donation to Red Nose Day and IF we raise a minimum of **£1000** we will film the final dance for all to enjoy.

Red Nose purchases have raised additional funds and, as always, our girls have embraced the opportunity to make a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves. I am so proud that our whole school has got behind this venture with such energy, enthusiasm and good will.

See our social media channels (Twitter: @NorthwoodGDST and @NWCSPORT and Facebook: Northwood College for Girls) for 'behind the scenes' footage and so that you too can enjoy our Red Nose efforts!

Zara Hubble

Head | Northwood College for Girls

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2019

Journey with us through Holy Week to Easter Sunday and beyond!

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14TH APRIL

Procession leaving Northwood War memorial at **10am**, then joining the Holy Trinity communion service.

Guided prayer and meditation 8-9pm Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

Tenebrae at 8pm. Atmospheric service of words, music, light and darkness.

GOOD FRIDAY 19TH APRIL

10am 'Following the Cross – a walk for all ages' from Northwood War Memorial, followed by Hot Cross buns in the church hall.

12-3pm Service of prayer, music, silence and meditation in Church.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL 20TH APRIL Starting outside with a fire in our courtyard at **9pm**.

EASTER SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

Prayer Book Communion service at **8am**

Family Parish Communion at 10am, followed by an Egg hunt!

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Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

THUMBS UP to the Michael Sobell Hospice Charity (MSHC) book stall volunteers, who with an average age of 70+, helped to raise a whopping £18,000 last year – money raised from book sales at the Amersham and Chesham weekly market, the Rickmansworth Christmas fayre and the Croxley Green and Chorleywood fetes.



The team braves all kinds of weather to help raise money to support the Michael Sobell Day Hospice, which is fully funded by MSHC. Customers are able to purchase a book or two, in return for a donation to the charity, and are also given complimentary bookmarks giving information about leaving a legacy in their Wills. This is a most valuable source of income for the charity which, like many, has no Government support.

Volunteer David Brameld, says, "Without the continued support of just a handful of volunteers, all in their seventies, we couldn't have achieved these results. It's hard work but very rewarding. More and more people are getting to know us and regularly support us with their book purchases and kind donations. There is a genuine support for Michael Sobell Hospice. It really strikes at the hearts of people."

To join the book stall volunteer team, please contact David in the first instance via email at: david@thebramelds.plus.com or for an informal chat on **07900 342778**.

MSHC DIARY DATES

Friday 22nd March 7.30pm, Quiz Night with Shaun Wallace aka The Dark Destroyer of ITV's The Chase! Venue: MSHC Fundraising Office, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood. SAT NAV: WD3 1PZ (Gate 3 off White Hill)
Tickets: £20pp, to include supper. Table teams of 8 people max. Limited licensed bar, FREE Parking on site.

Wednesday 3rd April 2.00pm, Colourdash!

Venue: Brunel University, Kingston Lane, Uxbridge, UB8 3PH

Run, walk or dance 5km; prepare to be splashed with colour as you go!

Entry: £10 Brunel students, £15 adults (18+), £8 young adults (16-17), £8 children (12-15). Music and street food will add to this colourful day! **FREE PARKING**

Saturday 10th May 10.30am, Annual Plant Sale.

Venue: Gardens of Michael Sobell Day Hospice

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May (all day), MSH Book Stall at the Rickmansworth Canal Festival

For more details on MSH and our events and to book, visit www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk or call the Fundraising Office on **020 3826 2367/2362**

An Evening of Magic & Mentalism
with

PAUL NEWTON

Saturday 27th April, 7.30pm

Fairfield, Windsor Close,
Northwood HA6 1PD

Tickets: £15, includes supper

To book: Call Ian on 07957 538 520

Email: chewie76@googlemail.com

**IN AID OF THE
NEW
SCOUTING CENTRE**



Northwood Methodist Church

We are an inclusive church giving a warm welcome to everyone and have a liberal approach to our belief in Jesus Christ. To this end we have set up a number of "Discovery" groups to which everybody is welcome. The next series starts after Easter on the Acts of the Apostles. For more information, please contact our minister.

