



Northwood

Residents' Association

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Northwood is blooming lovely!

How well do you know the area? Can you name the locations where these flowery photos were taken?



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New MRI Scanner for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

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Northwood business up for prestigious award.

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Meet Your Committee

Valerie Mellor has served on the NRA executive for over 30 years. She says:

"I came to London, aged 17, to go to University where I studied French and Italian. Apart from holidays, I never returned to my native Devon, eventually marrying (a Devon man) and producing two sons.

"Our first home was in Kenton. We moved to Northwood in 1977. Firstly, becoming a Road Steward, and later joining the Committee of the Northwood Residents' Association, seemed a good way to meet the neighbours.

"I held the Health portfolio for a number of years and subsequently concentrated on our local Businesses. I relinquished this portfolio on being elected Vice-President of the Association, an office I am proud and honoured to hold. As a long-time resident and the longest-serving member of 'The Team', I believe that it is important to maintain – and build on – the links that exist between our Residents, our Businesses and the Committee."



Andrew Egan joined the executive committee in June 2016 and promptly took on the Environment role. This involves keeping a watchful eye on all things dirty and unpleasant in our area: graffiti, unclean pavements, fly-tipping, dangerous trees, refuse and recycling collections; he is our conduit to Hillingdon's anti-social behaviour department.

Andrew says:

"With my working life giving me commercial experience in computer systems, sales and marketing before entering the world of electronic data and information publishing and managing company operations in that business sector, finding interesting and useful things to do in retirement took time to work out. Without the support of my wife that transition might have been difficult.

"Now, with voluntary activities in property (four buildings) management for St Luke's Church in Pinner, membership of the Catenian Association and acting as President of the Harrow Circle this year, plus being involved with the NRA on Environmental matters, my time is taken up to a large extent, but there is still time for some fun with family, grandchildren and friends."

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Andrew Egan

My Year As Mayor of the London Borough Of Hillingdon

When my fellow councillors nominated me to become the mayor for 2017/2018 I felt truly humbled to know that all my colleagues felt that I was able to take on the amazing responsibility. It has been such an honour to serve as the mayor over this last year and a great privilege to fulfil the role as First Citizen of the Borough.

Joined by my husband Andrew as my Consort I have attended over 550 events across the borough, visiting some great organisations and meeting some amazing people; we have also joined a number of other London mayors for their charity events. All the events were very different; we've opened a funeral parlour, an opticians, shops and restaurants, also unveiled a massive 5.5 metre statue of the iconic HMV dog Nipper, at the newly rebuilt vinyl site in Hayes and attended the Hayes Carnival where I joined the Bollywood Dancers.

We opened the fantastic new Visitor Centre at the Uxbridge Bunker and the lovely Dowding Park on the St. Andrews site, gave presentations for Freedom of the Borough, and entertained veterans who had been awarded the Legion d'Honor.

We have visited many schools, had a number of groups including residents, veterans and children visiting the Mayor's Parlour, where I have given a short talk on the history of the Mayoralty and the borough, and taken the children up to the council chamber by the mayor's special (or as I told them, secret) staircase where we had a question time. This was a great success with all the children.

Thanks to the generosity of so many people we have raised over £90k to be shared equally between my three charities: The Halo Foundation, The Linda Jackson Macmillan Centre and the 1st Northwood Scout Group's new scouting centre appeal.

I can truly say this has been a really enjoyable and memorable year, definitely the highlight of our lives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who voted for me to remain as your councillor at the local elections on 3rd May, many thanks to all.



Cllr Carol Melvin

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From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

Summer has started warm and sunny - let us hope that it continues that way. When the sun shines, people in general are more sociable and seem happier. However, England's progress in the World Cup, or lack of, could soon change our collective mood. By the time you read this we will have a good idea.

As you will see in this newsletter, the last few months have been very busy for your committee and we strive to make Northwood a good place in which to live.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year, apart from the committee and invited dignitaries, only 62 residents attended the AGM, some 30 fewer than last year. Are we being so successful that members don't feel the need to attend, or do we need to change the format? It would be interesting to get some feedback from you. The minutes can be found on our website.

Oliver Green, the guest speaker, gave us an extremely enjoyable talk about the history of the Metropolitan Line and Metro Land and the question and answer session was lively. Subscriptions were again fixed at a minimum of £2 per household and the perennial plea was made for new blood, especially road stewards. We did, however, recruit a new member to our committee.

TFL DEVELOPMENT

We have received the following statement from TfL:
"We selected Triangle London Developments, a consortium of Notting Hill Genesis and U+I, as our preferred joint venture partner. Due to the residential nature of the proposed development, Notting Hill Genesis will be our lead development partner. Over the last few months we have been working through agreements with Notting Hill Genesis and we look forward to introducing them to you in the coming months."

We have received no information about the plans, apart from the fact that there will be about 185 dwellings, of which one third will be affordable homes and that Northwood residents will be consulted.

We will inform you as soon as we get more details.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

You will all have been bombarded with information about GDPR. Unfortunately, even residents' associations are not exempt from this heavy-handed and bureaucratic EU legislation. As you will see on page 12 we have appointed our Chief Road Steward as Data Protection Officer and published our Privacy Policy. Residents who continue their membership will be deemed to accept the NRA's keeping of their private data. It would help us if you would ensure that we have a current email address for you and inform us if you change it. It is our intention to let members have links to important information by email.

TRAFFIC, PETITIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

In the Spring Newsletter I said that I had complained to the Council Leader, Cllr Ray Puddifoot, about the intransigence of certain council officers and the lack of positive response to petitions. Well, I effectively got the "brush off". It is quite obvious that our council thinks it knows best about traffic management and residents' views are not important. Many other residents' associations are getting the same treatment. Even our Ward councillors seem to have little leverage on traffic matters. As you will read in Peter Lansdown's report on page 4 the council is to carry out a transport survey in Northwood. Although Cllr Richard Lewis interceded on our behalf, Cllr Keith Burrows (the cabinet member for transport) has vetoed any participation by the NRA. One positive note - after our insistence, double yellow lines were installed on Rickmansworth Road on the approach to Ducks Hill Road with the result that traffic flows more freely.

STATUTORY COUNCIL NOTICES

The council is obliged to publish all of its statutory notices and does this in The UXBRIDGE GAZETTE. As the Gazette is no longer available in postal code HA6 (Northwood), we have asked for an alternative method of notification which we have been told is on the council website. See page xxx for details. Unfortunately, there is no alternative for residents who do not have internet access, apart from going to the local library or travelling further afield to obtain a copy of the Gazette.

