

Northwood Residents' Association



Newsletter 161, March 2015

From the NRA Chairman

INTRODUCTION

As I sit here, seeking inspiration, the sky is grey and the trees bare. I console myself by saying that we now have over 10 hours of daylight, the daffodils are budding and spring is just around the corner. So far this year we have had very little really bad weather. Just think how Bostonians cope – their Massachusetts city had nearly **7' (yes, seven feet)** of snow in 14 days at the end of January.

It is almost six years since I was elected Chairman; I still find the job as interesting, rewarding and stimulating as ever. Therefore, there being no other person wanting to take up the role, I will be standing for election for another year. I do however think that it is time to plan for a successor. Is there anyone else out there up for the challenge?

NORTHWOOD DEVELOPMENT

It is nearly two years since Transport for London (TfL) informed us that they were to sell their land and buildings around the station to a developer with the intention of **clearing the site and building a large Sainsbury's. The rest is history.** I am grateful to all of you who took part in the protests, gave money, and attended the various meetings held by *make:good*. The results of the consultation are described on Page 6.

As Nick Hurd MP says in his piece on Page 4, not everyone will agree that the process was unbiased or with the conclusions reached, but I feel that the scheme that will eventually be put to planners will be acceptable to a large majority of residents. Both NRA and Save our Northwood will monitor the process closely to ensure that no major changes are introduced by TfL.

Finally, a huge thank you to Catherine Greig of *make:good* for the way she conducted the process with good humour, skill, patience, firmness and fairness.

NORTHWOOD AND PINNER HOSPITAL

At last some potentially good news on this front. Nick Hurd has put together a consortium to try to buy the N&P

site and develop a healthcare site possibly comprising **replacement doctors' surgeries, a healthcare and day care centre, sheltered housing and a nursing home for the elderly.** Joan Davis, Andrew Riley and I have been very much involved in the process. Joan and Andrew are chairmen of Community Voice and Northwood Hills **Residents' Association respectively.**

50TH BIRTHDAY OF THE NRA

Next year we will be celebrating our 50th birthday. We will be discussing how to celebrate this at the AGM so please get your thinking caps on.

COMMUNICATING WITH MEMBERS

We have around 2500 households and businesses who are members but there are only just over 300 email addresses on our database. Presently our only method of communication with ALL members is by our thrice yearly newsletters. Can I ask those of you who have email to send your email address to our membership secretary at membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk to enable us to communicate with you more frequently?

CONCLUSION

As ever, I'm indebted to the committee members for their hard work. Jeff Bailey, who has done a tremendous job as Planning Adviser and who is passing on the baton to David Goodman, deserves a special mention as does Philip Green, who as Police Liaison member has breathed new life into the Ward Panel and relations with the local police.

Nick Hurd has given us tremendous support on the Northwood development project and also the Northwood and Pinner Hospital site. Thanks also to our three Ward Councillors for their continued support.

Lastly, thanks to all you members who continue to support us. Without you there would be no NRA. I hope to see many of you at our Annual General Meeting on 9th April.

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NRA Business Members

Every few months a new business opens its doors in Northwood. A number of these have chosen to join the NRA as Business Members and the latest to be added to our list are –

Oscar and Hunt - Estate Agents, 40 High Street

Pearl - Hair and Beauty Salon, 110 Pinner Road

Senses (new management) – Massage and Wellbeing Centre, 9 Station Approach

KOZMIC Solutionz – Computer Services, 64B Green Lane

As this revival takes hold and the closed-down premises are refurbished we look forward to welcoming more new businesses as members. Details of all the members can be found on the NRA website at www.northwoodresidents.co.uk

business@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Mithu Chellaram

The New Local Plan - Update

Last autumn the council issued for public consultation the second and final part of its new Local Plan. The consultation ended in November since when the council has been evaluating the responses.

In addition to making the draft plan documents available on its website and in local libraries, the council sent out 2,500 letters to individuals and local interest groups and several drop-in sessions were held in local libraries.

20 people attended the drop-in sessions and 286 representations were made on the draft plan, 56 in support and 230 objecting. Of the total number of representations, **19 were from residents' associations (including the NRA)** and 140 were from developers or consultants.

The council has evaluated the representations received; key issues raised include the amount of retail use to be retained in town centres, the need for increased infrastructure to support ever increasing housing, and air quality.

The result of the consultation will be reported to the **council's full cabinet in March and that report will be available for inspection on the council's website the week** before the cabinet meeting.

A Public Examination by an independent Inspector will have **to be held in due course; anticipating the Inspector's** requirements the council intends to hold another six week public consultation limited to the amendments which it proposes to the draft Plan. That is likely to take place in May and June 2015. The date of the Public Examination is not yet known but is likely to be early in 2016. The council will in due course contact everyone who indicated the wish to speak at the Public Examination.

If you have any queries please contact us at planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk .

Jeffrey Bailey and David Goodman
NRA Planning Advisers

Two New Local History Books

Hospital on the Hill – A Century of Caring
by *Jacquie Scott*

This new book records 100 years of St Vincent's orthopaedic hospital in Wiltshire Lane, Eastcote. Jacquie Scott was the final Matron of the hospital which was only the second orthopaedic hospital in the country, starting life under the auspices of nuns in Clapham in 1907.