+Saturday March 30th, 3pm, Family Film a free event suitable for all the family.

+Mothering Sunday, March 31st, 10.30am, an "all age" worship service for all the family, young and not so young.

+Saturday April 27th, 5pm "Messy Church", for children from 2 to 11 years old and their parents or carers; crafts, a short service and refreshments.

Our Oasis lounge is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10am to 12noon for tea or coffee and homemade cakes so why not pop in and meet our friendly volunteers?

EASTER SERVICES: Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 7.30pm "Tenebrae" service, a time of quiet reflection.

Good Friday, 11.45am Passion Play streamed from Trafalgar Square

Easter Sunday, 10.30am, "all age" worship. Everyone is invited to these services.

To hire church premises please contact the church office.

Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA
Tel: 01923 840633
Email: nmc@totalise.co.uk
www.northwoodmethodistchurch.org
Minister: Rev. Andrew Pottage
Tel: 01923 821024
andrew.pottage@methodist.org.uk

2019 will see some changes for our U3A branch, as our chairman, Fred Butterworth, begins his final year of office. He has been a very steady hand on the tiller, always tempered with good humour. Most of the members of our committee have moved over to make way for new blood which helps to keep our organisation alive and forward-looking.

Our membership is in the 700s and increases at a slower rate than in the early years. Of course, we lose members too. Some people move away, some find we are not what they are looking for and some, sadly, have passed away. Mostly, those who join enjoy the trips, holidays and groups but the friendship they find is the real bonus. To make new friendships when we no longer go to school or work is a very important and stimulating addition to our lives.

Last year our holiday was to South Wales where one day there was a visit to The Royal Mint. Nobody returned home with any free samples! Some new groups which have started this year are: Country Dancing, Crochet, Foreign Travels and a 3rd Current Affairs group. What do they all find to talk about? Nothing ever happens in Great Britain, does it?

We had a very interesting speaker at the end of 2018 who told us about Dogs who save lives by Detecting Illnesses. They have been chosen as our Charity for 2019.

We have now decided to welcome visitors for one monthly meeting to "test the water." What are you waiting for? It's the 1st Wednesday of each month, 10.30 am, Fairfield Church, Northwood Hills.

u3asites.org.uk/northwood

Maureen Crimmins



NORTHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

There has been plenty of entertainment and good football on show at the Acretweed Stadium in recent weeks and there is plenty more to look forward to. So why not make a trip down to Chestnut Avenue - come and support

your local non-league team as they look for a strong finish to their Bostik Isthmian League South Central Division season. There are attractive games coming up as Woods host Egham Town (Sat 30 March), promotion chasing Bracknell Town (Sat 13 April) and high-flying Marlow on Easter Monday (22 April). Our admission prices for league games are £8 adults, £4 concessions - students/OAP/armed forces/season ticket holders of premier League and championship clubs. Under 16s go free when accompanied by adult.

The club's Community Day is being held on Saturday 13th April which features the junior football festival and includes a whole club photo and the home Bostik League game against Bracknell Town where admission will be "Pay What You Can".

We have the popular Annual Youth Tournament on the weekend 11-12 May in the Acretweed Stadium. Competitions for teams from U7s to U12s. For more details and to book your space email nfctournaments@gmail.com or phone **07956 480925**.

The club has also recently launched the 'Monday Club' where for £5 you can play pool, table tennis and watch Monday night TV football with food available to order.

There are a variety of commercial / promotional opportunities available at the club from player and match sponsorship to programme and online advertising. Why not speak to us about what we can do for your business or organisation. Our refurbished clubhouse is also available for hire for that special celebration or function.

Hope to see you soon. Up the Woods!

