

# Northwood Residents' Association



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## Chairman's Report - Tony Ellis



### Introduction

As was the case this time last year, we are experiencing a very cold winter. We had about six inches of snow the weekend before Christmas and the roads and pavements were treacherous for nearly two weeks. Once more, London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH) employees kept inconvenience to a minimum by keeping our main roads clear. Unfortunately, there are insufficient funds to treat the pavements with salt. We are also grateful to our refuse collectors who carried out their usual timely collection on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December when the roads and pavements were particularly icy. In Hillingdon, we are fortunate that our services are run efficiently.

### Elderly neighbours

This time of year can be hard on older people, particularly those living alone. The cold, and fear of icy pavements may confine them indoors and the long, dark evenings can increase their feeling of isolation. So **please let's all give a thought to those of our neighbours who may need a little help, some shopping done or just a little chat, during these cold, dark days of winter.**

### Festive lights

The lights in Green Lane, Maxwell Road and High Street gave Northwood a splendid festive look over the Christmas period and we are grateful for the sterling efforts of our Vice-Chairman, Miles Gillman, who coordinated their installation and to LBH for their continued financial support. As our LBH grant is likely to be lower next year, we will be asking local businesses to make a financial contribution.

### Committee

We welcome Frances Meyer and Richard Brown who have recently joined the committee.

### Forum

Just over 100 members attended our forum last November. Again it was deemed to be a success and has now become an established event in our calendar. I would be interested to receive any comments about the meeting and suggestions as to how we can improve the format.

I did make an appeal for new road stewards to join us. The response was very disappointing so please reconsider if you are able to play a part in the NRA. Details of the role are described in Adrian Paterson's article on page 2.

### Annual General Meeting

The notice for our AGM is included in this newsletter. Once again it will be held at Oaklands Gate Methodist Church and the date is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Our speakers will be talking about the NATO base.

There will be about 45 minutes for general discussion and questions when the formalities have been completed. If you have never been to an AGM before, do come along and take part.

### Conclusion

A major part of my role as Chairman is answering your questions and giving advice. In the last year I have received scores of phone calls and emails and by receiving and answering these, I have learned a lot about Northwood and what concerns residents have. It is a vital part of keeping in touch with the community, so please do continue to keep the questions coming.

Thanks are due to our councillors for answering our constant questions and making representations in the right places.

Tony Ellis

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AGM: Tues 15th March  
See Page 11 for details

## Traffic and Highways

Green Lane/Eastbury Road/Station Approach Traffic Lights:

Following so much concern about the traffic lights, LBH made a bid to TfL for the funding of an independent review by external consultants.

It is anticipated that the review will begin in April or May.

Ducks Hill Road/Rickmansworth Road Traffic Lights:

There has been a spate of accidents at this junction **over the past few months. NRA has asked for a "red light" camera to be installed there, but the future of the Safety Camera Partnership, which would fund such a camera, is under review due to budget cuts.**

The barriers are in a poor state and are due to be repaired shortly.

Potholes:

As usual in the wintertime, these are appearing at an alarming rate. Please report them to LBH via their website: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk)

or email

[traffichighways@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:traffichighways@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

Northgate:

Finally, just a reminder that it is still illegal to turn into Northgate from Ducks Hill Road.

*Lisa Maclay*

## Membership

The NRA's Road Stewards are its life-blood, since it is they who carry out the absolutely vital role of delivering the newsletters to our members. We are always in need of new Road Stewards. This arises for two main reasons: firstly some of our loyal band of Road Stewards are calling it a day after many years of service, eg David Benatar after more than 40 years carrying out such duties - a magnificent achievement; and secondly certain roads in the NRA catchment area either have never been covered or at least not in recent years, compounded by the number of new blocks of flats being built in the area. The NRA newsletter is delivered three times a year to members.

The other aspect of a Road Steward's job is to collect the annual subscriptions, issue a receipt, and get the monies to the Treasurer before the end of the calendar year.

The method of collection of subscriptions is a matter of choice for individual Road Stewards. The two main methods used are as follows:

- (a) collect the subscription when delivering the newsletter. The benefit of this method is direct contact with members, but the downside is that it may not be convenient for the member to speak to the Road Steward at that time or the member may not be in.
- (b) make use of the NRA subscription envelope system, whereby the envelope is delivered with the newsletter with a request that the member delivers the envelope and subscription back to the Road Steward in due

course. This method takes less of a Road Steward's time, but gives less direct contact with members.

