

Northwood Residents' Association



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Northwood Communities Together! We Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Over 4,000 residents of Northwood and Northwood Hills attended the Jubilee celebration in the Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground. For the first time in living memory, our two Residents' Associations organised a joint event and what a party it was! Young and old alike enjoyed meeting each other, watching the arena entertainment and browsing and eating at the various stalls. And the weather was kind to us - we had the best day of the long Jubilee weekend. Let us hope that our two communities can unite in celebration more often.

Thank you all - organisers, helpers, stallholders, entertainers and attendees - for taking part in such a memorable day.



District Scouts' brand new traversing wall was popular



Friends of Michael Sobell Hospice

52 adults plus 20 Explorer Scouts helped on the day

Over 50 stalls

18 arena events

4,000 - estimated attendance



Harrow & Wembley Model Engineers steamed away all day



Cllr Seaman-Digby and colleagues faced soggy sponges to raise £158 for Hillingdon AIDS Response Trust



Let's Zumba!

Almost ½ mile of bunting hung from trees & marquees



View from the clubhouse roof

£637 collected in the bucket-shake for the Northwood Live at Home Scheme at the two entrances.



ANGELA ROGERS *

Cream teas courtesy Emmanuel Coffee Shop



Great finale from the Rock Choir

A lady at the far end of Hallowell Road said she could hear the National Anthem from her garden.



ANGELA ROGERS *

John, the falconer, gave a spectacular performance

Our Jubilee Facebook page 'reached' 1002 people in a week, most popular post was the letter from the Queen

There are lots more photos on the NRA website



The Celebration was closed by the Queen's official representative, Wing Commander Edna Partridge

* see www.angelarogersphotography.co.uk

Chairman's Report - Tony Ellis

Introduction

It's hard to believe that four months have passed since I wrote my last report. They say that time goes more quickly as one gets older – it certainly seems so to me. Much of the time has been spent on organising the Jubilee celebration. I had little idea how much time and effort goes into organising such an event but it was well worth the effort.

I spend a lot of time worrying about the long term viability of the NRA because of the lack of residents who volunteer to help – more about that later.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Last summer, we asked Northwood Hills Residents' Association what they were doing to celebrate the Jubilee and the final outcome was that we should hold a joint celebration. A meeting was held to flesh out a plan and a committee of eight formed; Andrew Riley, Leo Mindel, Lynne Halse and Chris Bushell from NHRA; Miles Gillman, Richard & Ros Plume and myself from NRA. We decided on a carnival-style event at the Chestnut Avenue recreation ground. Each committee member brought different skills to the table and we met on a regular basis. We took advice from Northwood Lions and the Ruislip Woods organisations before deciding on a final format.

We agreed that entry to the event should be free with any money raised from donations at the gates given to our nominated charity, Northwood Live at Home Scheme. Fortunately we were able to secure funding from the London Borough of Hillingdon which made the event viable. They also gave us assistance with the legalities and cleaning the site afterwards. We are very grateful to them for their valuable contribution.

After many committee meetings and a huge amount of work from each committee member the event was ready. Ruislip-Eastcote-Northwood District Scouts provided much of the manpower, erecting stalls and fencing, acting as car park attendants and clearing the site afterwards. Northwood Football and Northwood Town Cricket Clubs allowed us to use their facilities, St John Ambulance and the Metropolitan Police attended. Many residents acted as marshals and local businesses and organisations populated the stalls and local schools, organisations, bands and choirs provided the entertainment. Thank you all for your invaluable contributions to making the day such a special one.

Lastly, thanks to the three intrepid councillors who stood in the stocks to have soggy sponges thrown at them.

Our main purpose was to bring our communities together and I think we were successful in that aim. I hope you will have good memories of the day for years to come.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM held on 15th March was attended by about 50 members, less than half our usual number. There were no competing events on television and the night was fine so I am at a loss as to why so few of you attended. If you have any ideas as to how we can make our AGM more interesting or relevant please let me, or a member of the committee, know.

Our speakers, Stuart Hunt (Head Of Hillingdon Green Spaces) and Ian Cantley (Chairman of the Ruislip Woods Advisory Group), gave us a fascinating insight into Ruislip Woods through the seasons. Such a treasure trove right on our doorstep.

As a result of the poor attendance your committee has decided not to hold a Residents' Forum this autumn.

Volunteers

Once again I have to return to the subject of volunteers. We have been advertising for committee members for several months without response. Our Chief Road Steward and member for Traffic and Highways both resigned in March. These are important positions and details of responsibilities have been posted on the Waitrose noticeboard and the website yet we have had no response. We also need committee members to take on special projects and several Road Stewards.

If replacements are not found soon, your Association will become less effective and we may have to curb some of our activities.

I wonder what happens to those 60-somethings when they retire? They seem to disappear in Northwood.

Local Shopping.

Green Lane shops are still changing. Baskin Robbins and the Cook Shop have occupied long vacant premises and Costa Coffee is taking over the Co-op Travel shop premises. Fortunately there have been no additional closures.

The High Street is still a vibrant mix of shops and restaurants and don't forget the shops around the corner on Pinner Road.

Please do patronise our local shops and restaurants – we need them to be successful to maintain a thriving community.