CONCLUSION

At our June meeting we co-opted Emma Brown to the executive committee. Emma is a lot younger than the rest of us and is a very welcome addition. Sue Mansfield also attended her first meeting as Minutes Secretary. Welcome to you both. As usual, many thanks to the committee members and Road Stewards who work hard on your behalf. Yours truly is around for another year.

Nick Hurd was a welcome attendee at our AGM and continues to bat for us. No doubt, Carol Melvin will resume her duties (after she recovers from her Mayoralty) and thanks also to Councillors Richard Lewis and Scott Seaman-Digby for their helpful contributions.

Have a great summer.

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All views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual contributors.

Members, this is your newsletter! I am always eager to receive comments, articles and suggestions for topics that you would like us to cover. There's no harm in sending me your ideas, however whacky - I can always use my "editor's decision is final" powers!

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Ros Plume

Traffic and Highways



NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we have had confirmation that LBH will carry out a transport study for the following roads:

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

So far there has been very little progress. A recent quote from the council is as follows:

“Consultants are currently carrying out the Northwood traffic study. Survey works form part of the exercise and will inform the study itself.”

Difficult to interpret, but I think it means that the study should be completed before the end of the current school summer term. A report will then be written and submitted to Cllr. Burrows, Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, for review, before it sees the light of day.

GREEN LANE

Following up the problem of regular flooding on the pedestrian crossing adjacent to The Glen, this was reported to Thames Water (TW), together with the background information from my initial enquiry, plus the photos I provided. TW responded very quickly and had a man on site in a couple of hours. Having identified the problem a team arrived and fixed it, all within 24 hours of me reporting it to TW. What a pity that the council couldn't respond similarly over the last 18 months!

PARKING CONSULTATIONS

Informal consultations with local residents have taken place in Northwood over the last few months. The report has been finalised and reviewed by Cllr. Burrows. The recommendations are as follows:

1. Instruct officers to design and formally consult on a Resident Parking Permit Scheme in the following roads:
 - a. Grove Road, Hallowell Road, Harrison Close, Kewferry Road, Mezan Close, Moor Park Road, Roy Road (including Barker Close), Treetops Close and The Avenue, Residents' Permit Parking Scheme operated Monday-Friday 1pm-2pm.
 - b. Gateway Close, Residents' Permit Parking Scheme operated Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.
 - c. Myrtleside Close, Residents' Permit Parking Scheme operated Monday-Saturday 10-11am and 3-4pm.
2. Instruct officers to formally consult on a Stop & Shop Scheme in the eastern side lay-bys of High Street, Northwood.
3. Defer taking any further action in Chelwood Close, Closemead Close, High Street (west side), Langland Court, Langton Grove, Mallard Way, Reginald Road, Rising Hill Close, Sandy Lodge Way and Wedgewood Close.

[If you live in one of the roads listed in 1. above, be sure to look out for the formal consultation letter and lobby your neighbours in order to achieve the scheme that YOU would prefer. - Editor]

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Peter Lansdown

From the Treasurer

SUBSCRIPTION RATES HELD ONCE MORE.

At the AGM in April, it was stated that the minimum subscription would remain at £2 per annum for households and £10 for businesses. The fact that the majority of households pay more than that minimum actually means there is no need to increase it. Thank you to all members for the continued support and thank you for the larger contributions enabling this position to be sustainable. If the subs were increased to £5, assuming every member wished to remain members at that greater rate, our income would increase and we would have an income exceeding expenditure in most years. Any surplus would add to our reserves and be available for whatever purpose the members desired.

HOW WOULD YOU SPEND ANY SURPLUS?

Each year we appeal for suggestions on what we can do to improve Northwood, so I repeat that once more. We would not spend reserves on doing things the council should be doing, e.g. pavement repairs, but ideas are always welcome. Ideally, we should spend the funds to benefit the existing

members who contributed to those funds, we do need some reserves, so I would not suggest we should spend all of them. However, even with some significant expenditure items over the last few years the reserves have largely remained the same so increasing revenue is not a requirement given current behaviours.

THANK YOU, ROAD STEWARDS.

To finish on a positive note, subs received so far this year at this time are higher than in previous years so thank you for the prompt payments. Collections are made by our invaluable Road Stewards, so please make their lives easier by having payments available immediately or returning the envelopes promptly, either with cheques payable to Northwood Residents' Association, folding money or cash, £2 or more. The Road Stewards also provide a conduit for residents' views to be passed to the committee.

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David Blowers

A Message from Nick Hurd MP

NORTHWOOD UPDATE

Residents will be unsettled by news of recent stabbings in Ruislip and Northwood. I am satisfied that local police are on it but clearly this is part of a bigger picture and the worst spike in knife crime and serious violence we have seen in a decade. I think the public are more interested in solutions than the blame game, so as Police Minister I am working closely with the Mayor of London to make sure Police have the resources and powers they need. The other side of the equation is the need for investment in preventative work to steer young people away from violent crime. This is at the heart of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy.

In other Northwood news, I met recently with TfL to get an update on their plans to redevelop the station and town centre. They remain very serious about it and have chosen their partner, Notting Hill Genesis. There will be community consultation in the autumn and I would expect a planning application by this time next year. The main difference will be higher levels of affordable/social housing in line with requirements from the Mayor.

Finally, we all know the value of Michael Sobell hospice to the community. There is change there due to structural problems. The day centre will continue on site, but the inpatient section has had to be moved temporarily into the main Mount Vernon building. It will need a permanent home and I will be in close contact with the NHS to make sure this is thought through properly from the community perspective.

As ever please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help.



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A Statement from Michael Sobell Hospice, 1st June 2018

For the last forty years, Michael Sobell Hospice (MSH) has been a vital supporter of end of life and palliative care services from its site at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood. Many hundreds of patients have passed through its inpatient and day care services and the feedback from patients, their families and carers, has shown that Michael Sobell Hospice Charity (MSHC) has played a huge part in enabling these services to continue in our community.

The inpatient part of the building has now sadly reached the end of its useful life as major structural problems have emerged. The NHS has decided to relocate the inpatient service into two main wards in the main part of Mount Vernon Hospital on an interim basis. Despite this, the Charity has made

the funds available to ensure that **no patient receiving palliative care at present will be affected.**

Fortunately, the day care centre, which is completely funded by the Charity, will remain on its existing site at MSH. This enables patients as well as carers to access much needed nursing care, a friendly environment, advice and other complementary therapies. These support services are crucial for all of us as we approach the end of our lives, and form an increasingly important part of palliative care.

MSHC is committed to addressing the ever-growing palliative care needs of our community, and as well as continuing to support existing services will be looking to see what options might be considered for the future provision of care. We will therefore be conducting a formal needs analysis with the NHS to consider what can be done over and above what the NHS can afford to provide for end of life care service for people in our local area with several options currently under review.