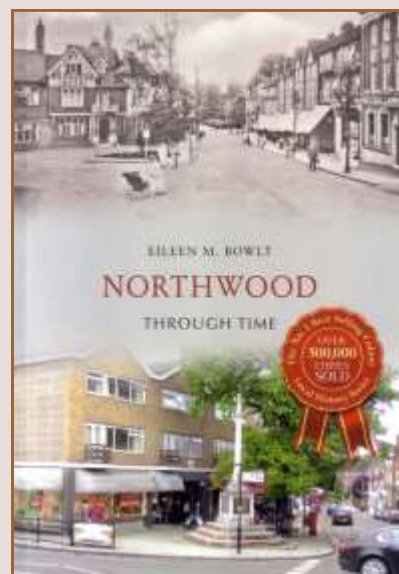
Using fascinating memoirs from ex-patients and staff, and over 600 photographs, the author has plotted the changes at the hospital from the needy children with deformed bones and joints, resulting from TB, rickets, polio and osteomyelitis, to the recent years as a renowned hospital for adult orthopaedic surgery.

Some boys given occupational training went on to become entrepreneurs in their field, like Bill Bowley with local shoe shops in Northwood and Stanmore, and Terry Eager, a prominent boot maker in the north. The annual fete days are well remembered with notable supporters such as Dame Vera Lynn, Tommy Steele, Jessie Matthews and Bob Hollness.

The site is now home to a purpose-built nursing home, which **continues the St Vincent's tradition of loving professional care.** *The Hospital on the Hill - A Century of Caring* is available in hardback for £20. To order a copy: email hospitalonthehill@gmail.com or from reception at **St Vincent's Nursing Home, Tel: 0208 872 4900.**

Northwood Through Time, by Eileen M Bowlit

This book contains a fascinating selection of 'before' and 'now' photographs that trace some of the many ways in which Northwood has changed and developed over the last century.



The reader can follow **Northwood's** development from a **small hamlet to today's** leafy suburb with a population of 13,000.

Northwood Through Time covers topics such as **Northwood's** natural resources: clay, sand, chalk and flint; its medieval sites, such as The Grange and Green Close; its sporting history; its farms; and its churches.

Available in paperback from Northwood Bookshop.

Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby is Thinking Local

We all talk about the desire to act and shop locally. None less perhaps than one of the organisations with the greatest spending power in the borough, the council.

We proudly list about 45%+ of our suppliers as 'Small and Medium-sized Enterprises', and a high proportion of our vast supply chain are local to Hillingdon. However the challenge comes that we have to tie best value and value for money with this local agenda and too often, larger companies can undercut a local provider by virtue of most basically their economies of scale in costs.

To help us face the challenge of ongoing best value and understand our role in the market better we operate a category-led approach to our procurement at Hillingdon; we engage with the marketplace and help match what is offered more closely to what we need. That means that even smaller and specialist suppliers should feel able to engage with the Procurement and Commissioning team and that we as an organisation will take the time to help suppliers register and understand how to do **business with us. We're really keen to get good quality local providers onto our supplier register and I'd encourage Northwood businesses to be at the forefront of this.**

Our Corporate Procurement pages can be viewed online and give some tips on how best to engage with us. There are also contacts if you have further questions: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7191/Corporate-Procurement
All of our tender opportunities are listed online and you can register to get notified of these for free via this link: www.capitalesourcing.com/web/login.shtml

Later in 2015 I'd like to run an article in Hillingdon People with the experiences of some new suppliers to the council – maybe if you're not a supplier yet it might be you?

Cllr Seaman-Digby is responsible for procurement at LBH within his portfolio as Cabinet Member for Central Services.

There is a range of ways in which to contact us, email or phone, or you can even write a letter and get it delivered free of charge via Oaklands Gate library (just address it to us at the Civic Centre):

01895 250316 - Civic Centre office (9am - 5pm weekdays)

01923 822876 - Northwood Office

07810 543808 - Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby's mobile

Email: councillors@northwoodconservatives.org

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



Local Policing



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

THE NORTHWOOD WARD POLICE PANEL is made up of volunteers who represent the diverse views of the local community to the Met Police. Our role is to support the police as well as challenge them when necessary, and to ensure the community concerns are being heard.

BUSINESS SECURITY. Most recently we have been encouraging businesses in Northwood to consider their **own and customers' security. Some recent incidents have highlighted the need for the businesses in Northwood to remain vigilant and not to take the low crime rate in the area for granted.** Led by the Met Police, we have distributed a booklet providing crime prevention advice for businesses to Northwood businesses. Information includes preventing violence against staff, preventing shop theft, **burglary and robbery, and making a citizen's arrest as well as contact details of the local police team.** The Ward Police Panel is delighted to support this initiative and to be part of making the shopping experience safer for all. Additionally we hope to create a co-operative forum for business in Northwood.

GET INVOLVED. The Ward Police Panel is always looking for local residents or people who work in Northwood to get involved. Our reach covers local schools, businesses, places of worship, Neighbourhood Watch, elderly and

vulnerable residents and all the other parts of the community that are affected by crime. If you feel you can help make a difference please let me know. If you have any ideas or information that you feel would benefit the community we would like to hear from you.

Please remember that for ongoing crime always call 999 or 101 for non-emergency situations.

Please continue to contact the Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team on Tel: 020 8721 2545 or email: northwood.snt@met.police.uk
web: met.police.uk/Team/Hillingdon/NorthwoodTeam

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Philip Green

At the time of writing Northwood Police Station is still open to the public:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 11.00 to 13.00 when the volunteers will do their best to deal with your issues.

A Message from Nick Hurd MP ...

TfL PROPOSALS. Many Northwood residents have now viewed and commented on the development options presented by TfL. No surprise in that any major development will have profound implications for the town centre and the sense of place and community in Northwood. When we started this process, I warned TfL in public that they started from a position of zero trust. I know that for some residents, they have not moved a centimetre from the start line on that score. Some have complained that they have not talked to enough people and therefore the process is undemocratic. However, my personal view is that they have made a genuine attempt to engage with the community and discuss what residents think is needed. In fact this whole exercise of discussing community need and then presenting options before any planning application is quite new for them and for us. Thousands of residents engaged with a widely publicised process, and if others chose not to then that is their choice.