Ideally, a Road Steward covers a road or block of flats in which he or she resides, but the number of residences covered is very much at the discretion of the Road Steward. Some do a number of roads, others a small cul-de-sac.

Roads which are currently in need of a Road Steward are as follows (apologies for any possible errors/omissions):

Athena Place, Beech Court, Birch Court, Churchill Court, Daintry Lodge, Dormans Close, Drakes Drive, Ducks Hill Road (part), Farm End, Frithwood Avenue (part), Grangedale Close, Green Lane (part), Hurst Place, Ivy Walk, Jackets Lane, James Court, Kingfisher Close, Lingfield Close, Lynwood Drive, Manor House Drive, Rising Hill Close, Sevenoaks Court, Station Approach, Tanworth Close, Teal Drive, Trinity Close, Wilford Close, and a number of blocks of flats.

If no one volunteers, this could be the last NRA newsletter you receive!



Please contact me or any member of the NRA Committee if you would like to volunteer.

*Adrian Paterson*  
Chief Road Steward

## Rubbish Collections Over Bank Holidays

If you want to find out when the council workers will be making their general household waste and recycling **collections over Bank Holidays, where do you look? If you've accidentally thrown away your current copy of Hillingdon People**, you could visit the LBH website at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk), but better still, the NRA website will give you the information you need specifically for Northwood. Yet again this Christmas and New Year bags were left out for days or even weeks in some cases.

Your website is updated frequently; do visit! Items for posting are welcome. [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)

## Environment

### Advertising Banners on Railings

NRA has been informed that there has been a full investigation of the issues surrounding this problem by LBH. The police have been consulted. Their view was that banners on railings constituted a danger for traffic and should be stopped. As a result of this it seems likely that LBH will ban all banners from railings, including those advertising charity or community events which have been licensed in the past. However, NRA has suggested in the past that banners might be displayed on the railings by Green Lane car park, and this possibility is still under discussion.

If you have seen or experienced an environmental problem in Northwood and would like us to help sort it out, please send the details to [environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

*Ban the banners?  
What do you think?*

*Anna Davis*

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## Metropolitan Line

Regular commuters will be only too aware of the **appalling deterioration in the Met Line "service"**. Not only have they had to contend with the usual, almost daily, signal failures, but also problems with the old rolling stock, leading to unprecedented numbers of cancellations.

The new timetable, introduced in early December, has been nothing short of disastrous. The driver changeover point and canteen have been moved from Wembley Park to Harrow on the Hill, and journeys are now regularly disrupted while passengers wait for a new driver.

Commuters are frankly in despair at the frequent cancellations and the fact that journeys are now taking so much longer that they are often late for work and **missing meetings**. Obviously the cold weather hasn't helped, but other surface lines, such as the Central and Piccadilly, seem to cope better than the Met.

Another frequent complaint is lack of any information, particularly from station staff, plus the highly irritating **"good service" announcements when the opposite is the case**.

**There are now more new "S" stock trains coming into service**, and they can at last go as far as Baker Street. As mentioned in the last newsletter, they are running on the old signals for the next few years, which is far from ideal. The main drawback, however, is the reduction in seating by about 30%.

Mike Brown, Managing Director of London Underground, is aware of the discontent amongst Met Line commuters, and is attending the January meeting that FOMLUC is having with Met management. We will take this opportunity to leave him in no doubt that the Met is not fit for purpose, and that we need improvements NOW, and not in 6-8 years time. Please continue to let us know of your horror stories so that we can pass them on to London Underground management.

*Lisa Maclay*

*Federation of Metropolitan Line Users' Committees*  
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## LJMC news

We would welcome some help with our fundraising activities, particularly tin collections. The next one is on Thursday 23rd June at Tesco, Rickmansworth. If people could spare just an hour to help, we would be immensely grateful. Every penny raised will go towards the provision of the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre's services of support and information for people affected by cancer.



Following last year's immensely successful Sponsored Swim at Highgrove Pool in Ruislip, the team who tackled the target of swimming a marathon (26 miles) are set to repeat their exploits again this year. It's still in the planning stages but is likely to be at the end of March. If anyone would like to take part, please call LJMC Community Fundraiser, Sue Hordyj on 01923 844589.