You can keep updated with all things Northwood F.C. by following us on Twitter @northwoodfc, @northwoodyouth1, on Facebook or at www.northwoodfc.com Email: enquiries@northwoodfc.com

Northwood Craft Market & Plant Stall



Our monthly markets are now underway again with a variety of beautiful handmade crafts for sale. Crafts vary each month and range from knitting & crochet, children's clothing, artwork and greetings cards, to fabric bags & purses, embroidery, jewellery, home accessories and more. It's the perfect place to find original gift ideas and there's something to suit every pocket. The Plant Stall is always popular and you can find all sorts of plants at very reasonable prices.

For children there are always hands-on crafts to make something to take home. Teas, coffees and delicious homemade cakes are available in the church coffee shop.

For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

Like us on Facebook; Follow us on Twitter @CraftNorthwood

Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone Susan on **07780 601842**

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

TIME: 10am-2pm **FREE ADMISSION**

DATE: Saturdays 6th April, 11th May, 8th June

NORTHWOOD CRICKET CLUB



Northwood Cricket Club has been part of the local scene for over 140 years. It has its own ground on the corner of Rickmansworth Road and Ducks Hill Road.

Over the summer months the club fields four adult teams every Saturday in the Hertfordshire league. On Sundays one further team plays more relaxed friendly matches.

In July the Club has a Cricket Week at the Northwood ground, with all day games Monday to Friday. Nine matches in nine days! In August the club often has a tour; we have been to Cheshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire in recent years.

Since 2012 we have had a Youth Section which now has some 125 youngsters from U7 to U15. All the young people have the opportunity to attend coaching sessions, indoors in the Spring Term and outdoors in the Summer Term. In the summer all age groups from U9 upwards play competitive cricket matches in the local area.



NCC Colts at Lords during Test Match lunch

To get in touch please call:

Adult & Student Players over 16 & Social Members	Ian Keys 07906 727706
Boys and Girls Y2 to Y10	Keith Wallis 07908 074526
Umpiring or Scoring	Ram Nandiraju 07968 816122

You will find application packs via the 'Club Documents' button on our website: www.northwoodcc.co.uk

The Club is always looking for new players, but it is not just players we hope will join. Also, we are always on the lookout for people who might act as umpires or scorers, training is provided. You are welcome to travel with the players to away matches.

And we welcome Social members. On Saturday evenings there is always some excitement as members of all four teams congregate to discuss the outcome of their matches, the successes and the failures, the bad umpiring decisions and the near misses. Social members are welcome to join in the general buzz, sup a glass of something and relax in a convivial environment.

If you are interested in playing, umpiring, scoring, socialising or getting involved in the administration of the club, do get in touch. Girls and boys, ladies or gentlemen, active or less active, are all welcome.

Northwood Live at Home Scheme

Scheme members have enjoyed a series of Christmas activities as well as a New Year Lunch held in Moor Park's Orangery. Pupils from Frithwood School came to entertain us with seasonal songs at our Christmas Lunch and Yeading School pupils sang and danced after the New Year's celebration meal. The Scheme was grateful to receive a large number of harvest gifts from Eastbury Farm and Frithwood Schools and Chickywicks Nursery, which brought much joy to the recipients. Northwood College students continue to visit Lunch Club to chat with our members after the meal. Northwood Live at Home very much values the excellent relationship it has with many local schools to the benefit of all.



Yeading School entertaining members at the New Year Lunch

the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge, as well as the ever-popular seaside holiday to Eastbourne. Our Wednesday Lunch Club has a new caterer whose good quality meals are proving a great success. The £8 cost includes a two-course lunch with a cold drink, followed by tea/coffee and mints. If you would like to enjoy a good hot lunch and the chance to make new friends, please get in touch. The games session, at Sevenoaks Court, is now held on a weekly basis and is open to anyone over 60. On offer are darts, pool, table tennis and a range of card and board games, depending on what those who attend wish to do.