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Both options work in economic terms for TfL, and so the taxpayer. I assume they will now take a view on which option seemed to have more popular support. At this point everyone will have their own view. I am aware that some people would prefer the status quo. However my sense is that many residents believe that some form of development is

inevitable and perhaps necessary. In fact I detected some enthusiasm for the more radical option, which would transform the station, create more public space and bring more shops and restaurants to Northwood. However there is a common concern, which I share fully, that popular, existing shops should be treated fairly and should not be lost. Furthermore, no one wants to see the traffic problems of Northwood get more complicated.

THE SAVE OUR NORTHWOOD CAMPAIGN has served its primary purpose. Together, we stopped a development that would have been disastrous for Northwood. We pushed TfL into starting a new and more open process. If TfL decides to proceed, there will be differences of opinion, and thorny issues to resolve. That is why we have the planning process conducted by a democratically accountable body - Hillingdon Council.

To contact Northwood MP, Nick Hurd:
Email: nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk
Post: Nick Hurd MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA.



Environment

Pollution comes in many forms:

NOISE can be considered under two broad headings, Environmental and Neighbourhood.

The main source of environmental noise is from road traffic, railways and aircraft. These noises cannot normally be dealt with by the council using Noise Nuisance Powers and consequently complaints are relatively few. In contrast the council has Statutory Nuisance Powers to deal with most neighbourhood noise which includes noise from construction sites, industrial and entertainment premises, trade and business premises and street noise.

The Government's Noise Policy Statement for England 2010 applies to all forms of noise and the long term aim is to 'Promote good health and a good quality of life through the effective management of noise within the context of the policy.'

If noise is a problem for you, contact the council on 01895 556000. They will gather information; if there is a level of disturbance that the officer considers to be substantial enough to be a Statutory Noise Nuisance, then the officer can issue a Noise Abatement Notice.

AIR QUALITY

Did you know that Hillingdon belongs to AirTEXT? This is a free service to all people living and working in the borough to provide alerts about air quality. Alerts can cover: air pollution, UV levels, grass pollen, temperature.

The service ensures that people at risk from the effects of poor air quality, such as those with asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, heart disease and angina, can receive a warning

prior to an episode actually occurring. This forewarning helps ensure that they take appropriate action to safeguard their health. This would include taking your inhaler or your angina spray with you, taking an extra dose if your symptoms worsen, or avoiding strenuous outdoor work on polluted days.

You can receive these warnings by home phone, mobiles or e-mail. To register for free alerts call 01895 277018 or visit the AirTEXT section in the pollution page of the council website www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/25222/airTEXT

LITTER

And now a plea to residents when putting out your rubbish and garden waste:

Please secure waste bags thoroughly. If you continually let your rubbish spill over onto the street a warning letter will be sent to you before a notice is served regarding a penalty for littering.

Have you numbered your garden waste bags? Once empty they have a mind of their own and on windy days can end up a long way from your home. If they have your house number written or painted on them there is a chance they will come back. The council has been asked to ensure once emptied they are put back within the boundary of the property they came from, but this does not stop the forces of nature having a hand in their disappearing.

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Fiona Blackwell

... and from our Police Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector

Having returned to local policing after a number of years in other roles, the last six months as the Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector for the north of Hillingdon have been educational to say the least. I have enjoyed attending Ward Panel meetings, Neighbourhood Watch meetings and residents' associations, getting to know your local concerns.

I have been surprised by the extent to which our local visibility that existed under the old 1-2-3 model has been diminished. The changes are here to stay so I want to explain what local police resources we now have and how I am trying to make the most of them.

Each ward has a dedicated PC and PCSO; PC Dave Bell and PCSO John Usher are Northwood's dedicated officers. When I say they are dedicated, I mean they will not be abstracted to other roles or functions, unless for extreme policing reasons. They should be visible in Northwood, on patrol or attending local events. Sometimes they may have specific tasks, such as high visibility patrols around vulnerable places of worship, but they will do this only on their ward. Another task they have is called "cocooning". This involves speaking to neighbours whenever a burglary occurs in Northwood, offering crime prevention advice and seeking out any information that may have been missed. I am told by residents that my officers are not as visible as you would like; I too want them in the local community, talking to you. To help me achieve this I would ask you to invite these officers to pay you a visit to discuss local issues. E-mail them at david.bell@met.police.uk and john.usher@met.police.uk and get them to drop by. They won't bite!



Dave and John are supported by Sgt Alison Fanton and several other police officers. They are not ring-fenced and are often used for other roles. I believe it is this change to local policing that has been the cause of reduced visibility. To try and remedy that, we now have a High Visibility Team made up of one sergeant and four PCs. This team's job is to patrol the areas in the north which suffer from crime and anti-social behaviour. They have undertaken a range of interventions including seizing illegal mopeds, catching speeders, arresting drug dealers and patrolling areas suffering high numbers of burglaries. They have achieved all of these results in Northwood. I hope you have seen them in your area and I can promise you they have had a real impact on crime locally.

I have mentioned burglary twice in this article so far and that is no accident. Northwood gets burgled and I need your help to bring those numbers down. Please phone 101 if you see anyone hanging around in your area looking suspicious. We would rather stop someone posting leaflets than not be called at all. In Northwood, houses tend to be broken into via the rear. If your back garden is secluded, then please consider purchasing a sensor light, particularly near patio doors. As good neighbours, be aware of which houses are empty and when. Anything unusual - call it in to us. This is crime prevention advice and is not meant to alarm you. Hillingdon is seeing a decrease in burglary since last year, but let's not get complacent.

