



Northwood

Residents' Association

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Success!



BEFORE: photo of Rickmansworth Road south of the Green Lane traffic lights, as featured on the cover of our Autumn 2019 newsletter.



AFTER: Same stretch of road in February 2020. Parked cars no longer force south-bound traffic to use the right-turn lane. See Traffic and Highways article on Page 4.

Commemorating 50 years since the NRA's foundation on 9th February 1966, a little late, but time waits for no man.... We hope you love the clock as much as we do!

This newsletter was printed and distributed shortly before the Covid-19 lockdown. Subsequently, most events listed in the articles will have been cancelled or re-arranged. Please check with the relevant organisers to confirm.

Business News

We have had a few changes since my last column, lamenting the closed businesses in both Green Lane and High Street areas. We are expecting some more positive changes soon. On Maxwell Road, a new Tesco Express has opened in place of the previous provisions store. In High Street we welcome G & D Higgins Mechanical Services Ltd, established in Harrow in 1980 and one of the industry's foremost providers of quality project and maintenance services.

There is an increasing demand from freelance practitioners to join the NRA for the business benefits, including a discount on advertising. It can get lonely working on your own and it is good to feel part of a community of like-minded businesses.

We are delighted that Dipesh Chhatralia has just won an award for Contact Lens Practitioner of the Year— congratulations! We are also pleased to see Mobile Express on the Old High Street is now highly recommended by Google.

Business owners, please continue to tell us about your innovations, awards you may have won or been shortlisted for, and, of course, any concerns that you have. We can't always resolve them but, if valid, we do approach the council and try to get it sorted for you. And we have had quite a few successes!

We wish to encourage independent traders and major retailers to work together to foster a community spirit with the residents. To this end, we are pleased to have Lyn Ives of the Northwood Nursing and Care Services co-opted onto our committee to help provide even more assistance to our business members. Please do display your "Business Member" stickers as it gives a powerful message that we form one cohesive community.

Here's to a successful trading year for you all!

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Hoda Lacey



Congratulations to Jennifer O'Dwyer of the Misty Moon and Guida Fernandes of Northwood Piazza on their successful crowd-funding achievement. Jennifer and Guida, both NRA business members, managed to raise enough to buy a defibrillator and universal cabinet box.

Along with some other key personnel, they have attended the necessary training to operate the machine. The defibrillator is inside the Misty Moon and available to the public from 8am to 12 midnight.

Northwood Residents' Association would like to thank Jennifer and Guida for their amazing initiative. Another example of our Northwood community spirit!

Defibrillators

Defibrillators are normally located in workplaces and public spaces like airports, shopping centres, community centres, and train stations. These defibrillators are known as public access defibrillators (PADs) as anyone can use them. They are devices that can deliver an electric shock to a casualty in cardiac arrest and can also be called Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

When someone is having a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), every single second really does count. Knowing the exact location of your nearest defibrillator can make all the difference between life and death. Most AEDs are easy to use with voice-guided instructions, meaning you can respond and provide immediate life-saving treatment, before the ambulance service arrives.

AEDs, when used within the first 3-5 minutes of a person suffering a SCA can dramatically increase a victim's chance of survival from less than 5% to as much as 70%. AEDs are designed to be used by virtually anyone with little or no training or experience.

Sites that have a Defibrillator in the Northwood area

- 1) Eastbury Surgery, 3 Eastbury Road, Northwood HA6 3BG
- 2) Ruislip Ambulance Station, Northwood & Pinner Community Hospital, Pinner Road, Northwood HA6 IDE
- 3) Northwood Health Centre, Carepoint Practice, Neal Close, Acre Way, Northwood HA6 ITQ
- 4) Northwood Golf Club, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood HA6 2QW
- 5) David Lloyd Leisure Club, Ducks Hill Road, Northwood HA6 2DR
- 6) Mountwood Surgery, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood HA6 2RG
- 7) Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood HA6 2RN
- 8) North London Clinical Studies Centre, Medinova, Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood HA6 2RN
- 9) Merchant Taylors School, Sandy Lodge, Northwood HA6 2HT
- 10) Tesco Store, 1 Ash Hill Drive, Pinner HA5 2AG
- 11) Misty Moon Pub, 27 Green Lane, Northwood HA6 2PX
- 12) Holy Trinity Church, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood HA6 2RH
- 13) Sandy Lodge Golf Club, Sandy Lodge Lane, Northwood HA6 2JD
- 14) Batchworth Park Golf Club London Road, Rickmansworth WD3 1JS
- 15) Haste Hill Public Golf Course, The Drive, Northwood HA6 1HN
- 16) J Murphy & Sons, Harvil Road, Harefield UB9 6JS UK
- 17) Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood HA6 1AS



Be aware that most sites are **not** open 24/7

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Dr Amir Lakha



From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

When travelling around the country in the summer, I often think how idyllic it would be to live in towns such as Upton-on-Severn, Worcester or Hereford, places that are now under several feet of water. Watching the pictures of the floods on television, it is impossible to understand how terribly the lives of the affected residents

have been ruined. One can only hope that some normality will return to them as soon as possible. I'll certainly never complain again about the several inches of water that appear in my garden during very wet weather.

Maybe Northwood, with a foot in town and country, is not a bad place to live after all!

DAVID SIMMONDS CBE

David was elected as our MP in December. He has been the Deputy Leader of Hillingdon Council for many years and is well-known in the community. I'm delighted that he has accepted our invitation to be our speaker at the AGM in April. I'm sure he will be a worthy successor to Nick Hurd. Welcome David.

STATION DEVELOPMENT

There has been no further communication from Transport for London or Notting Hill Genesis. Former MP, Nick Hurd and council officers met with TfL in November and voiced their concerns about the negative impact associated with the proposed development and the poor management of TfL's Northwood estate. TfL responded that it was going to reconsider its proposals and how to re-animate vacant units including quick wins such as pop-up units. So far, no action appears to have been taken and I have asked MP, David Simmonds, to follow up.

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

- At last the clock commemorating 50 years since the NRA's foundation in 1966 is in place and it looks magnificent. Literally years of negotiation came to fruition when I asked Cllr Richard Lewis to approach Ray Puddifoot, the Council Leader. And, thanks to the guys who erected the clock; they did a grand job.
- As Peter Lansdown reports in his traffic report (page 4) double yellow lines have at last been installed on Rickmansworth Road after insistence from us.

Now we have to tackle Cllr Keith Burrows who seems very reluctant to release the details of the 2018 traffic study and to listen to residents of Kewferry Road, who have long petitioned for action to prevent HGVs using the road as a rat run.

- For many years I have been badgering our councillors for money to upgrade the appearance of the shops in High Street. There might be light at the end of the tunnel as I have recently been told that money will be allocated to Northwood in 2022. Fingers crossed.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Residents of the Hertfordshire part of Northwood (HA6 postcodes in Eastbury and Moor Park) have always considered themselves to be part of Northwood as the boundary is only political. They played a very important part in the successful "Save our Northwood" campaign and some have expressed a wish to receive our newsletter and email communications. Consequentially, your Executive Committee decided to offer Associate Membership to them and both Moor Park and Eastbury Residents' Associations support the proposal.