Conclusion

As usual, thanks to our local councillors for their contribution to making Northwood a good place to live and thanks to my committee for their loyal support.

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Health Matters

The NHS reform bill is still a matter of much debate, and the outcome is still unclear. Out of hours medical assistance has changed. Now dial 111 and you will be directed to the correct pathway. For urgent requests still dial 999. Hillingdon Hospital has been awarded £12.5 million to improve the A & E department. However A & E departments in some other hospitals in the region may be closed.

Work is being done in the Hillingdon borough to improve out of hospital care for people with diabetes and for the elderly living alone. The future project will be for people with chronic heart disease, however no date has been set for this as funding has to be obtained.

Plans for the Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital are being reviewed by a management consultant. NRA has met with her and made its recommendations. A work study looked at the superb development of an old hospital in the East End, but it is doubtful whether Northwood would have sufficient funds for a similar project.

Community Voice, an organisation that works for health matters in the area, meets at 7.30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Mount Vernon Hospital, all are welcome to come and hear what is happening in Hillingdon.

See www.communityvoicehealth.org.uk for more information.

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In Case of Emergency

Dial 101 for non-urgent calls to the local police

You can call 101 to report a crime that has already happened, seek crime prevention advice or make police aware of any policing issues in your local area.

If you are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, a text phone is available on 18001 101.

- ◆ Using 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency.
- ◆ Always call 999 when a crime is happening; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.
- ◆ Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.



Similarly for the NHS. For people living in certain areas including the London Borough of Hillingdon you can now

Dial 111 when

- You need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency.
- You think you need to go to A&E or need another NHS urgent care service.
- You don't know who to call or you don't have a GP to call.
- You need health information or reassurance about what to do next.

For less urgent health needs, contact your GP or local pharmacist in the usual way.

For immediate, life-threatening emergencies, continue to call 999.



Don't forget your ICE numbers

ICE stands for 'In Case of Emergency'. The idea is that you enter a phone number in your mobile phone's memory using the ID 'ICE'. Then, if you were unfortunate enough to be rendered unconscious in an accident, the emergency services would know that you wished your ICE contact to be informed of the situation.



Any unwanted tools or sewing machines?

The Rotary Club of Ruislip-Northwood is still collecting sewing machines and tools to send to East Africa via a Chesham based charity, Workaid. Tools, in particular, are very much in demand.

Contact Colin Harris on 01923 823897 to arrange collection

To find out more about The Rotary Club of Ruislip-Northwood visit:

www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=565

Metropolitan Line

The problems continue. The service has been very poor over the last few months, particularly during the wet weather, with many signal failures and defective trains.

The new S stock in particular continues to have “teething” problems. This particularly applies to the PA system, which sometimes breaks up, rendering announcements unintelligible, or gives out the wrong information. Strap hangers have been ordered because of complaints that the horizontal bars are too high for many people. Three new S stock trains are being delivered every two weeks. A float of old A stock will be kept for a while, but it is envisaged that the entire old stock will have been replaced by September.



An A stock carriage on its way to the recycling yard in the North of England

A solution has to be found to solve the drainage problems at Finchley Road. There is an issue with the water main at Swiss Cottage, but the long-term solution is to re-lay over six kilometres of track on a concrete base to include integral drainage. This is now planned for 2014 (brought forward from 2017/18!) This will inevitably involve some disruption and closures.

Another problem area is the North Harrow junction, where there are difficulties with the points in warm weather. A replacement junction is still some years away.

A major ongoing grouse is about the woeful lack of useful information about delays, both on trains and on platforms. Passengers hate the “good service” announcements, particularly when it is obvious that the service is anything but. This is pointed out to Metropolitan Line managers time after time, but little changes.

As ever, please address any comments to **met@northwoodresidents.co.uk**

Lisa Maclay

Federation of Metropolitan Line Users' Committees

Traffic and Highways

The road death of a High Street shopkeeper (See Page 6) has added urgency to local trader Daron James' campaign. Mr James of Sallywags has for some time been urging the council to erect vehicle activated signage (VAS) by the pedestrian crossing in Pinner Road close to the Chestnut Avenue turning. We understand that Pinner Road has been added to the council's VAS programme but as yet no signage has appeared. The Residents' Association intends to assist Mr James in ensuring that such signage is put in place before another accident occurs.

Residents in a number of roads in the district have expressed interest in traffic calming measures and the council has installed several such schemes. Unfortunately they appear to have selected designs in

Kewferry and Moor Park Roads which are not able to cope with the traffic loads they are subjected to and are constantly breaking up. This is good news for the contractors repairing them but not such good news for local taxpayers! If your street has been identified for traffic calming please let the NRA know so that we can help with selecting the preferred system.



Calming tables not fit for purpose?