I like to get out on my police bicycle and hope to see you in the community soon, please flag me down if you want a chat.

Contact me at rob.bryan@met.police.uk or on 07500 097182

Inspector Rob Bryan

Traffic and Highways

RICKMANSWORTH ROAD & GREEN LANE JUNCTION – traffic lights

The "ground loops" in the carriageway, which are prone to damage have been replaced with the signal detectors (cameras) above ground which should reduce faults. There is an additional one pointing towards Northwood Hills which is understood to be an ANPR camera for monitoring the Low Emission Zone.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

The build-up of rain water affecting the north side of the new pedestrian crossing and pavement in Green Lane between the car park and The Glen has caused major problems after heavy rain. It's not clear if any work has been carried out – the next bout of heavy rain is awaited!

It has been pointed out that the flooding at the start of Copse Wood Way partly originates from further up Rickmansworth Road, with water flowing down. I understand that work has taken place to clear gullies and drains, so this problem may have been solved.

PARKING – Murray Road

Replacement single yellow line timed no parking signs have been installed on the south side of Murray Road by the police station. Enforcement on both sides of the road has started and the number of vehicles parked on the yellow lines has reduced considerably.

PARKING – Rickmansworth Road

In the area of Northwood Golf Club, additional double yellow lines have been laid down on the south side from the bus stop to a few metres west of the exit from the golf club car park. This will prevent vehicles parking between the bus stop and the car park exit which has been causing visibility problems for bus drivers and those exiting the car park.

RICKMANSWORTH & DUCKS HILL ROADS JUNCTION
A high containment kerb and replacement guard railings were installed on this junction during the February school half term.

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Peter Lansdown

Northwood Residents' Association has once again kindly offered me the opportunity to share a little of the ongoing work my team and I have been doing on Transport for London's Northwood Futures project.



For those of you who are not familiar with our work, Northwood Futures is a project commissioned by TfL which aims to engage with as many people who live, work and pass through Northwood as possible, to understand what opportunities there may be for the future of TfL's sites around Green Lane and Station Approach – and what the local hopes and concerns around change are. We have recently completed the second phase of work where we shared the feasibility stage designs from TfL's consultant team, who were appointed in October 2014 following the first stage of local engagement, culminating in a public exhibition in late January in our project shop at 65 Green Lane as well as online.

Through the public workshops in October and December as well as the exhibition phase we have reached 288 new people face-to-face, bringing the total number of people who have engaged in our project to date to 1781. Alongside this, many people have regularly participated by attending all our workshops and visiting us in person at the exhibition to share their views helping us to build a sense of whether the design team are interpreting community desires correctly. We have been made to feel very welcome and people have grasped this highly unusual opportunity to influence the type of physical change that may happen in their neighbourhood.

The public exhibition displaying two viable feasibility stage visions was held from 27th – 31st January. These visions incorporated feedback from the initial design response workshops we held in December and can still be viewed online via the project website www.northwoodfutures.com.

The exhibition was viewed by 698 people and overall we received a very positive response to the visions shared. This is early work which is at a feasibility stage and therefore much more detail would need to be prepared should we move into a planning stage. Visuals shared were to prompt conversations and set the overall vision of a scheme but questions of materiality, including the piazza, and architectural style would be addressed during the development of a planning application should the project move into this stage.

Many people commented that they could see their influence on the visions and the impact of all the conversations we have had too. We received 394 pieces of feedback stating preference:

- 10% of people preferred vision 1
- 80% of people preferred vision 2
- 7% of people were happy with either vision
- 3% of people wanted neither vision (i.e no change)

As well as stating preferences we also asked people to identify the strengths, weaknesses and other ideas for the visions so that we could understand what influenced people's choice and what areas would need to be revisited should the project progress. Again, more detail on this feedback is available online and the full set of feedback has been shared with the design team to ensure local views are listened to.

As we have reached the end of the feasibility stage, the information produced by the design team along with our summary of community feedback will be presented to the TfL board in order to establish the next steps.

When we have further information on next steps for the project, including opportunities to provide further feedback, we will make this available online and via our mailing list; please do contact me directly should you wish to join the mailing list or find out more about the project.

Thank you once again for all the local involvement throughout this process and in particular over the exhibition phase: we received a hugely valuable set of feedback that will help shape how the project moves forward.

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Catherine Greig,
make:good – an independent company
delivering Northwood Futures for TfL



Thank you to the residents who tend the wonderful display of snowdrops in Chestnut Avenue. They are always the first sign of spring in Northwood!

Have you taken any photographs of Northwood? If you would like to share them with our members, we will be pleased to consider publishing them on our website or in a newsletter. Send photos to editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Metropolitan Line

Happy New Year All!

Perhaps not the greetings we'd have given our Met line colleagues when taunted by that seemingly never ending points failure at Neasden over late 2014 and early 2015. This we are told was their worst performing two weeks over the year, ironically four weeks after their best performing two weeks in a year. There were many sufferers – well done to those (including two MPs) who wrote to complain. My suffering included five tubes and two and a half hours to get into the City on one of the days. It transpires this was all down to a broken cable shorting out. Alas, it took an age to find it. A very rare occurrence we are told and more staff are being brought in to sort out these pesky cables. Throughout this period, TfL communication was at its worst with the right arm seemingly not knowing what the left arm was doing. This is being worked on and Harrow in particular is being targeted for encouraging staff and drivers to speak a bit more – and at least to each other and us. Other delays were due to late introduction of the new timetable and drivers not always keen to speed up turnaround times in the interim. It is also worth noting that any delay in the City for about four minutes due to e.g. a faulty door, hits hard on us in metroland as they will pull one of our trains out of service to make up for it.