Associate Members will pay the same subscription, receive newsletters and electronic communications and be entitled to attend Annual General Meetings. However, they will not have voting rights nor be able to seek advice from our councillors. They will have to channel requests for advice, including planning, through their own residents' associations.

Approval for the necessary changes to our Constitution will be sought at the AGM (see article on page 18).

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

At the February committee meeting, Lyn Ives was co-opted as the business representative.

No other changes have taken place and all members will be standing for re-election. I have given up on finding a successor and will be standing for a 12th year. Unless I am challenged of course.

CONCLUSION

My usual thanks to the hard working road stewards who keep us in business, committee members who devote countless hours to the Association and to our councillors.

Remember I'm always ready to receive your comments and questions which will always be responded to.

I hope to see many of you at the AGM.

Tony Ellis
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Street Party Anyone? Hillingdon Council is encouraging residents to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) and the end of the Second World War in Europe by holding a street party on **Friday 8 May**.

With this year's early May Bank Holiday moving from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May, residents wanting to organise a street party can apply to the council for free road closures, public notices, traffic management services and public liability insurance. Road closures will be considered for cul-de-sacs, crescents, quiet roads that are not 'through roads' and roads not on bus routes as these will not generally impact traffic movement.

Online application forms and guidelines are available on www.hillingdon.gov.uk/VEDay75. The deadline for applications is Friday 3 April. If you would like to discuss any details before applying, please contact Lyn Summers, Project and Events Manager, by emailing streetparties@hillington.gov.uk or calling 01895 556640.

If you are planning to hold a street party, do let us know so that we can feature it in the Summer newsletter.

Traffic and Highways

NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY. As a reminder, in mid-2018 a transport study was carried out for LBH, including the following roads:

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

You may remember that many months ago the study report was submitted to Cllr. Burrows, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, for review. So far there are no confirmed recommendations and the project appears to be almost dormant. At my request Cllr. Lewis has asked Cllr. Burrows for an update.

RICKMANSWORTH ROAD/GREEN LANE. Whether among the recommendations of the above traffic study or not, there have been some changes since the last Newsletter:

1. Double yellow lines have been added on a long section of the south-west side of Rickmansworth Road close to Northwood Golf Course clubhouse. This has had the effect of improving and speeding up traffic flow, which appears to be contrary to the safety policy recently outlined by the London Mayor, Sadiq Khan. However, a number of parking spaces have been lost adding to the pressure on parking in the whole Northwood area.
2. More helpfully, double yellow lines have been added on a section of the north-east side of Rickmansworth Road adjacent to the Montessori school at Cornerways. Recently many vehicles have been parked here, some all day. This has meant that south-bound traffic has had to use the marked right-turning lane (for Copse Wood Way) and turning cars there were very exposed, with inevitable hold-ups. A dangerous situation. The NRA is pleased that this dangerous situation has been dealt with.
3. Because of item 2 above, the number of pedestrians crossing at the junction of Rickmansworth Road and Green Lane, particularly with young children, has increased. At present, as the traffic lights now operate, there is no safe time for pedestrians to cross. Local residents have raised a petition to try to rectify this,

suggesting the installation of a Pelican crossing. The council has prepared a report on this to be discussed and considered by Cllr. Keith Burrows.

GREEN LANE. "Carriageway Repairs – Nightwork" (badly needed) scheduled for May 2019 were postponed. I understand that Cllr. Lewis has referred this to the Council Leader for a new date.

DENE ROAD/SANDY LODGE WAY. Following Sadiq Khan's comments mentioned above, speeding on these roads has come to the fore again and practical suggestions have been passed on to the council by a local resident. Feedback is awaited with interest.



PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEMES (PMS). A number of schemes have been under discussion for the last year or so. The latest position is as follows:

The PMS for Gateway Close, Grove Road, Moor Park Road, The Avenue and the first section of Myrleside Close have gone ahead as planned, again adding to local parking problems. Please note that the prohibited parking times for Myrleside are Mon-Sat, 10-11am and 3-4pm, as for The Glen, whereas other areas are usually 1-2pm.

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Peter Lansdown

It's not all meetings, the NRA committee is allowed out!

On 19th December 2019, for the second year running, the NRA joined Holy Trinity Church in hosting a successful carols and mulled wine evening, next to the War Memorial. Ask Pizza on Green Lane also kindly donated several large pizzas to go with all the mince pies what a feast!



It did rain, but not for too long and it did not stop the committee members thoroughly enjoying meeting with the residents of Northwood.

This time the event was rather special; it was not just to celebrate Christmas, it was also to commemorate the grand unveiling of the much-awaited clock, which is now situated opposite the War Memorial on the corner of Green Lane and Maxwell Road.

Cllr Richard Lewis also came along to say a few words of thanks to the NRA for donating the clock, everyone was absolutely thrilled to see it at last. The wait was definitely worth it and the clock can now be enjoyed for many years to come.

What a wonderful evening!

Emma Brown
Community Liaison

Furthering her role as NRA Community Liaison Officer, at the invitation of Rev Ann Lynes, Emma also read one of the lessons at the Holy Trinity Church Carol Service on 15th December. Well done, Emma! Editor

Planning Matters

The submission of planning applications continues apace in

Since the last newsletter there have been **106** applications and, after reviewing each one, I submitted objections or comments on **35** of them.

Northwood.

Most applications are still for side or rear extensions and they can impact the neighbours. Once notified of an application it is easy to locate the application and the plans by visiting the London Borough of Hillingdon website and searching under planning.

The direct link is: <http://planning.hillingdon.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

You can then inspect the plans and identify if the extension is too close to your boundary or may cause an unreasonable loss of privacy because of new windows and the like.

It is too late to object once the application is approved and so if you have a valid planning reason to object then do so. Not objecting could lead to an assumption that you are happy and ignores the fact that you chose not to object because of potential confrontation with your neighbour.

There is a natural concern to objecting to a neighbour's application, but, in all fairness, if you have a valid planning reason and your neighbour still says they are aggrieved it is they who are being unneighbourly.

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Trevor Sherling

NRA Membership

Just prior to writing this, I sent one of my regular Bulk Alerts (11th February re Breakspear Road South 3-day semi-closure) to 787 registered NRA member email addresses. These seem to be appreciated by recipients.

Each time we get a number of "bounces" (message not delivered) and the second time this occurs I set the "receive email" flag to "NO" for that address.

If you have not received alerts recently (or at all!) it may be because your address has changed, or due to a "typo" when I first entered it. Please do **EMAIL ME** so I can then copy and paste your address correction into our database.

More seriously, over the last year we have had three of our alerts classified by recipient members as SPAM – this causes our service supplier to issue a "cessation of service" notice warning us that a repeat will prevent us sending bulk emails at all.

PLEASE if you don't wish to receive future alerts **DON'T** move the message to your Spam Folder, but **DO** click on the "To change your subscription settings, please click here." in the message at the end of the alert and that will automatically change your receipt flag from "Yes" to "NO".

Finally a gentle reminder that the annual sub year is January to December - please contribute as early as possible to your Road Steward or by envelope marked "for NRA" to Sharmans or Carters.