Thank you to everyone who supported last year's Stewarts Law Moor Park 10k & Junior Fun Runs. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that this annual event raised a record amount for the LJMC - more than £46,000. This year's event will be on Sunday 25th September at Merchant Taylors' School. We welcome enquiries and support for the event - now in its tenth year. More information can be obtained from [www.moorpark10k.org.uk](http://www.moorpark10k.org.uk)

There's more information about the work of the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre at [www.ljmc.org](http://www.ljmc.org)



## Health Matters

There are very challenging times ahead **for the NHS. The Government's health publications**, which can be found on the website [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk), come thick and fast. In our October 2010 Newsletter, reference was made to the July 2010 White Paper **'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' which set out their long-term vision for the future of the NHS.**

Since then, supporting documents have been published, including:

- 1) **'Liberating the NHS: Greater choice and control'**
- 2) **'An Information Revolution – a consultation on proposals'**

In November 2010 a second White Paper **'Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England'** was published.

Change is on the way, but why is it necessary?

Our health and social care systems are good in many ways, but in certain respects we lag behind other countries, such as in cancer survival rates. We have considerable problems with obesity, smoking, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health and sexually transmitted infections. Poor outcomes are often related to poverty and poor education and there are inequalities even in relatively small areas, such as within

**Hillingdon's individual wards. As the population gets older, costs and expectations go up, so we need to save money – which we can do by improving quality. Joining health care and social care should also prove economical whilst offering seamless care to service users. People should be more involved in their own health and social care, and they should be encouraged to look after themselves with healthy eating and appropriate exercise. The NHS needs to modernise, cut out waste and offer the quality and outcomes we expect.**

The route to this ideal is through choice. Patients will be able to choose their GP, consultant, treatment and hospital or other local health service. Choice and shared decision-making have to be safe, sustainable and **affordable. 'No decision about me without me' is the phrase of the moment.** GPs will work together in consortia and will, together, buy services for patients. They will be more accountable to their patients.

The Government tells us that funding for the NHS will **increase each year of this Government by 'cutting out waste, reducing bureaucracy and simplifying NHS structures'.**

An NHS Commissioning Board, independent and accountable, will, among other duties, address inequalities in access to health care.

Patients will need access to informed opinion if they are to be effectively involved in decision-making. We are promised better access to our health and social care records. A new national body, **HealthWatch England, will represent patients' views within the Care Quality Commission.**

Councils will have greater involvement in local health services, being responsible for local health care priorities, integrating health and care services and ensuring that the needs of the local community are met. They will lead the development of local public health services. In 2012 a new body, Public Health England, will function as part of the Department of Health.

I have asked NHS Hillingdon and some of our local hospitals how these proposals are likely to impact on our local services. They replied:

NHS Hillingdon

Patient satisfaction with hospitals across North West London is variable and patients have been dissatisfied with maternity services and access to GPs. Demand for NHS services is going to rise and it is envisaged that by 2014/15 healthcare in North West London will have a shortfall of £1bn.

We can look forward to a period of open discussion with key stakeholders as to how this deficit may be **managed satisfactorily. PCTs are now 'clustered' and Hillingdon is clustered with Ealing and Hounslow under one Chief Executive, Robert Creighton. The senior management team has been streamlined to avoid duplication and improve efficiency. New staff structures are being proposed at this time; although we are assured that front-line care will not be compromised.**

From 1 February 2011, the relatively small Hillingdon Community Health (HCH) – provider of our community services such as district nursing, health **visitors and children's services** – is to integrate with the much larger Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL). We are assured that there will be no redundancies and no change in type or location of services provided. CNWL is hoping that people in Hillingdon will become members of CNWL Trust, to have a direct say in its future plans. There is a Council of Members, in which Governors, elected by members, represent the interests of the local community and decide the strategic direction and development of the Trust. If this interests you, please freephone 0800 0234047 or visit [www.cnwl.nhs.uk](http://www.cnwl.nhs.uk)

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## Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team

As I am writing this article at the end of December, events may have overtaken me in regards to the future of Safer Neighbourhoods by the time you read this. As I am sure you are aware, there are large cuts in funding to the police service and savings will have to be made. At the moment, no one knows what the effect will be on Northwood. I think what I can guarantee is that there will still be a police presence in the town and the team will continue to work hard to ensure Northwood remains a low crime area and a pleasant place to live and work.