MSHC BOARD OF TRUSTEES & CEO

Business News

- * We are delighted to report that the Northwood Cards and Gifts shop at the top of Green Lane has been shortlisted for a RETAS award in the "Best Independent Greeting Card Retailer – London inside the M25" category. Savita and Steve Marsh have owned this well-stocked shop in Northwood for 27 years and we wish them every success.
- * We were sorry to see Jackdaw in Maxwell Road close down and we wish the Patel family a happy retirement.
- * Just Sew on the High Street has also closed and we wish Stephen and Margaret Lee a happy retirement.
- * Hair HQ on the corner of Green Lane and Maxwell Road is now under new ownership and has been renamed Sheetal. The staff and stylists remain the same. Sheetal already own successful salons in Harrow and Queensbury and we welcome them to Northwood.

Looking ahead, we are planning a Christmas Display Competition and Business members will find all the details in their enclosed circular. Please email me if your circular is missing or if you need any further information.

We wish you all a happy summer trading.



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Hoda Lacey

If you go down to the woods this summer

NEW WOODLAND CENTRE AT RUISLIP LIDO

In conjunction with the Ruislip Woods Trust, the Ancient Woodland project's aim is to equip the ground floor of the Woodland Centre at Ruislip Lido with passive and interactive interpretation materials that describe ancient woodlands and the fauna and flora found within them. The focus will be on the Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve.



One of the design proposals for the interior of the Woodland Centre at Ruislip Lido

Ruislip Woods Trust commissioned a design study from the Wetlands Trust (WWT Consulting) which specialises in displays and is best known in the UK for the Woodland Nature Centre at Center Parcs. Proposals have been presented and subject to a successful outcome for our Heritage Lottery bid work will begin shortly.

In the meantime, the cows have been reintroduced to the common for the summer season and paths have been cleared in Mad Bess Woods.

For more about Ruislip Woods Trust visit:

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Miles Gillman

Northwood Craft Market and Plant Stall

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

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

DATES: First Saturday of the month.

Forthcoming dates: Saturdays 4th August, 1st Sept, 6th Oct

The Craft Market continues with markets on the first Saturday of each month through the rest of the year. There's a variety of lovely crafts to browse & buy, all handmade by local crafters. Crafts vary at each market and range from jewellery, children's clothing, and soft toys, to fabric bags, artwork, home accessories and much more. The Plant Stall is always popular and gets many regular visitors.

You can also stop for a break at the church coffee shop during the morning and enjoy tea, coffee and some delicious homemade cakes.

There's always a friendly atmosphere, so do call in and see us.



There are always hands-on activities for children

For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

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Follow us on Twitter @CraftNorthwood

Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone Susan on 07780 601842

Northwood & District Community Association

Summer has arrived and hopefully the good weather will continue. Although some of our activities cease during the school summer holidays, others do continue.

So, we could do with some **more members** to join our **Sunday Rambling Group** which is usually held on the first Sunday of the month. The format is to walk about 3 to 4 miles in the morning stopping at a pub or café for a sandwich and drink, then a further 2 to 3 miles in the afternoon. We then go back to one of the members' houses for tea and biscuits and a chat and discuss the next walk with those who are organising it. As you can see, it is more a social ramble and not a route march!

Other activities that continue through the summer are the Monday and Friday Yoga (weekly), the Badminton and Tennis (weekly), Bridge / Rummikub / Cards afternoon (2nd and 4th Wednesday) and Walking for Pleasure on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



Want to know more? Contact me on 01923 836346

Pat Dunhill

Dear Local Councillors Cllr Seaman-Digby Responds

In the Spring newsletter, we published an open letter to our local councillors. It covered developments in Northwood and concluded:

.... Whilst we don't want to stop development, Northwood residents should not be subjected to such inconvenience and inconsideration. What steps can you take to ensure Hillingdon Council mitigates the effects of development, makes sure that replacement buildings are more sympathetic with their surroundings, stops the loss of trees and ensures that each development is finished in a timely manner?

Here is the reply:

Re: Northwood Development

The opening paragraph of your request mentions various parts of Northwood where unsightly development has been allowed. On the Copsewood Estate I am aware of many cases of planning applications being refused and then allowed at appeal. The council did seek to re-designate the Copsewood Estate from an Area of Special Local Character to a Conservation Area a few years ago; considerable work was put into this, but ultimately there was not sufficient local support for such a change. The council through its Planning officer team and its North Planning Committee is, I believe, doing what it can to protect the cherished suburban character of the Copsewood Estate ASLC, Old Northwood ASLC, Ducks Hill Road, and the rest of Northwood. Cases in the parts of Northwood you refer to are almost always referred to Committee for decisions (unless not contentious).

Whereas not all applications are being refused, many are refused consent (a fact obvious from examination of North Planning Committee agendas). Such applications are then subject to planning appeals, where the council has had mixed results. The mixed results are a reflection of the national demand for more housing sometimes outweighing local considerations. Even where housing demand is not the key issue I have seen many cases on the Copsewood estate where the erosion of the estate is not caused by this council's decisions but planning appeal decisions.

With respect to tree loss I understand that there were statements made late last year regarding the level of tree loss on the Copsewood estate by local residents, which were later partly dis-proven (as regards the numbers cited), however subsequent meetings occurred with the council's Head of Planning, Transportation and Regeneration and the council's Green Spaces Services Manager where re-assurance was given that whenever TPO trees are agreed for removal (which can be for a range of legitimate reasons including ill health of the tree in question) officers will insist on a suitable replacement tree being planted.

With respect to 13-29 Kewferry Road, the council had to deal with each planning application on its respective merits. I note reference is given to paving slabs. I have received detailed feedback on this, as it is something which I believe the NRA Executive Committee could work with officers (as regards information sharing) to ensure verges and highways when damaged are subsequently repaired (ideally at the developers' expense).

Developers are now actively encouraged through the planning team to install what are called 'heavy duty cross-overs'. These can help reduce damage to verges and highways. However, the council is acutely aware that the various developments

occurring are still often resulting in damage to footways and highway verges. Officers have advised me that they believe you are correct to highlight some parts of Northwood being particularly badly affected by the issue. It is the council's policy that repairs to damage to verges and footways should be paid for by the developers who cause the damage. The process is as follows:

- The council receives a report of a damaged verge or footway and this is logged for investigation by the council's Anti-Social Behaviour and Investigations Team. Subject to the issue being identifiable to a particular landowner the matter is progressed further by them, if not it is referred directly to the council's highway team for the necessary repairs to occur.
- The ASBI team identify a landowner who can be invoiced.
- The council's highway team provide the ASBI team with a costing for the repairs.
- The landowner is invoiced.
- The work is undertaken by the council's highways team.
- If the landowner does not pay then the council's debt collection team is instructed to pursue the matter until payment is agreed.