While we intend to keep the minimum subscription to £2 again this year, the larger voluntary amounts so many of you generously make allow us to make contributions for example: to supply musical instruments to local schools, to support the new Scouting Centre, and very recently the large NRA clock on the corner of Maxwell Road and Green Lane to the benefit of all residents.

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Paul I. F. Barker

Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer

Christmas lights We must thank Dene Dental for sponsoring this year's Christmas Tree on the corner of Dene Road. We are also grateful for the continued support from London Borough of Hillingdon for providing the funds for our street lights display in the centre of Northwood and High Street.



6th Northwood Scouts

Thanks to the grant from the NRA we completed the new fence around our land and the hard standing area for the minibus. We still need to grass seed the area adjacent to the fence to complete the job but that will have to wait for better weather!

We are always on the lookout for more helpers either as uniformed leaders or to support the activities of the group so if you have a few hours to spare each month please get in touch.

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embers, 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.

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Ros Plume



News from The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

HILLINGDON HOSPITAL (THH)

Recently, Secretary of State for Health, Matt Hancock, visited THH and confirmed to me that Hillingdon would get a new hospital. In the meantime funds have been made available for essential maintenance and the provision of up to 5 temporary wards which will be used to enable refurbishment and the closure of wartime buildings.

A strategy is being developed to plan the type of hospital and its location – present site or Brunel University. This will be subject to public consultation.

MOUNT VERNON - THH ELEMENT

THH will continue to operate as normal on the site for the foreseeable future. There is the possibility of upgrading the Minor Injuries Unit to an Urgent Care Centre.

MOUNT VERNON CANCER CENTRE

An independent clinical report commissioned by NHS England last year said that urgent changes needed to be made to the way MVH Cancer services were run and long-term changes were required to ensure patients receive the care and treatment they need in future.

It has been agreed to appoint a specialist cancer organisation to take over and University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will run the existing services from April 2021. UCLH will be carrying out due diligence from April 2020. During that period public consultations will take place to determine the Centre's long-term future, hopefully by May 2021. NHS England stated that it wants any changes to make access to cancer services better for patients, not worse and options that are developed should aim to do that.

We will let residents know when public consultations are due to be held.

Tony Ellis
Lead Governor

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Michael Sobell Hospice Charity



On Wednesday 15th January 2020, a "relieved" Miriam Miles, 66, of Rickmansworth, was the first patient to be admitted to the newly refurbished Michael Sobell Hospice (MSH) inpatient unit after it underwent a major refurbishment project over the summer.

Miriam, who was diagnosed with breast cancer over six years ago, will now work with the physiotherapy and Hospice team to regain use of her legs, so she can walk again. Commenting on the experience she has so far received from nursing staff, Miriam said: "I didn't know there were so many angels around." She added: "I followed Terry Dean's work throughout the petition campaign, and he impressed me no end at how much fight he had to give to save the Hospice. I'm living proof that the fight was worth every bit of the struggle."

Charity spokeswoman, Ophelia Chambers-Henry said: "Michael Sobell Hospice exists to serve the community and provide end of life care to those who may need it today, or in the future. Going forward, **we need to maximise our fundraising efforts** to ensure this vital service continues for many more years to come for those people who need our care and support."

Fund-raising Events coming up soon.

Sat 28th March, 1pm-4pm, Sponsored Danceathon with Clubbercise!

Sat 2nd May, 9.30am-12.30pm, Annual Plant Sale in the Hospice grounds.

Sun 17th May, 8am (set off) On Your Bike annual cycle challenge – new 30-40-mile route TBC!

Friday 19th June, 10th Ladies in the Night Walk – 10 years of memories! 10pm start.

For more details on MSH and our fundraising events visit
www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

or call the Fundraising Office on **0203 826 2367**

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Michael Sobell Hospice,

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PAUL
STRICKLAND
SCANNER
CENTRE

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre is an independent medical charity based at Mount Vernon Hospital. We provide comprehensive scanning services to the NHS and private health sectors for the diagnosis, treatment monitoring and research of cancer and other serious diseases, using leading edge PET-CT, MRI and CT scanners.

Legacies and donations help fund new scanners which have to be replaced every few years.

We undertake almost 17,000 scans a year giving patients the opportunity of a healthier future.

You can help with fund-raising by joining in with the events taking place in the next few months:

Wednesday 8 April 11am **Bridge Drive** (format will be Chicago Bridge), at West Herts Golf Club in Rickmansworth. Entry is £25 per person, which includes coffee, lunch and the opportunity to win a prize. Please bring your own cards.

Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 25 May, 11am, **10km circular walk** starts at Chenies Manor (WD3 6ER). Entry is £10 (under 10s go free), or £20 for the sponsorship package which includes a T-shirt and sponsorship form.

Tuesday 9 June, 10am, **Golf Day** at Denham Golf Club, UB9 5DE. 18-hole team Stableford Competition. Entry £110 includes a 3-course meal.

For lots more info and to book your place for these events visit
www.scannercentre.eventbrite.com or
calling 01923 886315 during office hours

A Message From Our New MP, David Simmonds

It's been a busy first few weeks in the role of MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner. I have enjoyed meeting and corresponding with many local residents. I've held drop-ins and coffee mornings in Pinner, Hatch End, Harefield, and Ickenham, and I will continue to host future weekly drop-ins across the wards. For details of future events near you, please do follow my Facebook page or check out my new website.

On local issues such as Mount Vernon and HS2, I have already been a vocal advocate on behalf of our constituency.

I have visited the Mount Vernon site and raised the importance of the care provided there in Parliament. I am due to meet with the Minister of State for Care to discuss this valued local site soon. I will continue to work with healthcare providers and the Government to ensure that our community receives the best possible care.

*I have worked closely with the **HS2 Review Group** to make our community's case concerning the line of route, the enabling works, and the future of the project as a whole. I also visited Dews Farm and Hillingdon Outdoors Activities Centre, and met with the Prime Minister in Parliament at the pivotal time in the run-up to the announcement following the Review. I am of course disappointed by the decision, but I can assure local residents that every MP along the route is committed to working together to ensure that our voices are heard in the years ahead. I hope that a new HS2 Ombudsman and a new HS2 Minister will work with us to improve the approach of HS2 to local residents and our natural environment.*

On TfL's inappropriate Northwood development proposals, I have met with Northwood Residents' Association and with the campaign group Northwood's Voice. I have already written to TfL on behalf of my constituents and will look closely at any applications under consideration. I am due to welcome Shaun Bailey to Northwood in late February, the Conservative Candidate for Mayor of London. TfL and City Hall's plans will be high on our agenda and I will be sure to represent our community's concerns.

If you have any concerns, please do get in touch.

I look forward to working with you and continuing to deliver for our community.