We have lost one of our PCSOs to Harefield, so we are currently one sergeant, two PCs and two PCSOs.



L to R: PCSO Stephen Ward, PC Louise Kennedy, PC Robert Mcdarby-Feast, Sgt Ian Stacey, PCSO John Usher

The police station celebrates 100 years of business this year. **It is planned to have an 'open day' in the summer. The exact date is not known, but please keep an eye on the NRA website for more details.** If you have any stories about the police station or information on its history then please email me at [ian.f.stacey@met.police.uk](mailto:ian.f.stacey@met.police.uk)

*Police Sergeant Ian Stacey*

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[northwood.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:northwood.snt@met.police.uk)

*Northwood Police Station is open to the public  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 11.00 to 13.00*

### Police Panel

Sgt Stacey has outlined the current difficulties the SNT is facing. Significant local economies will have to be made during the coming months and certainly until after the Olympic Games in 2012. Meanwhile we in Northwood enjoy a peaceful life without parallel in the borough, but we still need your co-operation. Poor driving standards, particularly speeding and use of mobile phones when driving are a major concern. These problems are always kept at the top of the agenda but with staff shortages it means that there are insufficient resources to tackle the problem as aggressively as we would wish.

I have emphasised on many occasions the need for vigilance in securing homes and safeguarding property. Our police believe that even one burglary is one too many, but there is always something each resident can do to help himself. The SNT is trained and keen to help so never hold back from asking for crime prevention advice.

Always beware of bogus callers – they are about so always ask for proof of identity if someone unexpected knocks at your door and remember to use the chain on your door.

I wish you all a happy and crime-free 2011.

*Ann Bailey  
NRA representative on the SNT Panel*

### Health Matters ctd

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust  
The application for The Hillingdon & Mount Vernon Hospital to become an NHS Foundation Trust is in its final stages. Although there will be increased competition for services, it is felt that the hospital is well placed to thrive in a more competitive environment. The Treatment Centre at Mount Vernon is impressive and links with local GPs are being strengthened. Performance has been good. Savings over the next 4 years will have to be increased from 3% p.a. to at least 4%. It is hoped to achieve this through greater efficiency.

Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust

Patients are not purely local, but come from a wide area and are often referred by doctors from other hospitals. Flagship services, such as the heart attack centre, will

continue to be supported and a close working relationship with ambulance services will continue so that the right patients are brought in quickly for primary angioplasty. Early in 2011, the Trust hopes to open a new catheter laboratory for less urgent cases. The Trust is in a strong position, having recently invested in a new theatres complex.

Watford General Hospital

Part of the West Hertfordshire NHS Hospitals Trust which is applying for Foundation Trust status, Watford **Hospital is involved in the 'Big Ask' programme which aims to cut costs without compromising patient safety.** The Trust has a target of £19.3m to save in 2010/11 and **'Big Ask' has highlighted £13.3m so far. The high costs of temporary staff and expensive drugs have to be addressed.**

*Valerie Mellor*

## Planning

In spite of the credit crunch 2010 has been a busy year for planning. I summarise some higher profile cases here and monthly reports are on our web site.

The development of the site of the Reindeer public house in Maxwell Road is still uncertain. The **developer appealed against the council's decision** to refuse the plan. Tony and I attended the appeal hearing on 30<sup>th</sup> November and we await the result. In the meantime, following continued pressure from the NRA, the developers have modified their alternative plans to a more acceptable building.

Many of you will know the residential care home at 36-38 Chester Road is near completion. Plans for number 34 were also allowed but no construction work has started. The developer applied to add 30-32 to the complex and residents, supported by the NRA petitioned the council. The application was refused and we await the results of an appeal. The developers have strayed from the authorised plans at 36-38 and the enforcement officer has declined to take action as he awaits an application for retrospective planning permission. I am continuing to put pressure on the LBH head of planning to enforce the authorised plans and have complained about the conduct of the enforcement officer in respect of another matter.

Local residents, supported by the NRA, successfully persuaded the planning committee to refuse additional development of the nursing home at 12 Eastbury Road. The councillors **commended Breda Nuttall's presentation to the committee as, "A victory by residents over developers."**



The NRA objected to an application to demolish 41 Frithwood Avenue and build a block of flats and the council refused the application. The developer has appealed and I have requested that our MP, Nick Hurd, writes to the Planning Inspector asking that he **respects the Government's position on garden grabbing.**

Esporta, at 18 Ducks Hill Road, has applied to build a Golf Driving Range on Green Belt Land. Residents and the NRA have objected and petitioned the council. We await a hearing at the Planning North Committee.