The council will not always take action mid-way through construction as it does not wish to be doing multiple repairs to footways or verges (a decision whether to intervene before construction is completed is taken on a case by case basis). I am advised that the council has over the last 12 months sought to ensure it is more robust in pursuing developers. If you have concerns regarding footways or verges not being restored post construction then I have been advised that you should contact the council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigations Team directly with the site details.

When the matter was raised with officers they were not aware of any complaints being made regarding mud on the highway from the flatted development under construction at 36-40 Rickmansworth Road. I am advised that the matter is now being followed up by the council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigations Team.

I will continue to actively represent local interests on matters such as the consideration of contentious planning applications, but overall, I think that the council is working hard to address your areas of concern as much as it can within wider legislative frameworks. I hope that my response is of assistance.

Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby



Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby

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Environment

KEEP PEDESTRIANS HAPPY

As we leave the cold of our late spring and move on into the warmth of summer with some gentle rain, there are then the perfect conditions for rapid plant and tree growth.

This year the awkwardness of over-grown hedges, tree foliage and bushes spilling over pavements and paths plus over-hanging branches that must be ducked under to get by on pavements, has taken many of us by surprise. The “us” here refers to keen home and flat users who are gardeners, and to the many commercial grounds maintenance gardeners that are active in Northwood.

Walking under low-hanging tree foliage or beside plant growth erupting onto pavements (and sometimes as tall as a person) when it has been raining, can leave you and your clothes quite wet. Even in dry conditions, ducking below low branches is no fun when walking; skirting past low level growth protruding over pavements is not easy. If an accident were to happen to a pedestrian circumventing such material, that could leave the owner of the property with that over-growing material open to compensation payments to the accident victim.

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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So I would ask each reader to walk the boundaries of their property at least every two weeks to see what needs light trimming or what needs seriously cutting back, and to get on with that job quickly.

Look at the pictures and ask, “Is my property boundary in this condition?” Wow!



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Andrew Egan

What's happening at Northwood Library?

The **Summer Reading Challenge** 2018 launches on 7th July! This year's challenge is called Mischief Makers and celebrates 80 years of The Beano. Children aged 4-11 years are invited to visit Northwood Library during the holidays to join the challenge. They will be able to collect prizes, stickers and Starborg cards each time they visit the library to borrow a book and if they manage 6 visits they will receive a medal and certificate. This can be **any** book including joke books, fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and talking books. We also have lots of events planned for children. Please visit our website or ask at the library for more details.



Build the Future, a recent children's event at Northwood

Our **Poetry Appreciation Group** is a relaxed, informal and welcoming discussion group for anyone who would like to share their favourite poems or discover something new. Together we explore poems from a wide variety of poets, places, cultures and eras—sometimes funny, sometimes serious. The group meets on the third Thursday of every

month 2–3pm. No knowledge or experience of poetry necessary!

Our popular **Storytime** sessions for young children continue to take place every Wednesday and Friday during term-time at 10am. The sessions include stories, rhymes and simple crafts for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Always fun, they are also a great place to meet other parents and carers.

Don't forget... Northwood Library provides free access to computers and WiFi, as well as printing and photocopying facilities, a selection of newspapers and magazines and Starbucks hot drinks and biscuits.

You can also borrow and download eBooks and eAudiobooks straight to your mobile devices with the BorrowBox app or visit our online library to access lots of other resources such as Driving Theory Test Pro, Transparent Language (80 languages available to learn online), Ancestry, Universal Class (over 500 courses in many subjects such as digital photography, cookery and yoga), newspapers, magazines and comics, British Citizenship Test, Which?, academic research, encyclopaedias and lots more. All this is available free to Hillingdon library members. (Please note some resources can only be accessed via the computers in the library.)

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Opening hours:

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

Janet Clements

Health Round-up

NHS BREAST SCREENING PROGRAMME. This invites all women aged 50 to 70 years for breast screening every three years. Those missed will be invited for a catch-up breast screen. For more information, see the Public Health England page at www.gov.uk or Tel: 0800 169 2692, the free helpline.

THE ROYAL BROMPTON & HAREFIELD NHS

FOUNDATION TRUST. In 2017/18 the Trust cared for over 200,000 outpatients and over 37,500 inpatients. It is Europe's top-ranked respiratory research centre and its cardiac, cardiovascular and critical care teams are rated in the top three most highly cited health research teams in England. Europe's largest unit for the treatment of cystic fibrosis is based at Royal Brompton Hospital.

LONDON NORTH-WEST HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST. The Trust, in partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, has employed the first UK hospital-based End-of-Life Assistant Practitioners to support patients and their families during their last days of life.

HARROW HEALTHWATCH: DIABETES. Harrow has one of the highest rates for type 2 diabetes in the UK.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE (CV). On 7th June 2018, the community group, Community Voice, was shut down following a vote at the Annual General Meeting. It was instrumental, over two decades, in monitoring the NHS Services in NW London and SW Herts as well as joining hands in organising campaigns for important issues affecting the locality. It is a great loss for the community. NRA remains greatly indebted to the Chairman, Ms. Joan Davis and her Executive Committee for the sterling work achieved over the years.

At the last CV meeting on 3rd May 2018, Dr. Jagdeep Kudhail, Divisional Chairman, Cancer Services and Head of Radiotherapy, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre spoke on 'Current Issues and Future Hopes for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.'

Dr Kudhail described new radiotherapy methods which have been developed including (i) Intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) which is very precise and moulds the shape and dose of radiation closely to the tumour cells, sparing healthy tissue. (ii) Image-guided radiotherapy (IGRT) where X-ray, ultrasound or MRI images of the patient are taken during treatment to assess changes since previous imaging so that treatment plans can be modified where

appropriate - a CT scan can be taken during treatment so that diagnostic and treatment radiographers now work together. Turning to Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, the speaker noted that cancer incidence has led to an increase of about 2% in patient numbers per year and that the Cancer Centre has always planned to be at the forefront of radiotherapy services.

LONDON AMBULANCE SERVICE. London Ambulance Service has been working closely with NHS rapid response teams across North West London, helping more patients to get the treatment they need in their own home rather than in the A&E and through hospital admission.

NORTHWOOD AND PINNER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

SITE. NHS Property Services, Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group and the occupants of Northwood Health Centre have had a positive meeting. An engagement plan is to be developed to share with the community. A Planning Application is expected soon. The site will incorporate a modern Health Centre and accommodation (sheltered and care).