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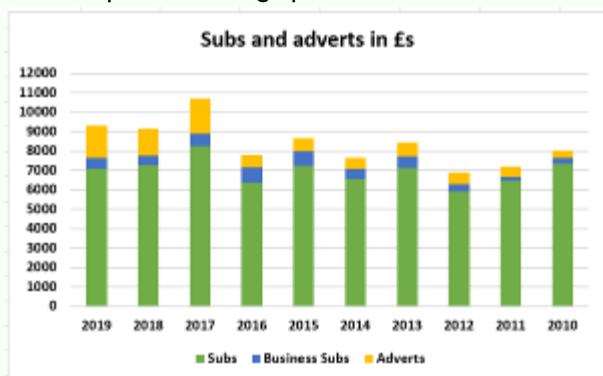
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From the Treasurer

Another year has begun which means another has just ended and with it our financial year for 2019. A thank you to all of our members for their continued support and once again much praise and thanks to our Road Stewards who undertake the tasks of delivering newsletters and collecting the subs. The 2019 financial accounts have yet to be audited, but the subs received this year are similar to previous years. The last ten years receipts are in the graph below.



The usual question of "Why is the sub not £5?" is often repeated. It is a valid question since 56% of members do pay more than the minimum of £2. It is a *minimum* and we do encourage higher subs so that low value can be maintained. If trends continue, the reality will be that £5 will become the smallest sub received, so please do pay with folding money so we can get to that point. In 2019, the highest sub received was £35 and twenty households paid £20 or more.

This year we did spend more than we received. The clock on the corner of Green Lane and Maxwell Road explaining the

higher than usual expenditure. It was to commemorate 50 years of the NRA but due to various difficulties was installed somewhat late. Higher value items require AGM approval so members can decide the outcome of any initiative or request. At AGMs members are always reminded that any ideas on how to improve Northwood are welcome. We would not spend funds on tasks the council should be doing but do let loose with creativity to generate those ideas.

The method of paying subs is sometimes queried. Portable card readers are falling in price and could become a reasonable source. That still requires a Road Steward to collect the subs and offers another alternative to cash or cheque but will still consume a % in commission. On-line payments would also increase collection costs significantly and may not be desirable to a majority of members. Overall, our Road Stewards provide an excellent solution and also offer a conduit for information flows. Please support them by having a cheque payable to 'Northwood Residents Association', or cash, ideally of the folding type, ready when they are collecting. Subs can also be left at Sharmans or Carter Chemist, just place cash or a cheque in an envelope clearly marked "For NRA" together with your name, address and ideally email address and your membership will be arranged.

Please speak to your neighbours and encourage them to join if they are not already members; let's see if we can get all subs to be £5 or above, it would be satisfying to break the 2017 record this year.

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David Blowers

Environment

WINTER MOVES INTO SPRING

With much of our winter being quite mild so far this year, the new growth of spring is arriving early so that in sheltered parts grass was growing in mid-January and daffodil shoots appeared as well. Now is the time to cut back hedges and over-grown tall trees that may have also bushed out over neighbouring property or pavements.

Just as it is a civic duty to be mindful of correctly disposing of household waste, so too we have a duty to keep hedging and foliage on private property from over-spill onto pavements and causing reduced access. Please do check your property boundaries and do the right thing if needed.

With some heavy rains this year has come some flooding and there are a number of places in Northwood where "ponding"

regularly occurs usually on a well cambered road with the rainwater then spilling onto pavements. If there is a blocked drain or perhaps no drain present at all in such areas of localised flooding and this is outside your home, then please get in touch with the council and ask for remedial action.

BUILDING WORKS

Many driveway cross-overs and pavements are being damaged in Northwood as heavy lorries access building and demolition works. Is it too much to ask that protective material is employed to cover driveways, pavements and verges when heavy vehicles need to access building sites? Contractors need to be told to have ready and to use suitable covering material. Residents, please get your contractors to do this.

Where paving is damaged by contractors, report it to the council who should require the property owner to pay for repairs.

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Andrew Egan

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Meet Your Committee - Business Representative



Lyn Ives has recently joined the committee and would like to introduce herself:

I have worked for Northwood Nursing & Care Services since 2017. I work as Compliance Administrator and am involved in business development. I see my role on the committee both beneficial for the residents and for local businesses as Northwood Nursing cares for local residents and we are in the heart of the business community. I previously worked at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre as an Accessibility Coordinator and as a 'Non-Executive Director' for a housing association and a board member for Hillingdon Carers. I lived in Northwood from 2003 to 2009, I then moved locally to Northwood Hills so I am very familiar with the area.

I enjoy my walk to and from work so I see the area daily and take pride in it. I enjoy weekly boxing classes and have three grown up children.

New 'Leaky Dams' in the Woods

To help control the run off of water after excessive rainfall the Park Rangers, after consulting Natural England, have been installing 'Leaky Dams' in our woods. These help control the run of rushing water and are there to prevent flooding further down the stream. Unfortunately several have been damaged by members of the public, perhaps thinking, that the dams were made by naughty kids throwing logs across streams. If you see a dam, just admire it and leave it as it is. Thank you.



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Miles Gillman

And professional dog-walkers, please note the new licence requirement.



Councillors' Column - we hear from Cllr Richard Lewis

THE CLOCK. I was delighted to partner with the NRA to help install the new Northwood Community Clock. The clock was bought by the NRA to mark its 50th anniversary and the installation costs were secured by the three local councillors from the council's Ward Budget Scheme. Hillingdon Council has also agreed to fund the power costs to keep the clock running and I hope that the new clock will be an iconic symbol of Northwood for many years to come.

LOCAL CULTURE. The council's popular Culture Bite festival continues. So far we have had Winter Gothic at Manor Farm Library, Author Talks from Louise Doughty and Alison Weir and An Afternoon with our very own best-selling and critically-acclaimed Northwood author, Cynthia Harrod-Eagles at the Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue; all were very attended with great feedback from residents.

The next scheduled event is on 27th March - The Mariner's Song at Northwood Hills Library, more details will be shown on the council's website and in Hillingdon People.

I'm also delighted to report that Northwood Library will be refurbished in 2020 and will provide an improved experience for local residents.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS. In September 2019, a new grass square and Astroturf strip was created at Northwood Recreation Ground for Northwood Town Cricket Club, offering the club a much-needed second grass wicket. Improvements were also made to the footpath at Long Meadow. In addition, an outdoor gym has been approved as part of the council's popular Chrysalis scheme with installation expected to take place in the summer.

ROADS. Focusing on roads, Kemps Drive, Ashbourne Square, Reginald Road and Highfield Road were all resurfaced. Bennett Close, Hawes Close and Kemps Drive footpaths

were also resurfaced. Green Lane is due to be resurfaced in the near future.

SAFETY FIRST. All Northwood's CCTV cameras have been upgraded. Cameras were also introduced to take action against drivers turning illegally into Elgood Avenue to ensure that the area is safer for other road users. A zebra crossing has been installed in Copse Wood Way to improve access between the bus stops, following a petition from local residents.

Please keep a look out for your next copy of Hillingdon People magazine so that you can keep up to date with details of Hillingdon Council's local town investment programme.

Best wishes,
Richard

*Cllr Richard Lewis, Northwood Ward Councillor
Cabinet Member for Central Services, Culture & Heritage*



Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:
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Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

Those of our readers who are Watch Co-ordinators will be well aware that the services offered by HNW's office have been non-existent for the past six months, although the email account has been monitored and queries dealt with. This situation has been caused by the well-publicised police station closures which meant that police officers from these buildings have had to be re-located elsewhere. This is why the front desk at Ruislip Police Station has been permanently closed to the public and HNW invited to find office space elsewhere. At long last HNW is now open for the business of creating new watches and hopefully the provision of paper copies of its bi-monthly newsletter shortly. We are open on Fridays between 1000 and 1300 at Manor Farm House, Eastcote Road, Ruislip, HA4 8BD (floor above the museum). As the museum remains closed to the public from October until April, anyone wishing to visit HNW will need to inform us beforehand (during the previous week) by email.