One day it will be sorted surely I hear you sigh. Allegedly, yes. BUT, whilst the works have been going on seemingly since England won the World Cup, we are told we are still another good six years away from completion. And forget the 24 hour service reaching us anytime before then – if anything, add a few more years on. Immediate effects of this mean lots of engineering works. Prepare for disruption this Easter as there will be no Metropolitan, Jubilee or Chiltern line trains Southbound into town from

Good Friday until and including Easter Monday. Future potential massive disruption could be hitting us in August 2016 when consideration of closing down Finchley Road to Baker Street for repairs could create chaos during the working weeks. This is still to be confirmed but is likely to happen.

To better news, those platform matrix signs may be finally (eight years later) ready to work. Currently there are trials at Ruislip Manor. If successful, they will continue with Ruislip and Eastcote. If successful there, we are next in line alongside Pinner and Northwood Hills. And the **final 'if' is as long as funding is available**. So keep an eye out on those stations before us and if their signs start flickering ours may be soon to follow – though I suspect end of 2015 is ambitious.

Our ticket hall 'transformation' which we are told will improve our experience (effectively ticket office shut down, station staff more visible) is due between July and August and will last about a month.

You may be interested to know that North Harrow station celebrates 100 years on 20th March and there will be lots of celebratory pomp, including the Mayor of London attending.

Finally, the Met line is getting a new general manager; he is coming from Heathrow Airport so I suggest keep an eye on your luggage in the foreseeable future!

Thanks for your welcome and correspondence – I'm always happy to hear from you at met@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Gerry Pimm

Northwood Young People's Centre

On behalf of Northwood Young People's Centre in Hallowell Road, I wish to make you aware of a programme for young people aged 7 to 19, who live or go to school in Hillingdon.

Northwood Young People's Centre offers a wide range of high quality facilities, including an internet café equipped with Apple iMacs, a 60" plasma TV, and flat-screen gaming stations linked to Wii, XBOX, and PS3 consoles. Facilities on site include a music recording studio, dance studio, pool table, tennis table, sport hall, and a large tuition kitchen. Each week we offer a fun-filled and exciting range of activities, including sports, arts, crafts, performance, and issues-based workshops and cooking skills. The Centre provides a friendly and safe environment in which children and young people can socialise with their peers, make new friends, and develop the skills and confidence required to grow into responsible adults.

The sessions are aged-related and cost only 50p each time a young person attends:

Monday: Young Carers group, 3.30 to 6.00, every other week (FREE)

Tuesday: Junior Juniors (school year 3), 4.30 to 6.30, limited places available

Tuesday: IChoose, 6.15 to 8.15, boys project (referrals only) (FREE)

Thursday: Juniors (school years 4, 5, 6), 4.00 to 6.30

Thursday: Inters (school years 7, 8, 9), 7.00 to 9.30

Saturday: Mixed Age (school years 4, 5, 6, 7), 2.00 to 4.30



Please contact me on 01923 824269 or afrejlich@hgfl.org if you have any questions.

Ania Frejlich-Botha

From the Treasurer

The rate of technological development continues to increase and improvements in such fields position computers to take an ever increasing role in our lives.

Analysis undertaken by 'experts' suggests many jobs are at risk from computerisation, or by being offshored since technology now enables it. That is why so many US citizens have their complicated tax returns completed by tax specialists in India.

ROBOTS ARE COMING... But less obvious roles are being replaced. In Japan trials of robot receptionists are well under way. Driverless car technology is being developed in many countries, humans are responsible for many accidents and the hope is that overall safety will be improved and throughput increased since the driverless car will not hesitate in decision making. The medical world will start to use computers much more widely as an aid to sharing records and conducting initial analysis.

The IT industry, so keen on latest trends, now has a real step change in technology to thrust upon us. In Memory **Databases (IMDB's) are now mainstream and improving** at the more rapid rates. SAP, the German software firm suggests their IMDB means you are only constrained by your imagination. All sorts of analysis can be completed within seconds whereas traditional IT would have meant significant database changes and lengthy overnight job executions.

NO HIDING PLACE ... When you walk along a High Street, your mobile phone presence can be detected; a computer can scan the data available and know that you have purchased a specific product. A screen can appear in a shop window tailored specifically to your interests, saying **"Hello George, special offer on your favourite product ABC today, please step inside"** or something of that ilk. Some shops are using face detection software so frequent customers can be greeted by the staff by their name. That may be desirable or a complete invasion of privacy **depending on one's point of view.**

These continuing developments do change perceptions. I remember a long while ago being annoyed in supermarkets when the person in front was paying by cheque. It took **forever and I used to think why on earth don't you just get**

some cash. Now I get annoyed when someone is paying by cash rather than a debit, credit or contactless payment card. Handling cash now seems so primitive and is so **prone to error. Of course if you don't want to leave a trail** of where you have been, what you have spent, what you have spent it on, then cash is the only option – and turn your mobile off if you are concerned over your whereabouts being known.

So what does this have to do with the NRA? Well technology can aid our organisation and it will also introduce some challenges. For example, cheques will cease to be at some point but they still remain a good way to pay the subs. They offer ease and security and little room for error. Cash still works well but new technology may soon be around to help. Whether it is via contactless payment, mobile phones, online payment submission, or something else remains to be seen.

In the meantime collecting subs remains the most difficult task for our Road Stewards so can I re-iterate please be ready with a cheque or cash so their task is simplified. Due to the generosity of the majority of our members paying more than the minimal subscription we can continue to maintain that minimum subscription while still conducting our activities including producing this new full colour newsletter. In 2014, 34% of our members paid £5, 7% £10 and nearly 1% more than £10. It is important we maintain high membership to sustain our positive impact for the benefit of Northwood so please keep those subs coming.