OUT OF HOSPITAL HUB. 6:30pm-8:00pm weekdays and 8:00am-8:00pm Saturdays and Sundays. The Hub may be operated from the modern Northwood Health Centre. Confirmation is awaited.

health@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Dr Amir Lakha

Minor Injuries Unit, Mount Vernon Hospital

Open: 9am - 8pm daily

Telephone: 01923 844201

Need a blood test?

Mount Vernon Hospital's 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.

NRA Membership

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will have read in our published NRA Privacy Policy that in addition to my being the Chief Road Steward (CRS) I am also named as the current Data Protection Officer (DPO) – you should contact me if you no longer wish us to hold your data (name, postal address, recent subscriptions paid, along with telephone number and email address if supplied by you).

By the time you read this we will have completed testing and will have inaugurated our member email notification service, by which we will alert you to urgent or important new information of local interest. For this we need to have your current email address recorded on our system – if you have not received my first alert notice please email me and I will ensure your correct address is transcribed onto the database. Equally if you do not wish to receive future alerts, please let me know by email.

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Paul I. F. Barker
CRS and DPO



Hello everyone. Inspector Rob Bryan has now taken up his new post as Neighbourhoods Inspector for Hillingdon and so has passed the Northwood editorial baton on to me. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Sam Quinn and I am the neighbourhood Sergeant for Northwood, Northwood Hills, Harefield and West Ruislip. I have been working with the Northwood team for over a year now and look forward to continuing our work serving the Northwood community.

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, Waitrose and Northwood Police Station. We advertise these on our website www.met.police.uk/your-area/, twitter @MPSNorthwood 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 have a quarterly ward panel meeting at Northwood police station 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 don't feel you could commit to a regular meeting, then we would still love to hear your views via our Virtual Ward Panel Survey. I send this survey out a few weeks before the actual meeting and the opinions are discussed at the meeting which helps us to focus attention on the concerns raised. 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.

Burglary is arguably one of the most upsetting and traumatic crimes for victims. Whilst Northwood enjoys relatively low crime rates it is unfortunately not immune to opportunistic burglars. We typically see an increase in burglaries during the autumn and winter months and this year was no exception. The Met Police website has excellent advice on how to make your property secure as well as advice on other types of theft; you can find it at www.met.police.uk/crime-prevention/

Thanks for reading.
Sergeant Sam Quinn



Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on
Telephone: 0208 721 2545 or 0208 246 1823
Email: Northwood.snt@met.police.uk
Twitter: @MPSNorthwood

Mobile: 07500 097 182
Address: Ruislip Police Station, The Oaks, HA4 7LF
Sergeant: samantha.quinn@met.police.uk

Traffic Statutory Notices

Local councils are required by law to publish statutory notices in the local press; Hillingdon Council does so in the Uxbridge Gazette and the London Gazette. Until a few months ago, the Uxbridge Gazette was available from Waitrose in Green Lane, though it has to be said that 180 copies were nowhere near sufficient for the weekly footfall.

A spokesman from Uxbridge Gazette publisher, Trinity Mirror, has confirmed that the paper is no longer available in the HA6 postcode area as it was deemed financially unviable to drop 180 copies into Waitrose....

Unless you happen to be in Tesco at Pinner Green or Sainsburys in Pinner where you can pick up a copy of the Uxbridge Gazette, you will have to resort to the internet to see LBH statutory notices. The route from LBH homepage at www.hillingdon.gov.uk is to click on the

Residents button, then

Transport, roads and parking > Road improvements and permissions > Improvement Schemes

Do You Like Flowers and Plants?



If so, there is a local Horticultural Society for you, one that has trips to beautiful places, such as Sissinghurst and Anglesey Abbey, and a winter programme of talks and quizzes, with plenty of socialising, not to mention plant sales, spring and autumn, open gardens and a show in summer.

On August 22nd we go to Anglesey Abbey near Cambridge, a Jacobean-style house with gardens and a working watermill.

Our meetings are in Eastbury Farm School, Bishops Avenue Northwood.

EASTBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY welcomes members from all over Northwood and beyond. Our next trip on August 4th is to the world renowned Sissinghurst Gardens: historic, poetic, iconic; a refuge dedicated to beauty. Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson fell in love with Sissinghurst Castle and created this wonderful garden.

If you are interested in membership, please contact Tim Ellison, Membership Secretary:
email: ehs.members@gmail.com or
Tel: 01923 822162

Neighbourhood Watch:

www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk

email all@hillingtonnhw.co.uk

or call **0208 246 1869**.

The office at Ruislip Police Station is manned every Friday between 1000 and 1300 – a telephone call beforehand would be welcome if a personal visit for information is preferable.

Crime Prevention Stalls

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be on hand to offer you a one-to-one consultation session in conjunction with crime prevention advice. The next scheduled sessions:

Saturday 21st July, 4pm - 5pm

Wednesday 1st August, 12pm - 1pm

Outside Costa Coffee, Green Lane

*Northwood Police Station is open to the public,
manned by volunteers*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 11.00 to 13.00

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

I am delighted to confirm that Hillingdon has agreed to be involved in the borough-wide police communication system called OWL (Online Watch Link).



OWL will allow you to be alerted to crimes in the immediate area quickly, and messages can be sent to you by both the police and Neighbourhood Watch (NW). It is a huge leap forward in enabling the Police and the public to work together in closer partnership.

The Northwood NW team invites you to sign up to OWL today at the following address:

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

Simply enter your Postcode, fill out your details on the screen, and submit. As soon as your request is received your details will be entered onto OWL and you will receive an email with your login and password within a few days.

OWL is a secure system, it is free to use, and your details will never be used or sold on for marketing purposes - it is the ONLY secure communications system in the UK that is police-approved under the "Secured By Design" scheme. You won't need to log in to OWL to see alerts - they will still come straight to your email or mobile phone inbox - the system is very simple to use.

If you have any questions about OWL, how it will work and how to add other friends/ family or communities please feel free to email Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch at all@hillingtonnhw.co.uk and NOT the police.

BURGLARY INCREASE. Whilst I am concerned about the higher level of burglaries in Northwood over the last few months I have been reassured by our local Sergeant Sam Quinn, that we usually have an increase at that time of year. As always, we urge you to consider your home security and check access, garages, sheds etc to ensure they are as secure as possible. If you need any further advice, please contact our local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) who will come over to give advice.

MEET THE TEAM. The SNT continues to hold drop-in surgeries, crime prevention stalls and 'Cuppa with a Copper' in various locations across Northwood, do look out for the team.