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Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic flame will travel through the streets of Hillingdon on Tuesday 24th July. Check the route and welcome the flame on a street (fairly) near you! The Olympic Torch Relay enters the borough in Hayes and finishes at Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Complex, in Gatting Way, Uxbridge, before moving onto the next borough. Full details are on the LBH website at **www.hillingdon.gov.uk/olympics**. The part of the route closest to Northwood is:



15:18 Coke activation stage at Uxbridge town centre

High Street - Left Turn to Park Road B483 - Right Turn to Gatting Way - Gatting Way to Hillingdon Leisure Centre

The torch will then be transported to Denham:

16:06 Arrives A412 North Orbital Road Junction with Moorfield Road, torch removed from the convoy

16:11 Arrives at InterContinental Hotels Group Headquarters, Broadwater Park

Carried back south along the A412 to the junction with Moorfield Road where it will depart for Ealing in the convoy at **16:37**

Small Local Shops

Sad Death of Shopkeeper Mr Zak Mamujee

The last newsletter reminded us of the variety of small shops we have in Northwood High Street.

I would like to pay tribute to some of those shops and in particular to a lovely, kind man, Mr Zak Mamujee who was killed in a tragic road accident on April 29th whilst delivering newspapers. He and his wife, and since Zak's death, his family, run what is known to us all as the 'Pat-a-Cake Shop.' I have had newspapers delivered by them since I moved here over four years ago, and have always been greeted warmly and with a smile.

Latterly I have reduced my purchase to just one paper on Saturday only, but still it continues to be delivered reliably and early enough for me to enjoy with a cup of tea in bed. A few weeks ago a section of the newspaper was missing. I rang the shop later in the day, and the missing section was delivered to me at about 6pm. You wouldn't get that sort of service from the bigger shops.

I didn't expect my paper to be delivered the Saturday after the accident (and the day after the funeral) but it came through my letter box at the usual time.

When I went into the shop to offer my condolences and thanks, I met one of Mr Mamujee's daughters who said

the family were committed to continuing their father's business. She has reduced her working hours as a teacher in Nottingham to be able to work in the shop. What a wonderful family, and our condolences to them all.

If you have not been in one of the High Street shops before, and can take time to look around and speak to the shop owners I think you may be pleasantly surprised.

In one shop milk (very fresh) is cheaper than the supermarkets and the price of many of the goods compare favourably. In another I buy large bags of some spices which are much more economical than the small jars commonly sold in supermarkets.

I know of no other small area where a large variety of goods and services e.g. sewing materials, food, plants, good quality greetings cards, medications (delivered if needed), and services such as alternative treatments, washing, dry cleaning, ironing and clothes alterations can be bought conveniently and at competitive prices and more importantly with a smile and friendly helpful service from people who understand and have knowledge about what they are selling.

Jill Besant

NRA Business Membership

Welcome to the many new Business Members who have joined the Northwood Residents' Association this year and welcome back to long-standing members.

You are very important to the Association and to residents. We are very keen for you to succeed and we encourage residents to use local businesses whenever possible.

The Association is enthusiastic about promoting your businesses. This issue of our Newsletter carries a current list of Northwood Business Members. Business names also appear on our NRA website – just look at our Home Page, scroll down on the left hand side and click on Business Members.

We were pleased recently to invite our business members to take an advertisement in the brochure printed for the Diamond Jubilee celebration on the Recreation Ground, Chestnut Avenue. Hopefully, you found this inexpensive opportunity of promotion worthwhile.

Please consider three things:

1. Giving us your email address if you have not already done so. It will make communication with you much easier.
2. Do think about paying by Standing Order which would save us all time and effort.
3. We would very much like one of our businesses to represent the others on our NRA committee. Would YOU be prepared to attend one evening meeting each month and play an active role on the committee?

If there are local issues which concern you, such as traffic, the environment or non-urgent crime, do get in touch with one of the committee members.

Our thanks go to Daron of Sallywags and Dipesh of Parker & Hammond Opticians for their help in representing Business Members on the High Street and Clive Parade/SW Green Lane respectively.

With the Association's best wishes for your success.

Northwood businesses – wear your NRA Window Sticker with pride!

Valerie Mellor

Planning



General

Since taking over the NRA Planning remit in February I have reviewed 54 Planning applications for the usual mix of extensions, loft conversions, conservatories and a few re-builds and a few commercial schemes. Most have proceeded as expected although some objections have not been successful. There have been issues over a site for Travellers largely as a result of the Council not having an acceptable Planning Strategy towards Travellers but we are assured that work is in hand to rectify the situation and we look forward to receiving the details. We have also been exercised over a couple of alleged breaches of planning decisions and these are being carefully monitored. This is important but difficult work and members' support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Basements

Basements continue to feature in planning applications and are a subject of great anxiety to neighbours. It is, however, important to appreciate that there is very little planning law affecting the construction of basements and objections are, therefore, usually unsuccessful. This is for the simple reason that most basements have virtually no visual impact on the local scene. There is, however, considerable other legislation that governs and controls basement works, in particular the Building Regulations and the London Building Acts. Members should look to these for the protection of their interests and the proper regulation of these works.

Noise and Disruption

There are regular concerns of neighbours regarding the impact of the construction process on their enjoyment of their property. Whilst there is a duty on the contractor to perform the works reasonably and any unreasonable behaviour will be subject to control it is inevitable that there will be some disruption and inconvenience to neighbours. Experience shows that the most effective solution to the problem is almost always an informal and friendly dialogue between the parties so that both sides fully appreciate the other point of view. The NRA may be able to assist members on this subject if required.