NRA DATABASE. We do have a database and would like to have the ability to push information via email. At present, we have only 339 email addresses which is a small proportion of the total membership. Do please let your Road Steward know your email address and confirm it can be used for NRA purposes only, alternatively send an email to membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk, which may be better since it avoids transcription errors which are quite likely given the nature of such addresses.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the AGM.

treasurer@northwoodresidents.co.uk

David Blowers



Friends of Michael Sobell Hospice

There's lots going on at MSH; all of these events take place in or start from the hospice grounds on the Mount Vernon site.

PLANT SALE. Saturday 9th May, 10.00am – 12.30. FREE entry & parking, refreshments available.

ON YOUR BIKE, Sunday 17th May. 33 mile sponsored bike ride challenge via Amersham, Bovingdon & Hemel Hempstead. Registration 7.30am, ride starts at 8am. Pre-registration £15 or £20 on the day.

LADIES IN THE NIGHT WALK. Friday 6th June. Our 5th annual sponsored stroll, open to ladies, gents & pooches. Choose 5½ or 9 mile route. Registration at 8.30pm, walk at 10pm. Registration £20 before 5th June and £25 afterwards or on the night. Early bird offer of £10 per person for teams of 10 or more people.

Vintage Event Sunday 12th July. Step back in time and join us for all things vintage at our Vintage Fair. There will be live music, vintage stalls, classic cars and full afternoon tea.

For more details on Michael Sobell Hospice and any of our fundraising events visit www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk or call the Fundraising Office on 01923 844730.

Picking the Poppies

After the disappointment of missing out on a place to plant the ceramic poppies at the Tower of London, I was delighted to be successful in securing a place for picking them when the memorial was to be dismantled. This was to be started after Remembrance Day, 11th November 2014.

So on the 13th November I and many other volunteers made our way to the moat and after a short explanatory and safety talk we began to pick the poppies, slowly one by one, trying to make sure they were not damaged. I was surrounded by people from every walk of life, young, old, workers, retired, male, female, all with the same reason for being there - to be part of this historical, moving and extraordinary tribute to the men and women who have died in combat over last 100 years.



As it was only the second day of the picking, the moat was still almost completely full of the swaying memorials, a sight that took your breath away. I was also lucky to be able to walk around the vast red carpet to the mount where the last and tallest poppy had been planted on the 11th hour of the 11th month.

Knowing that each poppy represented a fallen soldier was incredibly poignant, as we lifted each poppy carefully, separated the flower from the stalk and boxed them ready to be cleaned and sent to the thousands of people who are now their new owners. All proceeds will be shared equally by six service charities.

An event never to be repeated in my lifetime.

Fiona Blackwell

Health Matters

Waiting times in A&E departments at local hospitals

Throughout January and into February the issue of excessive waiting times in A&E departments has received national coverage. All three hospitals in our local area, Watford General, Hillingdon and Northwick Park have fallen well below the national standard of 95% of patients being seen within 4 hours. The figures for the week ending 6th February were:

Watford General 79% (up from 64.8% on 9th January)
Hillingdon Hospital 81.3% (up from 67.6% on 9th January)
Northwick Park 71.2% (up from 62.7% on 9th January)

In part this improvement was due to the reduction in the number of patients being seen at each hospital.

Care Quality Commission Report on Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
Extracted from CQC press release 10th Feb 2015:

“England’s Chief Inspector of Hospitals has rated the services provided by The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as ‘Requires Improvement’ overall following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission in October.

“Overall, the trust’s services were rated as ‘Good’ for being caring, but as ‘Requires Improvement’ for being effective, responsive and well led, and as ‘Inadequate’ for being safe. As a result of the inspection, the trust was issued with two warning notices.”

Full reports from the inspection, including ratings for all core services provided at Hillingdon Hospital and Mount

Vernon Hospital are available at: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RAS>

Extract from response by Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust
Press Release 10th Feb 2015:

“The Trust considers the overall rating of ‘Requires improvement’ to be fair.

“The report identifies the areas where we need to make improvements and we immediately put plans in place to address these issues at the time of the inspection. We have made significant progress in delivering the actions in our improvement plan.

“These include:

- Raising our standards around infection control and cleanliness, with more rigorous targets, more frequent monitoring and the adoption of the National Specifications for Cleanliness.
- Enhanced and more frequent training for staff on safeguarding and the Mental Capacity Act.
- Further stepping up our on-going recruitment drive to increase permanent staffing numbers and reduce **reliance on agency workers.”**

The Hillingdon Hospital has emphasised that no patient has been put at risk and that The Hillingdon Hospitals continue to operate in a safe manner.

health@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Richard Field

Young Enterprise at St Helen's School

The weekend of the 24th and 25th of January marked the intuWatford Young Enterprise trade fair. With 20 Young Enterprise companies competing for a range of awards, the centre was transformed into a bustling market of unique products. Orenda, our company from St. Helen's School in Northwood, was proud to receive a Special Achievement award for Business Acumen. The company's colourful Sip 'O' Snack water bottles, which feature a removable storage compartment, proved to be hugely popular with all age groups and impressed the judges on both days.

Young Enterprise is a charity organisation dedicated to giving students real life experience of running a business. The Company Programme we are participating in requires us to elect a board of directors who together raise share capital. This is then invested in an original product or service which we have to market and sell in a real-life setting in an attempt to make profit.



And if you were wondering about our company's name, Orenda refers to a force for positive change and the power of people to cause change. We are hoping to promote healthy eating with our bottle's perfectly-sized compartment and on a global scale to reduce the number of plastic bottles ending up in landfill each year.