During this period of office closure, HNW has still been functioning – the recent Crime Prevention Forum at The Barn, Ruislip in late January attracted an audience of more than 300 local residents, including a few familiar faces from Northwood and was deemed by many as being highly successful.

HNW's involvement with OWL has continued unhindered by the aforementioned problems, recruitment across the borough now being in excess of 14,000 sign-ups. **Northwood continues to lag behind comparable wards in its level of sign-ups**, despite recruitment drives via NRA, the Police and HNW. The alerts and crime prevention advice offered are intended for residents to heed **before** they become victims of crime. If you have not yet signed up, the process is quite straightforward - go to www.owl.co.uk and follow the instructions.

Web: www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk
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*Lynette Bridger
Secretary*

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Dear Residents,



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

From Sergeant James Last

With us now well into 2020 I hope you have had a chance to meet the team on your travels around the ward. If not then please come and visit them for a chat at their regular police surgeries at Costa Coffee on Green Lane, Waitrose supermarket and also when out patrolling in the local ward area. We advertise our contact points on our website and Twitter. We continue to operate the "Street-a-Week" project where officers will be coming to you and speaking with you directly at your homes and businesses to promote a better working relationship in the community and what we can offer you. We have also been developing a business watch in the local area to enhance the quality of service we can give you and early detection of problem offending patterns and suspects.

Your local policing team consists of two experienced Dedicated Ward Officers, PC Max Christmas and PC Danny Verrall, and your long-serving PCSO John Usher, all overseen by me. In recent months the local North Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been completing regular taskforce-styled patrols working alongside neighbouring ward officers and targeting known problem areas. There also continues to be a joined-up working initiative with Hertfordshire Constabulary targeting burglary and theft of motor vehicle offences on the borders of the two force areas.



Sergeant James Last

Finally, can I urge you all to sign up to the Online Watch Link or OWL as its 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

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

For further free crime prevention advice please visit us at
www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention/

Stay safe and thanks for reading,

Sergeant Jim Last

Metropolitan Line

Gerry Pimm represents the NRA on FOMLUC, the Federation of Metropolitan Line User Committees. No report this time, but remember Gerry is always pleased to receive your Met Line tales, whether woeful or complimentary!

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Gerry Pimm

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ONLINE MEDIA MAKES US MORE AWARE OF CRIME.

Logically with so much information available both online and directly from police officers these days we should all be aware of the best ways to protect ourselves from crime in all its guises. But we are all living increasingly busier lives and often the obvious safety aspects of protecting home and personal security gets pushed back or ignored. Often it is sadly only when we, or someone close to us, becomes a victim that our thinking changes. With immediate online media feeds we all feel a bit more nervous, especially when regurgitating horror stories (often not true) relayed through our social networks. Perhaps it now seems like a constant menace. Crime has always been with us and will continue. We also have more sophisticated criminals and new ways to be become victims.

Despite the restructuring of our local police force and the hard work of all our officers, resources are stretched. Yet we seem to be demanding far more from our police force. New agendas regularly become highly focussed by national debate, adding a multitude of new crimes to the conversation and our expectations.

WE CAN HELP OURSELVES. The Police are dealing with and recording more crimes and of a more diverse nature. So new approaches and thinking are required; and that goes for us too. Should we be outsourcing our own basic home and personal protection to the police? Or should we be taking matters into our own hands? The information is available, personal advice is there if required and sought. Are we checking our property to see where it is weakest for burglary? Are we ensuring our cars are locked with no valuables inside? Are we ensuring our online presence is safe and of course that of our children too? These must be the basic levels of our involvement in the crime arena. Of course, crime does happen regardless of how well you protect yourself but all of us must do what we can to minimise the losses incurred.

COMMUNITIES CAN WORK TOGETHER. Recently high-end car thefts and residential burglary led a local community to set up their own security group prior to paying for a private patrol. Not every street or cluster of roads can afford this but from my viewpoint the biggest reward was that the community came together. They set up a WhatsApp group and now stay in touch with each other when something seems out of place or an alarm goes off. By working collaboratively, the residents have realised the power of sharing information (and CCTV) and are looking out for each other. Additionally, they are considering the basic ways of how they can protect themselves. Sometimes the simple action is the one deterrent that stops a burglary or car theft. I know our local Safer Neighbourhood Team will happily engage with any residents who feel they need help.

Whilst the Police are often vilified for failures they are quieter on their successes. They prefer to remain focussed on getting on with protecting and serving our community. What I can tell you is our local Safer Neighbourhood Team works hard every day and has many successes dealing with a multitude of issues. So, let us all help them by reviewing our own security and that of our property. We are all in this together.

P.S. – Speeding is still rife and is the one topic that always comes up in debates.

Chairman, Northwood Police Ward Panel
nwdpolicepanel@gmail.com

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

Philip Green

Do get in touch with Philip if you would like to discuss this topic further. Ed

Coal Posts

It's possible you may have wondered about the white post in the hedge on the Rickmansworth Road, 40m south of the 'Prince of Wales', bearing the coat of arms of the City of London and repainted last September. This is a coal duty post, one of approximately 260 placed as Boundary Markers by the City in 1861 wherever a canal, railway or highway entered the London District. It was a reminder that after crossing the boundary taxes were due on all coal (and later, wine).

Coal had been taxed since the Great Fire of London in 1666, when the City had to raise money for rebuilding, but later the funds helped projects such as Blackfriars Bridge, the sewage system and the Victoria, Albert and Chelsea Embankments.

Two other recently painted local posts can be found just North of the Boundary Footpath (between Herts and Middx), one 170m East of Kewferry Road, and the other 150m West of the same road, and there are others in Harefield. A full list and more information can be downloaded at www.coaldutyposts.org.uk

The posts are still maintained by the City of London, but they have a very small budget to cover this. They sometimes need a gentle reminder when our coal posts need painting - my 'Before' photo worked this time.

Moira Parry



Before



After



Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

The ancient parish of Ruislip, which included Northwood and Eastcote, was first documented in the Domesday Book. The Society promotes interest in local history generally and the history and conservation of our area.

Meetings at St Martin's Church Hall (behind the church) at 8.15pm.

MONDAY 20TH APRIL: Roman Leicester: Life in the Roman world by Matthew Morris
Members free; Visitors £2

For further information, please contact:
membership@RNELHS.uk
or visit www.RNELHS.org.uk

Gardening at Michael Sobell Hospice

Every Tuesday morning from 9.00am, some eight to twelve volunteers turn up to look after the gardens at Michael Sobell Hospice, come rain, come 'shine.

Feedback from patients, their visitors and staff indicate that the garden is much appreciated and that, in turn, gives us pleasure. The biggest single area of comment recently has been the redesign of the internal gardens within the reopened hospice. The picture is of the Japanese garden which is where the aviary used to be – now gone due to health and safety reasons.