We continue to object to oversized extensions and the replacement of suitable buildings by over-dominant mansions.

*Malcolm Ruddock*

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## Northwood Live At Home Scheme

New Year – New Activity?

If you have a little time available to do something new, how about volunteering to help with the Northwood Live At Home Scheme? Our aim is to help the older person in Northwood and Northwood Hills to remain living in their own home, by providing social support and information and advice. So we need helpers to drive members to events, or on shopping trips, or to medical appointments, and helpers to assist at our **Lunch Club and 'Tea and Chat' Sessions and coffee mornings.**

If you have a few hours a month or think you might enjoy being a member, contact Angela or Laura on 01923 842494.

*Sue Mansfield, NLAH Chairman*



*Lunch Club at St. John's church*

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## Northwood Town Cricket Club

Northwood Town Cricket Club is a friendly club based in Chestnut Avenue, Northwood offering both sporting and social facilities. We are always on the lookout for new members. The club runs three cricket sides on Saturdays and one on Sundays. We are currently running winter nets every Sunday morning at Nower Hill School and all prospective members of any ability are welcome. Please contact Michael Lister on 07786 393254 for more details. Please visit [www.northwoodtowncc.co.uk](http://www.northwoodtowncc.co.uk) for more information about the club. We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

*Gerry Pimm*

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## Any unwanted typewriters or sewing machines?

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

Contact Brian Lewis on 01895 238650 to arrange collection.

## Councillors' Corner

Sorry, there's no Q & A item this issue; we are planning a new series of articles starting in the June issue. Watch this space!

The elected councillors for Northwood ward are;  
Richard Lewis, Carol Melvin and Scott Seaman-Digby

To contact your councillors:  
Tel: 01895 250316 (Civic Centre Office) or  
01923 822876 (Northwood Ward Office)  
Email all at:  
northwoodward@hillingdon.gov.uk

## Conservation

Our October 2010 newsletter carried an article describing Conservation Area Advisory Committees. Northwood does not have a Conservation Area Advisory Panel - would you be interested in helping to set one up? If so, please let Malcolm Ruddock know:  
Tel: 01923 836440  
Email: [planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

*Note: newsletters are archived on the NRA website enabling you to access previous issues even if you have recycled your paper copy.*

## Is Your EHIC Valid?

Remember exchanging your tatty paper E111 European Health form for a modern plastic card? Did you think your new European Health Insurance Card would last for ever? Unlike the paper version which had no expiry date, the plastic EHIC is generally valid for only five years.

Renewal is easy, but no reminders are sent, so check your card today!  
Visit [www.nhs.uk/healthcareabroad](http://www.nhs.uk/healthcareabroad) or telephone 0845 606 2030.  
You can apply to renew when there are less than six months left on your card.

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to access state-provided healthcare in all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland at a reduced cost or sometimes free of charge.

## WRAP it up

**Watford Recycling Arts Project collects 'stuff' that is thrown out by local industry and makes it available for creative reuse. The 'stuff' might be fabric offcuts, surplus stationery or DVD cases, the stock is constantly changing. Anyone can be a member; schools, playgroups, guides and scouts, carnival groups and other community ventures have joined. For an annual fee they help themselves to all kinds of inspiring material whenever they want to. This is true recycling.**



If you have anything you could donate to the project or would like to know more, please visit <http://watfordrecyclingartsproject.wikispaces.com/> or telephone 01923 231395

## Choral Concert

**Northwood Choral Society's Spring Concert will include Vivaldi's Gloria and a programme taken from the Last Night of the Proms. Rehearsals began on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January, and will take place every Sunday evening at 7:15pm in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Gateway Close until the concert.**

The concert will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7:30pm, at St. **John's Church, Hallowell Road. Tickets will be available in advance from Sally Rogers [sallyrogers01@aol.com](mailto:sallyrogers01@aol.com) or from Northwood Bookshop.**

**We welcome anyone who enjoys singing, even if you haven't sung since your schooldays. So if you are interested, please come along to a rehearsal. There is no audition for new members.**  
Further information: [www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk)



## Calling All Choirs!

If you belong to a choir, regardless of size or style would you like to take part in our local Clash of the Choirs? This is part of the International Voices for Hospices Event taking place in October 2011 and will raise funds for Michael Sobell House Hospice.