Whilst on this subject it is interesting to note that dialogue between parties is becoming an increasingly important part of dispute resolution and in the case of High Hedge disputes, for instance, it is now mandatory for parties to have discussed (or at least attempted to discuss) the issue before invoking any formal complaint procedures.

Unregulated Development Work

Members may be interested to note that discussions are taking place to consider the need for planning control on currently unregulated development work such as the erection of communication equipment and any associated masts. This may also extend to other work such as solar panels.

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NRA Business Members.

Station Approach

Ace Cars
Farmhouse Pizza
KPA Shoe repairs
Northwood Dental Practice
Northwood Kiosk
Senses
Townsend's

Dene Road

Dene Dental Practice

Clive Parade

Bowleys Fine Shoes
Costa Coffee
Sharman Chemist
Village Express

Maxwell Road

Jackdaw

Murray Road

Dental Design Studio

Green Lane

Andrews
Anscombe & Ringland
Bhardwaj Insolvency
Barnados
Baskin Robbins
Beyond Kitchens
Brisa 36 Café
Cancer Research
Charmed
Estamira Jewels
Green Lane Dental Practice
Haringtons Salon
Impressive Dry Cleaners
Kiss the Bride
Lamertons Optician
Lee Garden
Lomito

Rowland Place

Ambience
Mi Casa
Northwood Health Foods

Green Lane ctd

London School of Theology
Nwd Cards & Gifts
Nwd Eye Centre
Nwd Law Practice
Nwd News
Nwd Nursing & Care Services
Robsons Estate Agent
Steve's Hairdresser
Taylor Made Café
Teaco
The Misty Moon
Thomas & Thomas
VDBM
Waitrose

Outskirts

Holland & Holland
Northwood Golf Club
Smith Milne & Co Ltd

High Street

Alfred Ashley Group
Alternatives
Cleancraft
Cosy Café
Gittins Mulderrig
Let's Let
Michael Lydon
Red Klove
Stitch Solutions
Zeppelin Trading

Pinner Rd

E Spark Ltd
Earth Hair.com
Northwood Cycle Depot
Petros
Rapid Tool Hire
Sallywags
STC Plumbing

If you own a business in Northwood, but are not yet a member of the NRA, do consider joining us.

Environment

Dogs

Dogs make a noise and make a mess. Responsible owners take care to deal with both of these issues. However, there has been a noticeable increase in semi-responsible behaviour, people who bag up their dog's mess then leave the bag on the verge or pavement for someone else to deal with. It's hard to understand the thought process which produces this result, but it should be emphasised that there is good provision of dog bins in Northwood and there is no excuse for this lazy littering.

Gardeners

This species is also guilty of crimes, rather similar to the above. The noise of leaf blowers in residential areas is now a year-round nuisance. It seems that no gardener can begin or end a job without using one, if only to chase two leaves across a lawn. At the end of the job, it is common to see debris being tidied off the premises and into the road. Bags of green recycling are left beyond the property boundary for up to two weeks.

This is a particular issue where the public verge adjoins the property.

Any resident who employs a gardener should take responsibility for giving them clear instructions, based on consideration for their neighbours. I would suggest the following should be basic:



- No machines used before 8am.
- Use of leaf blowers kept to a minimum outside the autumn leaf fall season.
- All debris should be collected and bagged, and none blown into the road.
- Green recycling bags should be stored within your property until collection day.

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Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Words of Advice from Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team:

Burglary is a concern to the residents of Hillingdon and a priority for the police and its partners. Burglary is an invasion of your home and not an experience we want any of our residents to go through. Most burglaries can be prevented with common sense and basic crime prevention activity.

Crime Prevention Advice For the coming Summer months

Our 10 Top Tips:

- Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house or flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
- Register items with a serial number at www.immobilise.com
- Do not leave your car keys or ID documents near doors, letterbox or windows.
- Always check who's at the door and don't open it if you feel anxious.
- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you are only going out for a few minutes.
- Keep your valuables out of sight.
- Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home.
- Install a visible burglar alarm.
- Always keep sheds and outbuildings locked.
- Cancel milk or other deliveries if you will be away for days or weeks at a time.

Often burglars will gain entry through an insecure multi - point locking UPVC door.

If you have a multi - point locking UPVC door, whether it be a front/rear door or a patio sliding door, please ensure that at all times you:

- 1) Throw the handle upwards to engage the multi-point locks
- 2) Use the key to secure the multi-point locks in place **AT ALL TIMES OF DAY AND NIGHT**

For more crime prevention advice please contact your local crime prevention officer on 0208 246 1822 / 1779 or see www.met.police.uk/crimeprevention/

Contact Police on Non Emergency Number 101



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

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Councillors' Corner - an update

Jubilee. It's only June and it's already been an interesting year so far. We recently enjoyed the amazing celebrations that were put together by Northwood and Northwood Hills Residents' Associations and all three of your Councillors enjoyed the day in Chestnut Avenue. Wet sponge stocks were suggested as an idea for fundraising and whilst not meant as a serious suggestion, Scott rallied colleagues from Northwood Hills to get wet at the event. We raised £158 for Hillingdon AIDS Response Trust in Uxbridge, a local charity serving the whole borough (www.hart-hiv.org) and had a lot of fun into the bargain.