As well as keeping the gardens in trim, we also arrange an annual Plant Sale at which we usually raise around £1,500 to help with the hospice's much-needed funding. There is also a raffle and some wonderful home-made cakes to go with the cups of tea and coffee!

The date to put in your diary for this year's sale is **Saturday 2 May 2020**. Doors open at 9.30am. However, those green-fingered amongst you will, hopefully, be taking cuttings, splitting up perennials and thinking about any other goodies you can bring us

during the week running up to the sale. Just leave them under the balcony at the back of the hospice or, preferably, come along during the morning of Tuesday 28th April or Friday 1st May.

If you've never been into the garden, come and have a look; it's even won awards in the past so is well worth a walk round. Come on a Tuesday morning and, who knows, you may even get a personal tour!



For further information, please contact Stephen Lee on **01923 825173** or email stephenwlee@btinternet.com.

Northwood Town Cricket

"It's a glorious day, the sun is as bright as any day in the summer, and it makes us all yearn for the cricket season to start",

declared one of our members. However, as it was still only February, we have to do the next best thing and train indoors. Until early April both the senior and colt members use the indoor nets at Haydon School for practice. The senior players' sessions are on Sunday mornings, 10 - 11am, whilst the colt members have two sessions on Wednesday evenings for 6- to 16-year olds.

Moving on to what we all hope will be another glorious summer of cricket, outdoor training for colt members starts straight after the Easter holidays on Saturday mornings for all age groups with extra training for the 12- to 16-year olds on Tuesday evenings. The senior players train on Thursday evenings and all this takes place at our home ground in Northwood Recreation Ground accessed from Highland Road or Chestnut Avenue.

We have three adult teams that play on Saturdays as well as regular Sunday games and we always give a warm welcome to new members at of the friendliest clubs in the local area. So, if you or anyone you know might be interested in coming along to



see if you would enjoy playing for the first time or to rekindle an

old love for the game, you are more than welcome to come down and share the experience with us.

If we have tickled your interest in joining us, please use the following contact details to get in touch or if you prefer pop down to our clubhouse any Saturday to meet us once the season has started.

Seniors: Akshay Loomba, Club Captain, Tel **07877 526 217**

Colts: Jack Daly, Junior Manager,
Tel **07791 864 319**, jackdaly92@msn.com

In addition, you can gather more information via our web site on <https://ntcc.hitscricket.co.uk/>

Northwood Methodist Church



Northwood Methodist Church, at the far end of Oaklands Gate is an outward-looking, warm-hearted and Jesus-centred Church. We welcome everyone to Christian worship each Sunday at 10.30am. All Age services, particularly suitable for families, will take place on Sundays March 29th, April 26th and May 31st at 10.30am. In addition we have Breakfast Praise

at 9.15am on those dates, a time of singing followed by fellowship over a continental breakfast.

On **Sunday May 17th** at 10.30am there is Café Worship, an informal style of worship, sitting round tables enjoying food and drinks while the service is on.

On **Good Friday, April 10th** at 11.45am we are hoping to screen live the Passion Play being performed in Trafalgar Square to which everyone is invited. Please bring a picnic lunch. Tea, coffee, squash and hot cross buns will be provided.

Our 10.30am service on **Easter Day** will be a family service with, possibly, some Easter eggs!

Messy Church is Saturday April 25th at 5pm for children aged 2 to 11 years accompanied by an adult.

Little Acorns toddler group meets on Mondays in term time from 9.30 to 11.30am. It welcomes babies and toddlers with a parent or carer. A chance to enjoy a cuppa and chat while the children develop their social skills with others.

For grown-ups we run several small friendly house groups that anyone can join to explore Christianity.

Don't forget our **Oasis** coffee lounge, open from 10am to 12noon Wednesdays to Saturdays.

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Spotlight on Old Northwood High Street

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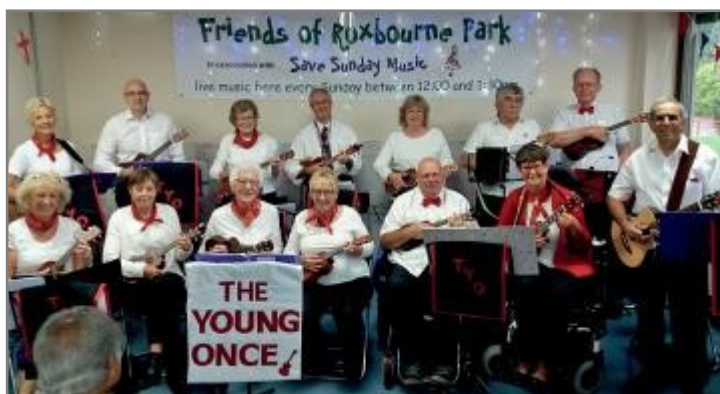
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We continue to grow and have now over 800 members. Obviously as the years go by we lose some members for various reasons but new folk come along and fill those places. This is our 9th year and we welcome a new chairman. Fred Butterworth, took a happy retirement and his place has been ably filled by Rob

Thomasson. Rob has been a committee member for around six years but has now become Head Boy! We shall see what changes he will bring, if any. New brooms and all that

In 2019 our Ukulele Group, The Young Once, played on 31 different occasions at care homes, sheltered accommodation, Friendship and Luncheon Clubs. In fact anywhere that they wanted us; we are always pleased that somebody enjoys what



we do. The Strummers Group is also starting to branch out and play in public.

All three Current Affairs Groups are now full and have waiting lists. We also need leaders to start a new Book Group, Patchwork, Art for Fun, Sewing for Fun. There are other groups that are either full or rapidly approaching saturation point. If you are willing and able to

“step up to the plate”, please contact the Groups Co-ordinator via our website.

Never complain that you have nothing to do - come along to Fairfield Hall, Northwood Hills on the first Wednesday of the month and you will wonder how you ever found time for the washing, ironing and dusting.

u3asites.org.uk/northwood

Maureen Crimmins

Northwood Craft Market & Plant Stall

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

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

DATE: Saturdays 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June

After our New Year break, our monthly markets are underway again. There's a variety of beautiful handmade crafts for sale which vary each month. They include knitting & crochet, children's clothing, artwork, soaps, fabric bags & purses, embroidery, jewellery, home accessories and much more. If you're looking for some original gift ideas, it's the ideal place to come. You might even find a treat for yourself.

The Plant Stall is always popular with lots of cuttings and seedlings available at very reasonable prices.

For children there are hands-on crafts to make something to take home, and you can take a break for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes in the church coffee shop.



For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

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Northwood Lions Club



Our newest member, Vernon Uduagapola outside Waitrose.

It's set to be another busy year for Northwood Lions Club. We plan to have stalls at three summer Fêtes - Eastcote Cricket Club, Eastcote House Garden, and Pinner Village Show.

Last November we held another of our popular Quiz Nights, kindly hosted by David Lloyd Club in Northwood - it was a very enjoyable event, and has become a regular Autumn fixture in our fundraising calendar.

In November we also held another one of our twice yearly Presentation Evenings where

we donated £12,000 to local charities, including: Hillingdon Hospital Paediatrics, Friends of Hillingdon Music, 6th Northwood Scouts, Radio Mt Vernon, Mayor's Charities, ORCHYD, and Hillingdon Community Transport.