Please contact Ophelia on 01923 844829 or [ochambers@michaelsobellhouse.co.uk](mailto:ochambers@michaelsobellhouse.co.uk)

## From the Treasurer



Investment; everyone needs it to progress, whether it is for a company ensuring its competitiveness or individuals maintaining or upgrading their homes and gardens. So, the NRA has recently invested in computer systems, financed by a Grass Roots grant obtained with help from the North West London Community Foundation. The systems will provide a solid foundation from which to develop the functionality of a much enhanced online membership database that will aid the Road Stewards.

The NRA relies heavily on these dedicated volunteers to collect the subs and facilitate some face-to-face contact. Thanks go out again to the Stewards for their superlative work and of course to members for continuing to pay their subscriptions.

The development will also aid the membership secretary and committee members and will improve communication. Longer-term opportunities become far reaching e.g.

**to provide a members' area on the website, so this will be an interesting topic as the systems develop.**

Subs received in 2010 were slightly higher than in the previous year which, in view of the gloomy atmosphere, was welcome. Still we have a Royal wedding to look forward to, we retained the Ashes (Commiserations to any Australian members) and preparations for the 2012 Olympics are on plan and budget. So let us all look forward to a year that will hopefully deliver joy and **happiness making 2010's gloom a distant memory.**

*David Blowers*

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## Northwood Lions Club

At the end of November Northwood Lions spent a very cold and snowy Saturday in Northwood Hills running a stall at the Fun Day there. This was a first for us and was great fun and a success despite the weather.

Our new year plans have yet to be finalised but will include tin shakes at Tesco stores in Pinner Green (9<sup>th</sup> April) and Rickmansworth (18<sup>th</sup> June). One must-do event this spring is to decorate the Den on Pinner Road – another new experience for us.

We have now returned to Haste Hill Golf Club for our **bi-monthly meetings after a six month period at St John's Court**. Our thanks go to all of you who continue to support us both at the Den and in our other activities.

If you would like to learn more about Northwood Lions Club, please contact Robert on 07860 324 395 or chat to one of us at the Den on a Saturday morning between 09.45 and 11.45.

*Gyl Webb*

## Council of Christians and Jews

Hillingdon CCJ organised many interesting and well attended events during 2010, culminating in what has now become their traditional Christmas & Chanukah party. A varied programme is being arranged for 2011:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm

Liberation Theology. An opportunity to hear Canon Richard Bartlett (Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Northwood) discuss theological concepts which underpin concern and action on behalf of the poor and oppressed, especially in Latin America.

Ruislip Manor Methodist Church, Torrington Road, Ruislip Manor HA4 0AS.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm

Women Called To The Ministry. The Reverend Carol Hamilton-Foyn (Methodist) and Rabbi Kathleen de Magtice-Middleton will talk about their callings to Ministry.

St. Lawrence Church, Bridle Road, Eastcote, Pinner. HA5 2SJ

EVERONE IS VERY WELCOME. Entry £1.50 (CCJ Members £1).

Tuesday 26 April at 6.30pm

A Passover Seder Meal hosted by Rabbi Aaron Goldstein at Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AA.

This is an open invitation to people of all faiths and none to come and enjoy a festive meal, join in the singing and have fun in a family atmosphere. Tickets are £16 each and numbers limited to 120. For more information and a booking form please phone 07836 676792 or email [hillingdonccj@me.com](mailto:hillingdonccj@me.com)



## Over 50s spring into action!

*Vintage@Northwood* weekly classes for the over 50s re-commenced on **Tuesday 18 January 2011** in **St John's church** hall, **Hallowell Road**. The weekly dance workshops with **Green Candle Dance Company** run from 10.30am–12.30am and textile workshops led by **Susie Johns** from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. The programme includes a full day celebration combining mixed activities on **Tuesday 22 March 2011**.

No need to attend the whole course; call about our special weekly drop-in arrangement.

For more information, please call the ArtReach box office on 01628 675800 or email [northwoodarts@artreach.biz](mailto:northwoodarts@artreach.biz)

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## Northwood & District Community Association

Unfortunately we do not have a section for tobogganing or skating, which would have been handy in snowy December! Not wanting any broken limbs before Christmas, some events were cancelled.