LATEST CRIME STATS

The most up to date crime figures can now be found on our website

<https://beta.met.police.uk/>

Chairman, Northwood Police Ward Panel
nwdpolicepanel@gmail.com

and NRA Police Liaison
police@northwoodresidents.co.uk
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Philip Green

Northwood Nostalgia

Just one short Northwood reminiscence this time: how long has the Waitrose store been in Northwood? Surprisingly, this is its 31st year – it opened in November 1987.

But what was there before? A coal-yard alongside the railway line. I seem to remember the name Colliver Fisher in this connection?

In those days Green Lane food shops included two butchers (Worboys and Fishers), a delicatessen (Cullens) and one large greengrocers (now what was its name?).

Paul Barker

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

GDPR - there's no escaping it!

Along with every other organisation, however large or small, that collects personal data relating to EU residents, the NRA has to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation. We have set out our Privacy Policy below. This policy together with the NRA Constitution and current Data Risk Assessment can be found on our website. If you cannot access the internet, please contact our Data Protection Officer, Paul Barker, who will provide a paper copy on request.

chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Home Tel: 01923 821036

*Paul I. F. Barker
CRS and DPO*

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION PRIVACY POLICY

Purpose

This document explains how Northwood Residents' Association (NRA) uses the personal data it collects for the purpose of carrying out its functions as a residents' association.

What data do we collect?

By paying your membership subscription you are consenting (opting in) to allow us to store your name, address and any other information you provide, such as an e-mail address and/or phone number in order for us to identify our membership, collect and record your subscription payments, and provide you with a copy of our newsletter, other information and updates on matters of interest. The data is required solely for communication between the NRA and you and is used for no other purpose.

Correspondence with you will be retained to enable the NRA to keep track of issues and past events. We also record attendance at meetings of the association and appropriate details of matters raised, which may include the name of the individuals raising or commenting on these issues, or otherwise participating at such meetings.

Storing this information

Personal information records may be paper based or on computer. Paper based records are stored under lock and key and computer records are password protected.

We hold data for up to six years, depending on its importance and having regard to the Statute of Limitations (the Limitation Act 1980). However, minutes of our meetings containing details of attendance and matters discussed with our members will be retained in perpetuity or until it is considered that they are no longer required for record purposes or on grounds of historical value.

Membership details will be destroyed following a lapsed membership or if a member notifies us in writing that they no longer wish to be identified.

What are your rights?

If at any point you believe the personal information relating to you that the NRA holds may be incorrect, you can request to see this information and have it corrected or deleted. If you are a NRA member, you may withdraw your consent for us to hold some or all of your personal data at any time, but this may impact on your membership. If it does, we will inform you of the implications there may be if this data is destroyed so that you can make an informed decision.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer, who will investigate the matter.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not in accordance with the law, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Our Data Protection Officer is the NRA's Chief Road Steward (currently Paul Barker who can be reached on 01923 821036) and you can contact him by email: chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk
Please mark your correspondence for the attention of the Data Protection Officer.

The NRA reserves the right to update this Policy and the current version should be available on the NRA's website or can be obtained from our Data Protection Officer.



Sunday 30 September 2018
At Merchant Taylors' School

Entry is now open for this popular annual event which raises money for the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre. Every penny raised will go directly towards supporting people affected by cancer at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

With races for all ages and speeds, this event has gained a reputation for being a great family day out. The junior events start at 11.45am and are held within the school grounds. The Moor Park 10k starts at 3.00pm and follows a traffic-free route across Rickmansworth and Moor Park Golf Clubs and through the private Moor Park estate.

If you'd like to help with this event, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you'd like to help as a marshal, bake a cake for our cake stall or any one of the myriad of tasks that help make this such a successful event, please get in touch with Fiona Hussey on 020 3826 2550 or email fiona.hussey@nhs.net

For further information and details of race entry, visit www.moorpark10k.org.uk

Over the years, the junior events have become extremely popular with local schools.

Competition is expected to be high for the 2012 Shield, awarded to the school that enters the most pupils in the junior events. The current holder is St John's School, Northwood who have every intention of being the first school successfully to retain the coveted trophy.

Places will fill up well before race day so we really do urge you to enter early to avoid disappointment. There's a special 'earlybird' rate for runners entering before September.



The 2017 run

Michael Sobell Hospice - FUNd-raising

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

Saturday 15 September 2018, Northwood Venue

Be part of our very first, "It's a Knockout" challenge – fun for all no matter your age! Individuals, school and business teams are welcome to take part. Register your interest today at mshevents@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

VOLUNTEER APPEAL

We urgently need volunteers to help out in our three local charity shops, in our warehouse and in the fundraising office. Volunteering is a great way of giving back to your community and the Hospice simply couldn't exist without its volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a week, please get in touch with Victoria on 020 3826 2356 or email vmansell@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk

DONATE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS

We urgently need your quality unwanted items to help stock our three local charity shops. If you are having a spring-clean, wardrobe de-clutter or if you have any unwanted gifts please consider donating them to us. To arrange a collection from your home please call 020 3826 2367.



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

or call the Fundraising Office on **020 3826 2367**
Email: mshevents@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk
Facebook: /michaelsobellhospice
Twitter: @MSobellHospice



Sobell Bridge Club Northwood

CHICAGO BRIDGE AFTERNOON TEA

Summer's here and we invite you to join us to relax with an Afternoon Tea and a friendly session of Chicago Bridge.

What could be more enjoyable on an English summer's afternoon than trumping kings and doughnut rings, or slams in Hearts with jam on tarts, all washed down with delightfully refreshing tea?

The tea party starts at 2pm on Saturday 4th August at the Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital, and costs £10 per person for afternoon tea and a bridge playing session, with all proceeds being donated to the Michael Sobell Hospice.

Free Parking Permit at the venue.

Booking is essential so please contact Joanna May on 07801 105267 to reserve your place.
Venue: The Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital, HA6 2RN.
Access via Gate 3 White Hill, (Please use postcode WD3 1PZ for Sat Navs).

www.sobell-bridge.org.uk

We are well into 2018 and are continuing to flourish with new groups starting all the time. We now have our third Current Affairs Group but Bob Batchelor who is the leader prefers to call it The Forum Group. It is run on a much more structured style, not the rather unruly gatherings of the other two groups - still the best way to air your views and raise your blood pressure!

Lawn Bowls and Golf are back on the agenda and we must hope for some decent weather this year. Country Dancing has just been added. Dashing White Sergeant any one? Some groups become too full and then Ann Smith will ask around for a volunteer to start yet another one. A leader for a new Walking Group is being urgently sought at the moment. Even if you are a relatively new member to our U3A this is no barrier to becoming a Group Leader.