Alice Lassman
Managing Director, Orenda

There's a lot going on at Northwood Library!

NORTHWOOD CHRISTMAS EVENING

In December we had a very special visitor in the library as part of the Northwood Christmas Evening event. Here he is in conversation with a young elf that came to visit!



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

2015 sees the 50th anniversary of the creation of the London Borough of Hillingdon and we will be marking the occasion with a series of events across the borough from April onwards. In Northwood we will be hosting a family creative writing and crafts session on the theme of travelling back in time to 1965. We will also be creating a Northwood History Trail which you can collect from the Library and follow at your leisure. In October there will be a big Literary and Arts Festival across the whole of Hillingdon with lots of author events and arts activities.

CITYREAD 2015

Cityread London is an annual celebration of literature that aims to bring reading to life for the whole capital. Each

April, Cityread asks London's citizens, workers and visitors

to pick up a book – the same book – and read it together. Taking the chosen novel as a starting point, a month-long programme of book groups, film screenings and other events takes place in libraries, bookshops, museums and other venues. This year's book is Ben Aaronovitch's *Rivers of London*. In Hillingdon there will be Punch & Judy Shows, Quiz Nights, led walks and a presentation by Ben Aaronovitch himself. At Northwood Library we are launching a new reading group starting with *Rivers of London*, so if you would like to find out more about this or any of the other events please contact the library. There will also be an opportunity to win a Kindle Touch if you send in a review of the book.

ICT TASTER SESSIONS

Are you a complete beginner? Looking for help with email or the internet? Or do you have some basic ICT questions you want answering? Northwood Library can offer you a free one hour session where we will do our best to help you.

Keep up to date with what's happening via Hillingdon Libraries' website, Twitter or Facebook.

<http://hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries>

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Northwood Library

Oaklands Gate, Green Lane, Northwood, HA6 3AA

Tel: 01895 558262

Email: northwood-library@hillingdon.gov.uk

Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-6pm,

Tuesday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-4pm.

Janet Clements

The Northwood Outdoor Carol Evening

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and turned out for the NRA Outdoor Carol Event on Thursday 11th December 2014 in Oaklands Gate, and special thanks go to St Martin's School for having the only choir that chose to shun the warmth of the church to sing outside.

The evening started with Nick Hurd MP declaring the Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival open and turning on the tree lights. This was followed by performances from Frithwood, Eastbury, St Martins's and Holy Trinity school choirs. Outside there were stalls selling goodies and inviting passers-by to 'Hook-a-Duck' or 'Guess Where the Treasure is Buried'. In the library, Santa Claus read stories to the children.

Building on our experiences in 2013 and 2014, we are already working on the possibilities for December 2015.

Miles Gillman



News from Northwood FC

These are exciting times at the local football club based in Northwood Park in Chestnut Avenue, Northwood FC. A long-awaited clubhouse refurbishment is taking shape which will provide a superb, modern and spacious function room for its members that will also be available to hire for functions. New flooring, ceilings, heating, lighting and seating have been installed and when complete, hopefully by March, the Club will be looking for new members to enjoy the social space.

Forthcoming games coming up for the first-team, who are just outside the play-off positions at the time of writing following some excellent recent form are:

Saturday 14th March v. Uxbridge (Community Day – Admission is “Pay what you Can”)

Saturday 28th March v. Bedworth United

Saturday 11th April v. Aylesbury United

All games kick-off at 3pm. Admission charges are generally £8.00 for adults, £4.00 for Concessions and £2.00 for Under-16s but *if you bring a copy of this newsletter to any of the games you will be given a 50% discount.*

Finally, the Club is still actively looking for new volunteers to cover several important positions especially on the social side and in fund-raising and marketing.

If interested, please call Secretary Alan Evans on 07960 744349 for an informal chat.

Situated on Green Lane in Northwood is the largest evangelical theological college in Europe – London School of Theology (LST).

This higher education training facility was actually born in 1943, although back then it was called London Bible College (LBC) and was based in Marylebone Road in Central London. In the early 1970s the college moved out to the Green Lane site.

In 2004, LBC became LST. The Bible remains at the **centre but the new name reflects the school's work in the 21st century** in a range of cultures and contexts. Many former students have gone on to ordained ministry and other forms of Christian work, while many others are involved in secular employment.

LST students come from all over the world (over 100 different nations have been represented) and represent a wide range of ages. In 1999 Edgar Dowse became the oldest person in the world ever to gain a PhD, at the age of 93. Most LST students are rather younger than this.

Many LST alumni have gone on to do great things, with one in the House of Lords and another becoming an ambassador. Lord Carey has had a long-term involvement with the college. He first attended evening classes in the 50s and went on to study for his MTh and PhD between 1963 and 1968, supervised by the Vice-Principal of LBC. After retiring as Archbishop of Canterbury he became President of LST until handing over to Dr Krish Kandiah last year. Most LST alumni do not become lords,



ambassadors or archbishops but serve faithfully in more modest ways.

In 2013 LST celebrated its 70th anniversary with a whole day of musical acts

performed in a big top on campus. The range of music covered a wide spectrum from the All Souls Orchestra through to contemporary guitar rock from US band Gungor. Many LST music students and graduates also performed – as alongside straight Theology, LST offers courses in Theology, Music & Worship and Theology & Worship.

LST also offers Theology & Counselling courses – these train individuals with the skills to become counsellors and are accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

Today there are many ways to study at LST including evening classes, full and part time degree courses, online masters and distance learning options. There are almost a hundred research students (mostly PhD) who are based all over the world. The school also puts on special annual lectures at Emmanuel Church in Northwood and in Central London.