Our role. Acting as the conduit to action for our residents is what we love about our roles as your elected representatives. The sense of achievement that comes with helping someone resolve an issue is immense. So often, when we are asked to get involved, people are at the end of their tether and have not got the response or outcome that as residents they deserve. We are clear that the only reason the Council, Officers and we exist is to serve residents.

Enquiring on your behalf. Since the election in 2010 we have submitted over 300 member Enquiries where we escalate issues that residents bring to us. These cover a range of issues from planning enforcement, discarded rubbish and social issues including housing and benefits. Many of these have been submitted by Cllr Seaman-Digby, predominantly covering planning issues, often representing or advising petitioners and residents who wish to oppose, or less often support, a particular application. As an ex-Chairman of Planning, Scott works closely with the NRA to ensure the voice of our residents is heard clearly.

Our **ward budget fund** has proved popular too this year with grants being made to a variety of schemes including art projects, the much loved Northwood Live at Home Scheme, funding for planting in our parks, funds for the Methodist Church café refurbishment and most recently a request for new benches in Green Lane. We still have around £2000 left to help local groups and if you know a charity or group who would benefit from funding, please email Scott.

New website. We also updated our website onto a new server and hope to work on this more over the year ahead. You can find it at www.northwoodconservatives.org and also Scott's site at www.cllrstd.com. If you tweet, you can follow Scott via @cllrstd; it would be good to have some more Northwood residents and businesses on Twitter as it is a great way to keep in touch.

On the business front, the c£1m investment in Green Lane is paying dividends with the recent

additions to the shops. We are really starting to be an active community centre with new businesses including Lomito restaurant and bar, Baskin Robbins and the prepared food shop Cook. We hear that Costa Coffee is looking to expand as well and this shows the vibrancy and sustainability that Northwood now offers our retailers.

The recent **GLA elections** saw a lot of activity and a high turnout (as ever!) in Northwood. We were sorry to see Richard Barnes lose his seat. Politics aside he has been a great asset on the GLA, so often a faceless body that it is hard to engage with. On the Green Lane scheme, Richard ensured our funding requests were heard at the highest level and we thank him on behalf of all residents for the work he did over his 12-year term of office.

On a local level, the Council continues to maintain healthy balances and has maintained the zero Council Tax increase again. Making less go further is something we are rather good at in Hillingdon and whilst every year brings new funding cuts and challenges, we have consistently risen to meet and exceed our efficiency targets.

Do communicate with us. As your Councillors we are proud of what has been achieved in Hillingdon. Scott has been your Councillor since 1998, Richard since 2002 and Carol joined mid-term in 2008. We are all keen to engage even further with our residents and particularly would like to hear how we can get more people involved in local projects and the decision-making process overall. Hearing your views helps us feed these into policy development and we want to hear from any residents who have issues or problems we can try to resolve. Our residents are our eyes and ears on the ground and we look to you to help flag issues to us. Whether it's a spilt rubbish bag that hasn't been cleared up, a park that is dirty, a new bench you'd like to see installed, or more close to home an issue you have on planning, social services or any aspect of the Council's role.

Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:
Richard Lewis, Carol Melvin and Scott Seaman-Digby.

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From the Treasurer



Water butt manufacturers had a surge in demand in the drought-like conditions that seem so long ago. Hose pipe bans continue even though umbrella manufacturers are now busy! April, May and the early part of June have certainly provided far different weather from what we would normally expect in North West London.

So what does the weather have to do with finance? Quite a lot. If harvests are good prices tend to fall as there is a glut of whatever crop was successful, or a poor harvest raises prices. But it is not only agriculture that is affected. The floods in Thailand reduced production of many components causing further supply disruptions to Japanese companies who had outsourced manufacture there. In the UK, shopping is perhaps more problematic. Rainy days see much less foot fall, the marketing term for the amount of people visiting shops.

So do these anomalies matter? At present everyone is so concerned about growth in Europe and the US; the fear of a double dip recession is almost tangible. Growth is seen as necessary to increase tax revenues for the indebted treasury, it provides greater job opportunities and thus increases wealth of individuals who then have more to spend thus creating more growth.

Locally rainy days may increase umbrella or raincoat sales but invariably lead to fewer people shopping. In Northwood the shops need customers to survive so unusual inclement weather can have a significant impact. Ice cream sales are no doubt lower than expected for the welcome new shop that only recently opened in Green Lane.

For our association poor weather can detract from collecting subs or members popping out to pay them. Hopefully, if that is the case it is only a delay rather than a permanent loss! Talking of subs, please do make life easier for the Road Stewards who provide a conduit for your views as well as delivering newsletters and collecting subs. They spend their own time completing this valuable voluntary service. Do pay subs promptly and if you would like to help please speak to your road steward or contact the committee.

We have enjoyed a wonderful Diamond Jubilee, the European Championships are now in progress, Wimbledon starts in a fortnight and the Olympics are just over a month away. Plenty to cheer everyone up and hopefully restore confidence. The activities may provide a spur to end the economic malaise.