To take part in one of the very popular London Walks contact Jean Marks who can always be found seated at a table ready to take names at the Monthly Meetings. Hampstead Heath to Camden and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park are just two walks on offer over the next few months.

Our short break holiday this year will be in Wales from the 24th to the 28th September with a full five days of excursions. One visit will be to The Royal Mint which must not be missed in the hope of free samples.

Please check our website for any further information of what we offer; there are interesting speakers and a warm welcome on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Fairfield Church in Northwood Hills.

u3asites.org.uk/northwood

Maureen Crimmins

1st Northwood Scout Hut? What Hut?

By the time you read this, the old Scout Hut in Northwood Way will have been razed to the ground, gone, disappeared, now only talked of in the past tense!

Demolition started on Monday 11th June, and construction of the foundations for the new Scouting Centre starts on Monday 25th June. We plan to be putting the new hut on the foundations in the autumn.



Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers try their hand at digging foundations!

It has taken a lot of effort on the part of many people to reach this starting point. Clearing the site has been an eye-opener for us - did we really need eight crates of spare tent pegs? And all those things that come in Jumble every year and get put aside "in case they come in useful" - such as seven projector screens and over twenty extension leads. We have been fortunate in getting enough storage for all our scouting equipment and useful hut contents from a number of local



people with space in their garages; thank you for contacting us and offering this facility.

Our fundraising has been very successful. We launched our £100,000 Appeal on 1st March 2017, and by April this year we reached that original target. In the meantime, of course, our costs had increased considerably, mostly in respect of the foundations, which alone will cost us £143,000. Last year's Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Carol Melvin, chose our Appeal as one of her charities for her year in office, and we expect to receive a substantial sum from this source. Hillingdon Council will also be making a large contribution to bring us up to what we need for the initial construction. We are continuing to raise funds to ensure we can fit out the new centre to a suitable standard.

You can still make an online donation:

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

Richard Plume

Scouting Centre Project Manager

1st Northwood Scout Group

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Blooming Northwood, quiz answers.

1. Recreation Ground, Chestnut Avenue
2. Ruislip Woods
3. Copsewood Estate
4. Emmanuel Church, Church Road

5. Northwood Cemetery, Chestnut Avenue
6. Ellie's Salon, High Street
7. St Matthew's Church, Hallowell Road
8. Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate

Northwood Live at Home Scheme

The Scheme has just embarked on its 21st year and continues to support older residents in our community to lead more active and fulfilling lives. In addition to a varied range of regular activities, we offer cultural outings, visits to places of interest, befriending and telephone support. In the past few months members have enjoyed a visit to Flowerland Garden Centre, a Symphonic Rock concert at the Albert Hall, a film at the Beck Theatre and a party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Pupils of Yeading Junior School performed excerpts from the Lion King at Lunch Club, where Year 12 & 13 students from Northwood College also come and chat to members. We are keen to promote intergenerational socialising for the benefit of everyone and have several activities which include this meeting of the generations.

TRIPS TO THE SEASIDE. The annual seaside holiday to Eastbourne in March was again a great success, allowing those who would otherwise find it difficult to travel to experience a change of scene in safety with good and caring company. Members are looking forward to a day trip to Margate in early September. The cost of the coach for this is kindly being met by a donation from the Northwood Residents' Association.



Pupils of Yeading Junior School, Northwood College Girls, Members & Volunteers

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are delighted to receive enquiries from both potential members and new volunteers. As always, we still need more drivers and befrienders, but all volunteers are welcome.

CAN I BE A MEMBER?

Anyone in the Northwood area aged 60+ is eligible to become a member. Membership is free, but a small charge is made towards the cost of activities which are all subsidised. We aim to provide free transport for those who need it. If you are interested in joining either as a member or volunteer, please get in touch.

To find out more about us, please contact the office on **01923 842494** and visit **www.mha.org.uk/community-support/live-home/northwood**

Jo Wild, Chairman

Verbing the Noun

As with so many things, Americans do it with greater panache. Torturing helpless words, I mean. For instance, take the verb *to burgle*. From it derives the noun *burglar*. Simple, you might think. But our cousins across the pond, with their inventive, restless minds, took the noun and blew it out it like polystyrene to create the jaunty new verb *burglarize* – from which, inevitably, arises the noun for the bloke wot does it to you, *burglarizer*, and thence the abstract noun for wot he does, *burglarization*. Yes, you can get insurance cover against *burglarization*. Presumably by a *burglarizationist*.

Forcing one part of speech to do the work of another has led to the complete extinction of the adverb in most of America and large parts of England. Adjectives are dragooned like prisoners in a road gang to toil as verb modifiers. *Do it quick. Treat me nice.* I passed a traffic sign in Florida that read “WORKMEN IN ROAD – DRIVE SLOW”.

We are not innocent in this country, of course. I well remember the evening when the TV weather report lost its innocence, and John Kettley announced that the Meteorological Office had issued an *advisory*. The squeal of pain as the square-peg adjective was rammed heartlessly into a noun's round hole was quite upsetting.

At the last Olympics, you no doubt noticed the new verb, *to medal*, being dragged around like a reluctant toddler. I medal, you medal, he/she/it medals. Worse yet was to come: “With those points, he is bound to *podium* this evening.”

But the most painful example I have come across was in a local newspaper in East Anglia, advertising the services of a firm of funeral directors. Can there be a more soberly respectable body of men? The very last people you would expect to nip out the back when no-one was watching and put the boot into a helpless, quivering substantive just for fun.

But evidently thinking the word *bury* too coarse to do justice to their tact and delicacy, they suggested you contact them in the sad eventuality that you needed to *farewell* a loved-one.

Cynthia Ellis

New MRI scanner arrives at Mount Vernon

A new, £1.5 million charity-funded MRI scanner that will bring a multitude of benefits to patients, was delivered to Mount Vernon Cancer Centre on Sunday 10th June.



The project is funded by the charity Paul Strickland Scanner Centre (PSSC) and will enable Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

(MVCC) and PSSC to work even more closely together. This will allow staff from both organisations to learn from each other and find new and better ways of improving care and treatment for local patients. The cancer centre will contribute its expertise in radiotherapy, as well as the scanning room. The scanner will be operated jointly by PSSC and MVCC staff, and will be a significant upgrade to the scanner currently being used at the cancer centre.

It's expected that the new scanner will reduce waiting times, increase the number of people who are able to have a scan per day, and allow more precise radiotherapy treatment planning for cancer patients. The new machine also features a wider opening, making scans easier for large patients or those who have claustrophobia.

It is expected that the new scanner will be operational later this summer.

Our fundraising drive for a new MRI scanner at Paul Strickland Scanner Centre continues. If you can help, email appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk



Northwood Lions Club

2018 has been a great year so far for Northwood Lions Club.