Like Lions Clubs all over the world, Northwood Lions exists to raise money (and have fun doing it), which we then give away to local good causes.

Our main source of income is our Saturday Market at 195 Pinner Road, HA6 1DF (near the Iron Bridge) which is as much a regular social occasion as a weekly sale - do pay us a visit on any Saturday morning. It's not just what you see on the outside - do come in!

To donate goods or for membership enquiries, we can be contacted via Facebook, or call Robert on **07860 324395**
Visit: www.northwoodlions.org.uk

Robert Green

Northwood Live at Home Scheme

NORTHWOOD LIVE AT HOME celebrated Christmas in style with no fewer than four lunch parties! Two were hosted by local schools, Northwood College and Haydon, who invited our members to enjoy some entertainment as well as an excellent meal. We are grateful to them for their kindness. The largest Christmas party, held at St John's URC, was sponsored by the NRA. Attendance was the highest ever and thanks to your generous donation wine was included with the lunch and every member received a small gift. **Thank you, NRA, for your kind support.**

In late January we were delighted to celebrate the **100th birthday** of long-standing member Beatrice, known to most



as Beatie. A large number of fellow-members, volunteers and staff joined Beatie for this very special occasion, a first for the Scheme. Pupils from Yeading School sang songs from four decades and helped everyone sing "Happy Birthday". After the meal, a celebration cake was cut to mark the occasion. A happy Beatie said "This is a birthday I certainly won't forget."

TO RAISE FUNDS for the Scheme, a group of volunteers are planning to participate in the Three Peaks Challenge. If you would like to support them, please visit **www.justgiving.com** and use the search box to find Northwood Live at Home.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT for our charity is much needed as we continue to expand and offer an increasing number of older local residents the opportunity and support to get out and make new friends while enjoying a range of therapeutic and social activities.

NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY WELCOME. Membership is free but a small charge is made towards the cost of activities, all of which are subsidised. We are always in need of more befrienders and drivers.

To find out more about us and to get involved, please contact the office: Tel: **01923 842494**

Email: **Northwood.LiveatHome@mha.org.uk**

<https://www.mha.org.uk/live-home/live-home-near-me/northwood/>

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Jo Wild, Volunteer

Jean's memories - circa 1947-58

My fading memories of my childhood in Northwood remind me of two things in particular: the library in Northwood Hills along the Pinner Road near my school, full of exciting books to borrow, and a rather tall beautiful woman who lived near us. This lady used to wave at us on our way to school, always with a Pekinese dog under her arm. She was rarely seen out on the street, but rumours were that she was a White Russian aristocrat who had fled from her beloved homeland.

At school in those days after the war, the emphasis for the girls was learning how to cook, sew and master shorthand and typing. For the boys it was carpentry, engineering, and chemistry. All preparation for getting jobs. Jobs were plentiful then, and the teachers arranged interviews for us.

The books at the library were anything from Winnie The Pooh, Enid Blyton, and my first introduction a bit later to Dostoevsky, Solzhenitsyn, Daphne du Maurier and detective novels. When we were good, we were allowed a copy of The Beano or the Dandy to read, no internet or mobiles then.

Jean McFarlane

The Arts Society Moor Park - Forthcoming talks, open to all



Wednesday 15 April 2020

A Decorative Art: The History of Wall Paper by Joanna Banham

Often regarded as the most ephemeral and least precious of home decorations, we examine how wallpapers were used within grand and more ordinary homes.

Wednesday 20 May 2020

John Peter Russell: the Lost Impressionist by Lucrezia Walker

John Peter Russell, the lost Impressionist, was a friend of van Gogh, an artist regarded by Rodin as equal to Monet, Renoir and Matisse.



Wednesday 17 June 2020

The GPO Film Unit: The Birth of the Documentary Film by Howard Smith

The birth of documentary films in the 1930s, through the experimental Soviet era to the 129 films produced by the GPO Film Unit in seven years, including 'Night Mail' with poetry by W H Auden and music by Benjamin Britten.



Venue: Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip, HA4 7QL at 10:50am; complimentary coffee/tea available from 10:15am; Free car parking available. **Cost:** donation on the door of £8.00 each is invited. No booking required.

For enquiries and details of ticketed events at Moor Park Mansion and outside visits, please visit our website: moorparkdfas.com



News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

Our final Speaker event this season is on Monday 23rd March; coffee from 7.40pm then the talk at 8pm is about Capel Manor's Winning Gardens; we meet at Eastbury Farm School.

Our Spring Plant Sale is on Saturday 23rd May at 10am at 33 The Fairway, HA6 3DZ.

We have discovered that there is nothing all good gardeners enjoy doing more than having a good look round other people's gardens. You can do this if you care to book a place



on the annual holiday organised by the Society. From 18th to 22nd May, travelling by coach to ten gardens in the East Midlands area, including the often talked about Barnsdale garden of the late Geoff Hamilton. Four nights' accommodation (half board) at the 3-Star Best Western Hotel

in Nottingham. Yours for £545 per person, (single room supplement £120).

If this has stimulated your interest, please contact our secretary, Paul Akers, on 01923 821115 or email paul1945ginkgo@aol.co.uk or Jenni Duncan of Brightwater Holidays on 01334 845387 or jenni@brightwaterholidays.com. Bookings need to be made by early April. **Non-members are very welcome.**

We have organised three excellent days out for gardeners this summer. On 6th June, we go to the well-known National Trust Nymans Gardens, followed by the recently created Sussex Prairie Gardens. On 22nd July, we visit Myddleton House gardens, then the exceptional private Theobalds Farm Park garden. Our final visit is to the RHS flagship annual show at Wisley on 9th September.

All trips include coach travel, and start at 9am, returning between 6 and 7pm. There are opportunities to eat in cafés and in some cases tea is also provided. For more details about these outstanding visits, please contact Sue Mansfield, mansfieldsr@blueyonder.co.uk, 01923 829939.

Finally, our Annual Show will be held on 4th July at Eastbury Farm School from 3 - 4.30pm. It is a wonderful, sociable event celebrating the joys and fruits of gardening and home crafts. All, including new entrants, are most welcome. Any queries please phone Liz on 01923 825847.

We welcome new members; please contact Tim Ellison, email: ehs.members@gmail.com
Tel: 01923 822162

Ruislip-Northwood Flower Arrangement Society welcomes members and visitors alike to their monthly demonstrations at Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, HA6 3AA

Tuesday 5th May: Joyce Fursseadon, "My Colouring Book" plus plant sale.

Tuesday 2nd June: Jill McGregor, "Fifty Glorious Years"

Tuesday 7th July: Lionel Clark, "Swan Song" plus hand-made cards by Annelese

Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start; Visitors £7, tickets are available on the door; Contact: 01923 829621

All Change at St Matthew's

It is hard to imagine that at the time of writing I have not yet been in St Matthew's six months as the new Parish Priest. I have been made so incredibly welcome here; it felt like home almost immediately.