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Northwood Golf Club Hosts Middlesex Ladies' County Championship

Over the weekend of 28th and 29th April, Northwood Golf Club was the venue for the Middlesex Ladies' County Championship. This was the first time for a number of years that Northwood has hosted this prestigious event, and the course was in excellent condition despite the heavy rain throughout the weekend. In the last few years Northwood Golf Club has invested heavily in upgrading the 18-hole layout, and it is now one of the finest courses in the area. For example all 18 greens are now sand-based, which meant that the course remains playable even in very heavy rain.



Some very exciting matches in high winds and heavy rain culminated in Tara Watters winning the final, for the second year in succession. Our congratulations to Tara and to the other players who contributed to a fine championship.

If you are looking to improve your own game, Northwood welcomes membership applications from players of all ages, so whether you are a Junior or a more seasoned golfer, Northwood will have a membership package to suit you. Further details are available on the website, www.northwoodgolf.co.uk or contact the General manager Stephen Proudfoot on 01923 821384.

Open Day at the Bowling Club

Northwood Bowling Clubs held their Open Day to coincide with the Jubilee Celebration, and we had a goodly percentage of the visitors through our gates to use the toilet facilities, so we have increased awareness of our existence by this!

A smaller percentage came to see what our lovely game looked and felt like, and seemed to enjoy the

experience. We certainly enjoyed providing one-on-one taster sessions on the Green, some of which we hope will develop into future membership of our Clubs.

We would like to thank the Residents' Associations for putting on this event, and our Club Members who took part in all the activities of the day.

Tony Smith

Northwood Library Update

The Jubilee has naturally played a very large part in library life over the past few weeks. Children at Storytime made crowns and flags and pictures of the Queen are available for children of all ages to colour in.

We also hosted a Jubilee Tea Party, with red, white and blue cakes and chocolate biscuits, which proved very popular.

Northwood and Northwood Hills Libraries had a joint stall at the Residents' Associations' Jubilee celebrations. Again, there were crowns to be made and decorated and flags to be coloured in. Children could also design their own coat of arms and take away a quiz to be filled in on their next library visit. We estimate that nearly 100 children visited our stall.

It was a super day – if a little windy, we had to keep our papers weighted down! But a good time was had by all with lots of different stalls and events reflecting our thriving community.

As part of Hillingdon in Bloom, pre-school children planted sunflower seeds at Storytime and schoolchildren also planted more in another session. Over 40 seeds were sown altogether, so look out for some bright blooms in Northwood! We also have six sunflowers growing in the children's library, each with the name of a popular storybook

character, and children are invited to guess which one will grow tallest.

The DASH drop-in sessions, offering advice and support to people with disabilities, have sadly had to be cancelled because of sickness at DASH but we continue to have a monthly visit from the Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

We have continued to receive a huge number of new books and currently have a display of travel books to help decide where to holiday this year.

The Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 5-11 starts on 7th July and continues through the summer, with stickers and gifts on each visit and a certificate and a gold medal for those who complete all six challenges.

We continue to hand out recycling bags on production of the Hillingdon First Card, the Adult Education brochures are now in and we always have information on what is happening locally.

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Northwood District Guides

On Sunday 27th May, Northwood District Guides and Brownies descended on Bury Lake Young Mariners at Rickmansworth Aquadrome for a fun filled day on the water. Around 100 youngsters took part in four different activities – raft building, water safety, water zorbing and fun boating. Everyone involved had a fantastic experience and the sunny weather added to the relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. A big thank you must go to Helen Davies (Oaklands Gate Brownie Guider) for organising the day alongside Alan from the sailing club. Also, the day would not have been possible without his staff and all the Brownie and Guide Leaders and their helpers who gave up their valuable time voluntarily for the girls.

These type of events are possible only thanks to the willing adults who give up their time on a voluntary basis and as these helpers are in such short supply any future events may be in jeopardy. Northwood District Guides are always keen to welcome any new volunteers to help at Rainbows, Brownies or Guides. If you would be interested in finding out about what we do, please contact Jane at oaklandsgatebrownies@gmail.com.

Jane Anderson

Hillingdon Council of Christians & Jews.

Over the past year meetings have been held on a monthly basis covering a variety of interesting subjects and with some first class speakers. The Annual General Meeting will be held in July, subsequent to which a programme of events will be arranged for September onwards (there will not be a meeting in August).

Despite the title "Council of Christians & Jews" the meetings are open to, and are in fact supported by, people of other faiths and none, and everyone is most welcome. Meetings normally start at 8.00pm and light refreshments are provided. An entry donation of £3 is requested (CCJ members £2).

Please visit our website www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk or phone 07836 676792 for more information.

Met Police Service is being reorganised

Hello, my name is Glenn O'Dea and I am the Police Inspector in charge of partnership for the north of Hillingdon borough, incorporating Northwood.



The partnership world is set to receive major new investment as part of the Metropolitan Police Service's total war on crime, which will see the introduction of the Local Policing Model in the Autumn. The good news is that Northwood will retain its dedicated officers and PCSOs who will work as part of new Neighbourhood Policing Teams comprising uniformed and detective officers, forensic and other officers under the leadership of a police inspector. This new initiative will see an extra 2000 officers move into neighbourhood policing across the Metropolitan Police District. The finer detail has yet to be worked out but this refreshed approach to local policing will see us being more visible to the public and more focused on meeting the needs of victims and people affected by crime.