We held our Annual Christmas Quiz in late November and the 46 members who braved the cold conditions enjoyed an evening of thought-provoking questions and pictures with a good buffet to sustain them. Our next **culinary event is a Ploughman's Lunch in February**.

Our Spring programme has recommenced; weekly short mat bowls, badminton, keep fit, tennis, line dancing and yoga, and bi-monthly table tennis, bridge, scrabble, whist and board games. Also monthly: rambling, German conversation, afternoon walk and Sunday Singles.

So if you fancy joining any of the above activities, contact Pat Dunhill on 01923 836346. We are always ready to welcome new people.

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## When was the last time you visited your local library?

Northwood (formerly Oaklands Gate) library has benefited greatly from its recent refurbishment. The improved facilities and longer opening hours have resulted in lots more visitors as well as more books borrowed from the library.

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**The enlarged and improved children's library** has enabled us to establish a regular fortnightly storytime for under 5s. We have enjoyed class visits from Holy Trinity and Eastbury Farm schools. We have also held a number of activities and events for older children during the school holidays. In June, we hosted a session with a professional storyteller, much to the delight of a class of Year 4s.

The Starbucks coffee facility is proving very popular especially during the recent cold spell. Customers can relax with a book or newspaper (we provide a selection of daily newspapers and magazines) whilst enjoying a range of refreshments and snacks.

Recent developments are a new Wi-Fi facility. Library members can also enjoy 2 hours for FREE on one of our PCs and there are introductory taster sessions for those who are new to computers.

Over 60s are now entitled to free talking books and DVD loans from our range of feature films and TV series.

We have a monthly drop-in session with the Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team; the days and times vary to give everyone a chance to come along and get advice.

Our new Chess Club is proving very popular on Tuesdays from 5.30 – 7pm and is open to all ages. Contact the library for further details or ring Doug on 01923 823097.

We also have a Scrabble afternoon, with free refreshments, on the last Wednesday of every month, although anyone is welcome to come in and play at any time. Forthcoming events planned include a drop-in session with advice on how to keep healthy, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 12noon, as part of Healthy Heart Month.

The library is free to join so why not come and visit us soon?

Tel: 01895 558262

Opening hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9-6,  
Tuesday 9-7, Saturday 9-4

## Northwood Bowling Club

*Remember the photo we featured in the last newsletter? It appears to have produced results;*

We were very grateful to all the local papers which printed the picture postcard of our Club's 'Founding Fathers' and to residents who gave us useful information. Identities were established for three of the eight gentlemen in the photo: Harry Brookman was the first Club Captain and lived in Addison Way, where he was well-known for his window-cleaning business, with his ladders transported on a yellow painted side-car attached to his bicycle. James Page was Club President from 1935 to 1957, and lived at 'Grimscar' in The Drive; he was a builder and property developer. Bill Plaister, the gentleman in the large trilby hat on the right of the photo, was a Club member but was not on the Committee; we learned that he lived in Hilliard Road and worked at Rawlinsons Printers in Emmanuel Road, where Marlborough Court now stands.

The other five gentlemen were Club and Committee members but remain unidentified, and we wish to ask Northwood residents to help us by looking through this list of names and addresses from 1939. Do you recognise a Grandfather or neighbour here, and is there a photograph of them in a family album which we can

compare with our original? The Club would be very grateful for any help, photographs and documents would of course be treated carefully before return. William Atkins; Hazelwood Drive. Henry Bennett; Hillside Gardens. Chas or Harold Croft; High St or Windsor Close. Ernest or George or Henry Lewin; all Hilliard Road. Ellison Potter; Briarwood Drive. Frederick Nichols; Hazelwood Drive.

Both the Men's' and Ladies' Bowling clubs will be offering free taster and coaching sessions over several days during May. These could be great opportunities to explore this most sociable of sports with a view to joining our clubs which have an active playing and social history. Singles or couples, all are welcome.

Chestnut Avenue is our outdoor green, our season runs from 1st May to 2nd October. We also have links to indoor bowling (kit and rules are the same) which means residents can play our game all year round and at very modest charges. Sets of bowls are available on loan to get new players started.

Please contact the Club Secretary, Tony Smith, for further information or if you can help with identifying the Founding Fathers on 01923 822 025; 07714 053507, or [secretary@northwoodbowling](mailto:secretary@northwoodbowling)

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## Friends of Northwood Live at Home Scheme

Do you already know about the Northwood Live At Home Scheme, and would you like to support it?