There are spaces for new members at most of our activities so do consider joining or recommending us to someone who might benefit from getting out a bit more. Transport is provided free of charge for those with significant mobility issues.

We urgently need volunteer drivers and befrienders for those members who struggle to get out. We currently have ten new members who would love someone to visit for a chat.

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

Jo Wild, Chairman

In addition to our many regular activities, several events are planned for the spring, including a Scottish supper and visit to

Mount Vernon Hospital Comforts Fund - Can you help us?

Many of you will have visited our shops and tea bar during visits to Mount Vernon. We are now planning our services for the future and are looking for new volunteers who can commit some regular time, maybe 2 to 3 hours a week to help us. A number of our volunteers have helped us for many years and now feel the time is right to retire.



Nothing deters our Trolley volunteers!

All of the profits made from our shops, tea bar and trolley service go directly back to wards and departments to help support the purchase of equipment not otherwise available from NHS budgets. We have been providing our service via volunteers for over 80 years and plan to continue for as long as we are needed. If you have needed treatment at Mount Vernon, you and your family may well have benefitted from items which we have purchased.

We would very much like to speak to you if you are interested in helping us. This is an opportunity to help your local hospital community and make some new friends.

Please leave your details on 01923 844629 and we will contact you or email: lesley.almond1@nhs.net

We look forward to meeting you.

Jan Sutton BEM
Chairman, Comforts Fund

Northwood Lions Club



NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB is having a busy time at home and abroad - during a visit to Philadelphia, one of our members



visited the Haddonfield Lions Club and was given a great welcome, especially from the oldest Haddonfield Lion - aged 101 (see photo).

Founded 100 years ago, Lions Clubs International have branches worldwide and it is great to take the opportunity to see how other clubs operate. Another Lion recently visited a Lions Club in Colombo, Sri Lanka!

Closer to home, we attended the Northwood Remembrance Day and a

wreath was laid by one of our veteran Lions. As usual, Christmas Hampers were prepared and distributed to families of Hillingdon Young Carers. A new service opportunity has come our way and Northwood Lions are pleased to be able to assist the residents of Lutyens Lodge sheltered

accommodation in Hatch End, with a regular coffee morning, Christmas Tea, and future Fish & Chip suppers!

Over the last year we have been pleased to support the Lions Young Leaders in Service project. One teenager has been awarded a Silver Award for time spent helping at the Saturday Market, and a second young person has recently volunteered to help each week. We would be pleased to hear from any of the Northwood Schools if they would like information about how to join the Young Leaders in Service scheme which is open to all young people aged 11 to 18 years, for any involvement in community service.

As for fundraising, our main regular income is from our Saturday Market, 'The Lions Den', open every Saturday morning from 9.45 till 11.45. In the past ten years we **have given away nearly a quarter of a million pounds to local good causes.** The Market, run by Olive Fairclough and her band of volunteers at 195 Pinner Road, is well worth a visit - its unique and friendly atmosphere, tea, coffee, home-made cakes and great prices needs to be experienced to be believed. We also welcome all donations of saleable goods.

For any questions or membership enquiries, we can be contacted via Facebook, or call Robert on **07860 324395**
Visit: www.northwoodlions.org.uk

Robert Green

Three Choirs Concert

Harrow Choral Society Harrow Philharmonic Choir
Stanmore Choral Society

Verdi: Requiem

Soprano: Anush Hovhannisyan; **Mezzo-soprano:** Sarah Pring

Tenor: Alexander James Edwards; **Bass:** Trevor Bowes

Conductor: Simon Williams **Trinity Orchestra**

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Northwood Residents' Association 53rd Annual General Meeting Thursday 11th April 2019

at Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood
Tea & coffee served from 7.30 pm; meeting starts at 8.00 pm