I will endeavour to keep all interested parties updated as soon as possible and to this end I have arranged the first of what I hope will be quarterly meetings with the panel chairmen of my nine SNT wards.

These are challenging times for the Metropolitan Police Service with the well-publicised budget cuts and the largest peacetime policing operation about to start around the Olympics (Go Team GB!).

It is my job to ensure that the policing needs of Northwood are met by its dedicated team of officers and I hope that the introduction of the Local Policing Model, coupled with the increase in staffing numbers it will bring, will reassure you as to the Metropolitan Police Service's commitment to local policing.

Northwood & District Community Association

We held our 63rd AGM on April 18th in the United Reform Church in Joel Street, which as always was a chance for members to air their views and have a chat over the wine and refreshments that followed.

There were so many local events being held in June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee:

We held a Ploughman's Lunch on June 8th with suitable red, white and blue decorations. 45 members came and enjoyed the event, in spite of it being yet another wet day in that week of celebrations.

My road held a street party on Saturday 2nd June. The day was a wonderful joining of all ages with games (tug-of-war, egg throwing etc) and a bouncy castle for the children. Luckily the rain held off until the late evening, so spirits were not dampened at all.

Wherever you were on that weekend, I hope you had a good time and enjoyed the friendship of your locality. A friendship that the Northwood & District Community Association always hopes to maintain, so if you want to join any of our sections, just give me a ring on 01923 836346.

Pat Dunhill



Northwood Community Arts is lighting the way with creative lantern-making workshops for the whole family on Tuesday 24th July. Two workshops, each two-and-a-half hours long will take place in The Hall at St John's Church, Hallowell Road at 10.00am and 1.30pm. The sessions will be led by the inspiring rural craft artist, Kate Hadley of Spinney Hollow, Hampshire.

Participants will be able to work individually or in family groups. Kate will demonstrate how to fashion lovely lanterns from basic materials such as willow and tissue paper and will offer the opportunity for lantern makers to create personal designs inspired by Olympic flag colours and designs. Lanterns made can be taken home for use either in a garden setting or can be designed to use in a processional style celebration.

The workshops are taking place on one of the very days that the Torch Relay travels close to Northwood and offers an inspirational and creative opportunity for those in the community who wish to enter into the full spirit of the this 2012 year of festivities.

The cost for each workshop is £3 per adult and £2 per child. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Bookings must be made via the ArtReach box office on 01628 675800 or by email to northwoodarts@artreach.biz, and the NCA website is at www.northwoodcommunityarts.co.uk

Joy Tracy

Northwood and District U3A – University of the Third Age

As we approach our first birthday, it is with some satisfaction that we can now state there are around 550 members from the surrounding neighbourhood.



for thought. We look forward to another stimulating series of monthly speakers.

There are almost 40 interest groups including Art Appreciation, History, Creative Writing, Architectural Studies, Gardening, Current Affairs and Easy Listening Music. Two groups that have proved very popular are the Theatre and Concert, and Visits to Places of Interest. Recently a group visited Beth Chatto Gardens and found it most enjoyable.

A recently formed group is "Sunday and Bank Holidays". This is pretty self-explanatory and for those members who may be at a loose end on these occasions has proved to be a useful addition to their social life. Indeed, lunch at The Gate in Northwood proved to be such fun that three of them finally reached home at 9.15pm. Just cups of tea in a member's house I am assured!

We have had a very good range of speakers. For this we give many thanks here to David Burnell, who sources and books them. The range has been wide and every month has given members both amusement and food

Our Social Committee has to date hosted a Cheese and Wine Supper which was a great success as was the Quiz Night at Fairfield Hall. There is another evening planned for September when we will have some music for singing or dancing, who knows? Come along and find out.

Our general meeting are held on the first Wednesday of each month and to date have been very well attended, always spilling over to the Gallery upstairs.

The "Steering Group", who have become this year's Officers, have done an amazing job in such a short time. The Committee Meetings have sometimes made our other halves fear that we have left home but mostly they have been harmonious - eventually.

If you are interested in joining us we have a website:

u3asites.org.uk/northwood

or just come along to any meeting at Fairfield Church on the first Wednesday of the month. You will be very welcome.

*Maureen Crimmins
Vice Chairman*

Northwood Lions Club

What a great time we had at the Jubilee Celebration on June 2nd. Full marks to the two Residents' Associations for organising such an enjoyable day. Our two stalls with second hand books and a tombola proved very popular, raising over £400.



The Den at 195 Pinner Road has also been very successful and, thanks to the tireless work of the volunteers there, we recently donated yet more money. This time the recipients were Kids Can Achieve, Shooting Star, React, CMSS, Pocklington House, and Hillingdon Crossroads, each of whom received £1,600. It is always very interesting and humbling to learn of the work which these charities undertake and remind us of our motto "We serve".

For further information about Northwood Lions Club, please contact Robert on 07860 324395.