We have already been able to give away £10,000 to various local charities, including 1st Northwood Scouts, Mount Vernon Hospital Comforts Fund, Wren Dementia Centre, Mayor's Charities, and Michael Sobell Hospice - that's five in all! We also

plan to give away a further £14,000 later in the year. Our fundraising efforts will include participating in four local fetes, plus a couple of fun Quiz evenings - details to be announced on our website.

Lions Clubs are an international network - the world's largest service organisation. We exist to help our local community, and to raise money which we donate to good causes. Unlike some other charities, every penny we raise goes to our chosen beneficiaries. Membership consists of ordinary people, of all ages, who want to help their local communities.

Northwood Lions Club currently has 15 members, and our main regular income is from our Saturday Market at 'The Lions Den', open every Saturday morning from 9.45 till 11.45, at 195 Pinner Road near to the Royal Mail Delivery Office. Operating for more than fifty years, run by Olive Fairclough and her dedicated band of volunteers, the Saturday Market is well worth a visit - its unique and friendly atmosphere, tea,

Robert can be contacted on **07860 324395**
Visit www.northwoodlions.org.uk

Robert Green

coffee, home-made cakes and great prices need to be seen to be believed! With the incredible support of our loyal customers, we have been able to give away nearly a quarter of a million pounds over the past ten years!



Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Carol Melvyn and Olive Fairclough at our recent cheque presentation event

Art and Craft Activity Club

Mother toddler club
Ages 1-4 yrs

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Ages 5-11 yrs

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Jazz concert in aid of Paul Strickland Scanner Centre

If you love jazz and cream teas, and you'd like to help local people affected by cancer and other serious conditions, you don't want to miss our upcoming Garden Jazz with Tea in Chorleywood event this September.

Featuring the BSV Jazz Band, Paul Strickland Scanner Centre's outdoor music event promises to be an enjoyable and relaxing outing for all the family.

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre is an independent medical charity at Mount Vernon Hospital which carries out monitoring and diagnosis of people with mainly cancer, but also other serious conditions using CT, MRI and PET-CT scanners as well as medical research. The charity has to raise money in order to continually update its scanning equipment and help make sure that patients receive the best possible care.

Garden Jazz with Tea in Chorleywood is taking place at Long Lane, Heronsgate, on Sunday 16th September from 2pm to 4.30pm. Tickets are £17.50 (£10 for under 12s). Advance bookings only. Please bring your own picnic rug and chair.

For more information or to book tickets
email: appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk
or call: 01923 844290

www.stricklandscanner.org.uk

News from St John's URC

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Arts for Well-Being will showcase art journaling and other crafts made by students and others attending Community Learning Partnership, South Oxhey, from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th July, 10am-2pm.

Art for Everyone will be displaying their creations between 7th and 15th July (not Thursdays or Sundays), 2pm-6pm. All are welcome at both exhibitions which are free to enter.

THE TUESDAY CONCERTS continue to bring music and fellowship to Hallowell Road every third Tuesday of the month between 11.30am and 12noon. Come along at 10.30am to enjoy a coffee or tea and chat beforehand. The line up from August to December is as follows:

21 August: Marianne Wentzel; Helen-Julie Johnson - popular operatic arias and duets

18 September: John Dyson - piano

16 October: David Steward - organ

20 November: Giacomo Banella - ensemble

18 December: Christmas carols

CIRCUS SKILLS is back at St John's the 6th to 10th August, 10.30am-3.30pm. The cost for the week is £107 with a 10% concession for siblings. To book visit

www.albertandfriendsinstantcircus.co.uk and search for St John's. Suitable for 5-14 year olds.

Further details available from Albert & Friends on 020 8237 1170; email: info@albertandfriendsinstantcircus.co.uk

It's worth keeping an eye on www.hillingdonarts.org.uk and the church noticeboards for info of what is happening at St John's.



St John's URC, Hallowell Road

Some of the other activities happening during the month, which you can drop in on:

- Poetry Appreciation – first Monday of the month, 2pm-3.30pm
- Tuesday Concert – third Tuesday of the month, 10.30am-12pm
- 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:

Telephone: 01923 829166

Website: www.urcnorthwood.org

Email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com

or email Anne: thesamsoned@outlook.com

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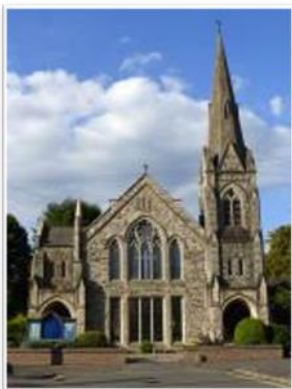
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Northwood Methodist Church

Northwood Methodist Church, at the head of Oaklands Gate, welcomes everybody to their Sunday services at 10.30. We also have a Bible study on the first and third Friday of each month at 10am, again everyone is invited.

Our Messy church and Family film sessions are much appreciated by all who attend. Our next Messy

church dates are June 30th and September 29th at 5pm for children aged 2 to 11 and their carers. The next Family Film Afternoon is July 28th at 3pm.

We held a successful "Hog roast and chicken fest" day on June 16th. It included various stalls, magic shows, origami demonstrations and cream teas.

Our toilets have been refurbished to bring them up to modern standards. We have rooms available for hire, please contact the church administrator.

We would like to be more involved in the community, if you have any ideas how this can happen please get in touch.

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Showtime for Harrow Choral Society!

Preparations are under way for Harrow Choral Society's Summer Concert on 7th July, 7.30pm at St Alban's Church, North Harrow when the programme will range from romantic European opera to dynamic Broadway musicals - including some Gilbert and Sullivan for good measure! It promises to be an evening of tuneful and exciting music.

Tickets at £12 can be purchased online via our website, by email at boxoffice@harrowchoral.org.uk or by phoning 020 8863 7830.



The choir's performance of Mozart's Requiem at the end of March in front of a capacity audience of more than 300 at Harrow Arts Centre is testament to the choir's continuing popularity. Earlier this year HCS ran a Singing for Improvers course led by professional soprano and singing teacher Christina Birchall-Sampson with the aim of improving vocal technique and performance skills. "As a choir we are always striving for higher standards," said Peter Miller (HCS chairman), "and the hard work seems to have paid off at our recent Concert."

Harrow Choral Society always welcomes new members, and for those with little or no singing experience its training course, Singing for Starters, provides a stepping-stone into the choir through a structured year-long programme.

Anyone wishing to join either Harrow Choral Society or Singing for Starters is welcome to come to St Alban's Church Hall, Norwood Drive, North Harrow HA2 7PF on Monday evenings at 7.45 pm.

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