If so, how about becoming a friend of the Scheme? (If not, see Page 6 of this newsletter or visit [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk))

What it gives you:

- the ability to help the Scheme even if you live outside the Northwood area
- a regular newsletter, with details of planned activities and local Scheme news
- access to information about specialised services for the older person from the Scheme office
- invitations to appropriate events

How this helps the Scheme:

- regular donations
- a group of supporters to canvass about opinions on how support of older people in their own homes can be enhanced

To become a Friend use the application form on the NRA web site or contact the NLAH Manager at St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DN, Tel: 01923 842494 or email: [northwood-lah@btconnect.com](mailto:northwood-lah@btconnect.com)



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## Northwood District Guides

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010, Northwood District Guides once again entertained the shoppers by singing Christmas Carols outside Waitrose. This year we were raising money for both Michael Sobell House and Help for Heroes and collected a healthy £140 which will be split equally between these two worthwhile charities. It was a very cold and damp evening but as usual all the singers had a great time raising the money while promoting Girlguiding in Northwood.

We are always looking to recruit new volunteers to keep Girlguiding alive in Northwood - if you are interested, please contact Jane on: [janeanderson66@btinternet.com](mailto:janeanderson66@btinternet.com) She would be delighted to give you further details.

## Northwood Residents' Association 45th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15th March 2011  
At Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood

Tea & coffee served from 7.30 pm; meeting starts at 8.00 pm

### AGENDA

- 1) **To receive the Chairman's Report for 2010**
- 2) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2010
- 3) To set the rate of subscription for the year 2011 (currently set at a minimum of £2 per household)
- 4) To elect the Officers, currently:

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| Chairman      | Mr Tony ELLIS       |
| Vice-Chairman | Mr Miles GILLMAN    |
| Treasurer     | Mr David BLOWERS    |
| Hon Auditor   | Mr Chris ROGERS FCA |
- 5) To elect an Executive Committee:  
Members standing are: Mrs Ann Bailey, Mr Richard Brown, Mrs Anna Davis, Mrs Freda Kosmin, Mrs Lisa Maclay, Mrs Marie-Françoise Meyer, Mrs Rachel Owen, Mr Jayesh Patel, and Mr Malcolm Ruddock
- 6) To elect the President, currently Mr Alan Prue
- 7) Guest Speakers: Officers from the NATO base will give us an overview of the history and function of the HQ site.
- 8) Any Other Business.

Please Note: There are vacancies for membership of the executive committee. Do consider joining us.

NOMINATIONS in writing for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, with the written consent of the candidate, must reach the Chairman at least four days before the AGM.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS proposed and seconded by two members must be delivered to the Chairman at least ten days before the AGM.

All members are invited to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to other Northwood residents, and to our Ward Councillors.

## NRA Open Forum, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**This year's forum was well attended; in addition to the NRA executive committee and invited guests we welcomed about 100 local residents.**

Alison Dollery, Safer Neighbourhoods and Partnership Chief Inspector for Hillingdon, described how the Borough policing works. She did so by using a simple example of what happens when a member of the public calls in to report a burglary. She described how such a call will eventually involve about 50 police officers from various teams; call handling, forensics, CID, SNT, custody suite, etc.

Our local councillors: Richard Lewis, Carol Melvin and Scott Seaman-Digby, took questions from the floor. Topics were many and varied, ranging from problems with leaves piling up on pavements to planning issues to parking charges and, inevitably, to the Green Lane traffic lights.

The evening was concluded with Cllr Carol Melvin saying that the councillors are there to help and to listen to the public and we should let them know of any issues we wish them to deal with.

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Jon Cotton, Museum of London

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Sally Brewer, Educ'n Manager BF House.

11 Apr Twenties London.  
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Meetings are held in St Martin's Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip at 8.15pm.  
For information, please call 01895 673299 or go to www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk

Ruislip-Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

Tues 1 Mar Tracy Griffin, National Demonstrator, "Dreamscape", £5 for visitors  
Tues 5 Apr AGM followed by talk (in the Vincent Hall)  
Tues 3 May Bob Harris, National Demonstrator, "A Magic Carpet Ride", £5 visitors

Normal Venue: Main Hall, Northwood College, Maxwell Rd, Northwood.

Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start  
Contact: Jean Joseph on 01923 829621