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and introduction from Tony Ellis, Chairman.
- 2) To receive the Chairman's Report for 2018.
- 3) **Guest speaker.** Group Captain Jason Sutton will talk about the history of Northwood HQ and his role as Commanding Officer there.
- 4) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018.
- 5) To set the rate of subscription for the year 2019 (currently set at a minimum of £2 per household and £10 per business).
- 6) To elect the Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Hon Auditor;
currently Messrs Tony Ellis, Miles Gillman, David Blowers and Chris Rogers respectively,
all of whom are willing to stand again.
- 7) To elect an Executive Committee:
Members standing for re-election: Mr Paul Barker, Mr Andrew Egan, Mr Philip Green,
Ms Hoda Lacey, Dr Amir Lakha, and Mr Peter Lansdown.
Co-opted members seeking election: Ms Emma Brown, Mr Dipesh Patel,
Mrs Ros Plume, Mr Trevor Sherling
- 8) To elect the President, currently Mr Alan Prue; and Vice President, currently Mrs Valerie Mellor.
- 9) **Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team.** A chance to meet our local Police.
- 10) TfL's Proposed Development
- 11) Any Other Business.
- 12) Open Forum with our local councillors.

Nick Hurd MP will attend if his ministerial duties permit.

NOMINATIONS in writing for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee [other than those named in 6) and 7) above], with the written consent of the candidate, must reach the Chairman by 28th March 2019

The minutes of the 2018 AGM can be found on the NRA website: www.northwoodresidents.co.uk under "The Association" tab, scroll down to "NRA's 52nd AGM".

All Northwood residents and businesses are invited to attend.

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The **ART FOR EVERYONE** exhibition scheduled for February will now be taking place from Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th March (inclusive), 10am to 5pm (Thursday 10am-12.45pm). All are welcome. Come and see something different.

The **TUESDAY CONCERTS** continue to bring music and fellowship to Hallowell Road every third Tuesday of the month between 11.30 and 12.00. Come along at 10.30 to enjoy a coffee or tea and chat beforehand. The line up from April is as follows:

- 16th April: Christine Bennett, Soprano & Graham Wheeler, Piano
- 21st May: Adrienne Walters, Soprano & Gergely Kaposi, Piano
- 18th June: Peter Ladd, Organ
- 16th July: no concert
- 20th August: tbd
- 17th September: John Dyson, Piano

CIRCUS SKILLS with AndCircus will be at St John's w/b 5th August (Mon-Thurs) at £96. Bookings will open mid-May at www.andcircus.co.uk

One of the last events with the pews in situ was the first community **DRAMA SHOWCASE** held on 9th February in the



Drama Show Group. 9th February 2019

church. If you are interested in participating in the June event in any way, please contact David Stroud (davidstroud07@gmail.com).

Other activities during the month, which you can drop in on:
Poetry Appreciation – first Monday of the month, 2pm - 3.30pm
Sew & Sew – every Tuesday afternoon, 1pm - 3pm
Art for Everyone – first and third Wednesday of the month, 9.30am - 11.00am
Reading Group – 6-weekly on Friday afternoons between 2.15pm and 3.30pm

For further information about any of the above:

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Website: www.urnorthwood.org

Email Anne: thesamsonsed@outlook.com



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Northwood & District Community Association

Well, we escaped fairly lightly in this area with the snow in late January, unlike some of the country areas. On the 3rd February the rambling group paid a visit to The Savill Garden; it was a beautiful sunny day, but all the snow was still there. It was lovely walking around seeing the wonderful shades of red, green and yellow of the cornus, hellebores and even some camellia bushes in bloom. Even the pheasants, as well as the ducks, could be fed by hand. A lovely crunchy ramble – topped off afterwards with tea and cakes at the leader's house.

Sadly, our German Conversation group has had to disband due to dwindling numbers. But one of our members has started a "Knitting Squares" group, mainly to be a social gathering for anyone who wants to have a coffee and chat with the benefit of eventually making blankets for needy causes. Anyone interested in that, please get in touch.

Our AGM is on the 9th April, 7.30pm at the URC Church in Joel Street. Why not come along and find out more about us?

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