I arrived here in Northwood in September, and we bade a fond farewell to Fr Tim after 18 years of loyal and dedicated service to our parish and to so many in the wider community. We hosted a farewell for him on the anniversary of the Dedication of the Church - always a notable feast in a parish. It was wonderful to see our newly-refurbished hall and centre next to the church filled to overflowing with parishioners. I think Fr Tim was moved by the expressions of love and gratitude that he received as he begins his retirement - sentiments well deserved after nearly two decades on Hallowell Road.

Christmas came and went with a wonderful sense of community celebration. It was a joy to celebrate for the first time with my new community as Parish Priest. Before long we will turn our attention to the seasons of Lent and Easter, always busy times for a Catholic parish.

32 Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DW
Tel: 01923 825639
Email: northwood@rcdow.org.uk
Web: parish.rcdow.org.uk/northwood

St Matthew's is an extraordinarily welcoming community, and the church is open every day during daylight hours. If you've never visited before, feel free to pop in for a few moments of prayer or reflection, you are always welcome. I am overjoyed to be here, and am beginning to get used to the routine of a new (and my first) parish. I salute and thank Fr Tim for his service here, and wish him well for many years of a happy retirement ahead.

Fr Brian O'Mahony



News from St John's URC, Hallowell Road

Join us every third Tuesday of the month at 10.30am to enjoy tea or coffee and chat followed by a **free** half hour concert at 11.30am.

17 March: Rachel Haywood - Mezzo soprano, Graham Wheeler - Piano

21 April: Adrienne Walters - Soprano, Gergely Kaposi - Piano

19 May: Mary-Jane de Havas - Mezzo soprano

16 June: Michael Cayton - Piano

21 July: David Steward - Organ



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For further information please contact the church office:

Telephone: 01923 829166

email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com

Website: www.urnorthwood.org

Everyone is welcome to drop-in on the following, no need to join:

- **Poetry Appreciation** – first Monday of the month, 2pm - 3.30pm
- **Sew & Sew** – every Tuesday afternoon, 1pm - 3pm
- **Squares R Us** – every Tuesday afternoon, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
- **Art 4 All** – first and third Wednesday of the month, 9.30am - 11.00am
- **Reading Group** – 17th April, 29th May, 10th July 2.15pm - 3.30pm



Holy Week at Emmanuel Church

Please join us for any of our services this Easter:

9 April - Maundy Thursday

6.45pm, Fish & Chip Supper – please see our website for booking details
8pm, Holy Communion, A service of including worship, prayer and reflection

10 April - Good Friday

10am, Messy Easter. For children and their grown-ups, we will share the Easter Story through crafts, toys and a free lunch!
1-3pm, Hours at the Cross. A time of worship, prayer and silence for personal reflection

12 April - Easter Sunday

9am, Resurrection Breakfast. Bacon butties, pastries and drinks

10am, Easter Celebration. A celebration for all the family with Holy Communion

Every second Saturday in the month, 9-10.30am:

A group for children and the men in their lives: Dads, Grandads, Uncles, carers etc.
It includes breakfast, games and a story and it's free! Please join us.

**Emmanuel Church, High Street,
Northwood HA6 1AS**

Web: www.ecn.org.uk

Tele: 01923 845200

email: ecnooffice@ecn.org.uk



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday 5th April

10am - Procession from Northwood War Memorial to join service in church.

Maundy Thursday 9th April

6.30pm - Supper in hall followed by silent meditation in the church (up to 10pm).

Good Friday 10th April

10am - Following the Cross from Northwood War Memorial finishing in church by 11am with Hot Cross Buns after in the hall.

Easter Sunday 11th April

8am - Service of Holy Communion
using the Book of Common Prayer.

10am - Parish Communion
followed by Easter egg hunt.

Holy Trinity Church
Gateway Close
Northwood HA6 2RP
Tel: 01923 822990
Email: office@htnorthwood.co.uk
Web: www.htnorthwood.co.uk

Harrow Choral Society concert

Saturday 28 March, 7.30 pm

Elliott Hall, Harrow Arts Centre HA5 4EA

Bernstein, *Chichester Psalms*

Duruflé, *Requiem*

Randall Thompson, *Alleluia*

Barber, *Adagio for Strings*

Copland, *Rodeo Hoedown*

Conducted by Simon Williams

Accompanied by HCS Sinfonia and Bernard Barker (organ)

Mercè Bruguera Abelló (mezzo)

Tickets: £18, free to under 16s (ticket required) from
www.harrowarts.com

or call box office: Tel: 020 3773 7161

Info also at our website: www.harrowchoral.org.uk

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

The Association's Constitution – Proposed Changes

THE CONSTITUTION contains the rules and regulations which govern the working of the Association in general meetings and at committee and sub-committee level. It was last revised in 2015.

Currently the Constitution states that, in general, members must live in the Borough of Hillingdon. The executive committee wishes to propose the introduction of Associate Membership to enable us to enrol residents from the area of Hertfordshire that lies within the HA6 post code area. From time to time we receive applications from such residents who would like to join the NRA; they consider Northwood to be their town and are concerned with any developments that take place there.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS would not have voting rights, but by paying a subscription would receive newsletters, be able to attend AGMs and register for email bulletins.

A copy of the Constitution showing the necessary changes to allow for Associate Membership is available on the NRA website (www.northwoodresidents.co.uk). The changes need to be approved by a majority vote at the forthcoming AGM – notice on Page 19.

If you have any queries on what is proposed, we would be pleased to clarify any points. Please contact us on info@northwoodresidents.co.uk or telephone the chairman on **01923 821237**.

Northwood & District Community Association



Action shot from the Badminton group

Our Keep Fit class members were sad to see our lovely teacher, Jayne, leave due to re-location to Dorset and all wish her well in her new home. However, we're thrilled to welcome Georgia, our new instructor who has taken us on, and the classes are going well. We are having to change our venue for our Ploughman Lunches and are lucky to be able to hold them at St Edmunds Church Hall.

The Rambling and Walking for Pleasure groups had an evening and a luncheon in January – always an enjoyable social gathering. We welcome new members to all our sections: Yoga, Badminton, Table Tennis, Tennis, Short Mat Bowls and more sedentary occupations: Whist, Bridge, Board Games. So give me a ring if you'd like to find out more. Annual membership is only £5 and section fees are very reasonable, ranging from 50p to £5.

Interested?
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Pat Dunhill

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Northwood Residents' Association 54th Annual General Meeting Thursday 23rd April 2020

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 2019.
- 3) **Guest speaker.** David Simmonds MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner
- 4) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019.
- 5) To set the rate of subscription for the year 2020
(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, Ms Emma Brown, Mr Andrew Egan, Mr Philip Green,
Ms Hoda Lacey, Dr Amir Lakha, Mr Peter Lansdown, Mrs Ros Plume and Mr Trevor Sherling
Co-opted member seeking election: Mrs Lyn Ives
- 8) To elect the President, currently Mrs Valerie Mellor.
- 9) **Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team.** A chance to meet our local Police.
- 10) Any Other Business.
 - Proposed changes to the Association's Constitution. See article on Page 18 for details
- 11) Open Forum with our local councillors.

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 9th April 2020.

The minutes of the 2019 AGM can be found on the NRA website: www.northwoodresidents.co.uk under "The Association" tab, scroll down to "NRA's 53rd AGM".

All Northwood residents and businesses are invited to attend.



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