Gyl Webb

Northwood Craft Market

Our next market is on **21st July, 10am-3pm**, at Northwood Methodist Church Hall, Oaklands Gate. As always, there will be a variety of beautiful handmade gifts and crafts available at the market, ranging from knitted, sewn and embroidered items, to stained glass, watercolours, cards, jewellery, and more. Children (and adults too if they wish!) will be able to have a go at making tissue paper flowers and there will be informal **watercolour painting demonstrations** at 11am & 2pm.

Future markets will be held on **1st September & 6th October**, and further dates and other information are on our website **www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk**. You can also find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @CraftNorthwood.

As always, we are in need of volunteers to help distribute posters and handbills. If you can help in any way, or to find out more about the market, e-mail us on **northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk** or phone Susan on 07780 601842.

Congratulations!

NRA Area Road Steward, Richard Plume, was recognised in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list. He was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Northwood.

Richard devotes much of his time to fund-raising for Northwood Live at Home Scheme and has a number of demanding roles in the Scout movement from Maintenance Man at 1st Northwood Scout HQ to District Finance Chairman.

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Ruislip-Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

Tues 3 July Sumi Takahushi, "Ikebana" at
St John's URC, Hallowell Rd, Northwood

Tues 4 Sept Audrey, Geoff & Vera, "It's a Thing of Beauty" at
Northwood College, Maxwell Rd, Northwood

Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start; Visitors £4
Contact: Jean Joseph on 01923 829621


Friends of Michael Sobell Hospice - Fund Raising Events

Sun 8 July. VINTAGE FAIR. Stalls, food, jive demos, classic cars, antiques
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For more information, call Trish on 01923 844726 or Ophelia on 01923 844829
See the website for constant updates: www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk



The Plant Sale

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Sunday 15 July, 10 am to 4 pm

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In aid of the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre - support and information
at the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

Sunday 30th September, Merchant Taylors' School.
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For more information & to register visit: www.moorpark10k.org.uk

Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society 

17 Sep Smoke, Soot & Steam: Early Days of London
Underground, **David Burnell**

15 Oct AGM & The Enigma that is Shadwell, **Alistair Douglas**

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

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More Jubilee Celebrations

Northwood Live At Home Celebrates the Jubilee

We started with a Tea Dance at St John's URC Church on Thursday afternoon, organised by the London Borough of Hillingdon. A lively set of music got feet tapping, and many accomplished (and some not so accomplished) dancers enjoyed dancing to ballroom, old time and country dances. Those sitting at the sides of the room enjoyed fancy cakes and tea and also being photographed with Her Majesty.

On Saturday 2nd June we were part of the enormously successful Northwood and Northwood Hills Celebration at Chestnut Avenue. Our tombola stall attracted queues of families keen to have their children draw tickets and hopefully win prizes.



The stall was beautifully decorated by flags, dream catchers and decorations made by the Friendship Group. Volunteers and staff set up the stall, operated the tombola and gave out prizes. There were some magnificent prizes, many of which had been kindly donated by our members and supporters. The Mayor and Mayoress also visited our stall. All prizes were won by mid-afternoon, and many enquiries about the Scheme were answered. The Celebration organisers did not charge an entrance fee, but invited visitors to donate to the Scheme and we have benefited greatly from the visitors' generosity too.

Congratulations to all the Celebration organisers for a magnificent celebration of the historic occasion.

Sue Mansfield

Down in THE GLEN

There was music, there was singing, there was laughter and there were monologues down in THE GLEN.

We had a wonderful time, so much so that plans are already underway for the Platinum Celebration.

Michael Redway



Mount Vernon Comforts Fund Trolley Girls joined into the spirit of the celebrations to bring a smile to the patients' faces.

More street parties!

Roy Road Sunday 3rd June 2012

For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Roy Road celebrated with a street party. 40 people from about 20 families turned up to the event. The weather, even though it was miserable, kept the British feel, as no party is complete without constant drizzle! Cllr David Yarrow, former mayor of Hillingdon, made an appearance and many were excited to get a photo with him. To keep conversations going, everyone had a label with their name, house number and how long they had lived there



for. Some people had lived on the road for 5 years; some had lived for 35 years! The party ran for 5 hours, then a few of us stayed on through the evening, singing and dancing. Finally, we made a toast to the Queen, hoping to be able to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee in 10 years' time.

By Molly Mortimer, 13, and Charlie Dawes, 13.

Highfield Road Street Party 2nd June 2012

The street was cleared of cars and decorated with flags and bunting between the trees and the children painted the curb stones red, white, and blue. Residents decorated their own houses and the trees.

The sun shone (weren't we lucky?) and the Mayor came. We raised the flag, we raised our glasses for the Loyal Toast and the Jubilee cake, decorated with cream, blueberries and strawberries representing the Union Jack was cut.

The dress code was red, white and blue and we had a hat competition. We had a Bungee Run and a Bouncy Castle, a tug-of-war and other games as well as music.

We all enjoyed the BBQ and food from around the world provided by our residents. Later in the evening we had a screening of "Singin' in the Rain" and how appropriate that turned out to be as boy did it rain!

A great day was had by all!

Caroline Field



Strictly Hallowell Road!



Hills Lane residents partied at The Coach House