The college continues to be a thought leader for Christian thinking and a champion of the faith. February 2015 saw **LST's Krish Kandiah on BBC Radio 5 Live discussing the atheist thinking of Stephen Fry**. The faculty continues to publish books that are read world-wide.

For more information check www.lst.ac.uk

Matt Adcock, Director of Communications

Northwood Bowling Clubs



OPEN DAY

Sunday 10th May from 12 noon to 5pm

Men's Club 80th Anniversary

Come along, join in, try for yourself!

- Watch a bowls match
- Try bowling for yourself
- No special clothes needed
- Free refreshments

Chestnut Avenue
Northwood, HA6 1HR
www.northwoodbowling.co.uk

Ruislip Woods Festival Sunday 10th May 2015

12 noon until 4.30pm FREE ENTRY

At Willow Lawn between the Lido's railway station and the Water's Edge pub. HA4 7TY

- Birds of Prey in Action
- Woodland Crafts
- Ferret Racing
- Morris Dancing
- Children's Woodland Crafts
- Charcoal Burning
- Guided Woodland Walk
- Welsh Axe Men lumberjacks race
- **Children's Archery**
- Pre-Festival family walk
- Dog show

Northwood Lions Club

Northwood Lions Club is looking forward to the next few months which will bring tin-shakes at Tesco stores to raise funds for our charity work. Some of the money collected will go towards providing Easter eggs for the young carers of Hillingdon.

The Lions Den at 195 Pinner Road continues to thrive. Although open only between 9.45 and 11.45 on a Saturday morning we are able to donate £24,000 a year and will be having our next presentation evening at the end of March. Most of this money is given to smaller, local charities. Without the support of our customers and the wonderful work of the volunteers this would not be possible.

I am fortunate to have made good friends within the Lions movement. If you are interested in helping others whilst having fun then why not call Robert for more information about the club?

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

Gyl Webb



Northwood Live at Home Scheme

Supporting Older People in our Community



Enjoying our Musical Evening

Our annual fundraising musical evening on 15th November 2014 was a great success with several of our members attending this year. It was a delight to see one member in his nineties dancing to the Big Band with one of our assistant managers.

For those who are unaware of our Scheme, we exist to support anyone in the community over the age of sixty still living in their own home, but who cannot get out and about as easily as before and is possibly feeling a bit lonely as a result. We offer a range of activities, including a weekly Lunch Club at **St. John's URC, a Friendship Group in Northwood Hills, a fortnightly Soup & Sandwich lunch** and two weekly chair-based exercise classes which are proving extremely popular. One is an EXTEND exercise class and the other is a Yoga class. Both are designed to improve flexibility and mobility in the older person. They take place on Thursday mornings, with light refreshments and the opportunity to socialise afterwards. In addition, we have regular shopping trips and outings to places of interest and offer befriending by trained volunteers to those

too frail to leave their homes. Transport is also provided if needed.

We are delighted to welcome new members and also volunteers, **without whom we couldn't run the Scheme.** If you are interested in joining us either as a member or volunteer, please contact our office to speak to one of our staff. Membership is free, but we do make a small charge for activities to cover some of our costs. All our volunteers are given full training and find what they do extremely rewarding.

If you've read this and know of someone who might benefit from Northwood Live at Home, please pass the message on. Word of mouth really is the best publicity!

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

Jo Wild
Chairman

Mount Vernon Hospital Comforts Fund

This year the Comforts Fund celebrates its 80th year of fundraising and financial support to all wards and departments to improve patient comfort and welfare.

We have three shops situated near the Minor Injuries department: a bookshop, a second hand clothes and bric-a-brac shop and our third shop sells newspapers, drinks, snacks, cards and other basic items.

Our trolley service visits all areas on weekday mornings with newspapers, drinks and snacks. The tea bar in Radiotherapy offers light refreshments to staff and patients in the Cancer Centre.

Over the last five years we have been able to allocate between £80,000 and £100,000 annually to support the purchase of, for example, special equipment costing £28,000

in the new endoscopy suite, hearing equipment for audiology totalling £20,000 and numerous small donations.

We hope that if you have reason to visit Mount Vernon you will visit our shops. We welcome donations of good quality books, clothes and bric-a-brac.

Over 150 volunteers give their time freely to continue our services and if you feel you would like to join us, and have 2 to 4 hours free a week, we have a number of vacant shifts to offer. Please phone and leave your details and we will return your call. Help us to continue improving our income by raising awareness of our Charity as we celebrate our 80th anniversary.

Tel: 01923 844629

Jan Sutton
Chairman, Comforts Fund

Northwood & District Community Association

Every week I will get a phone call from someone who has seen one of our activities listed in the library or on a notice board or heard from a friend and want to know more about us. Although we have been going for over 60 years now, they **always say "I did not know about you!"** Perhaps it's because we do not have a building of our own; we use four local churches for our sections, all on bus routes, so easy to get to if you do not drive. Some activities are held of an evening, but more and more are held during the day, and something on each day of the week.

The local U3A has many groups that people attend and enjoy, but we still have a lot to offer and some of our activities are not covered in their syllabus. So do come and try them out e.g. Line Dancing, German Conversation, Tennis, Badminton, Card and Board games, Keep Fit etc. etc.

We are holding our AGM in the United Reform Church, Joel Street on Tuesday 14th April at 8pm so why not come along and meet us? The meeting is followed by refreshments and a chance to chat and socialise.

We will be holding Ploughman's Lunches in May and October and a Quiz in November, always fun gatherings.

For more information please call 01923 836346

Pat Dunhill

Northwood Craft Market

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

FORTHCOMING DATES: Saturdays 28th March, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July

TIME: 10am-2pm FREE ADMISSION

After a very successful Christmas Market in December and a short break at the beginning of the year, the Northwood Craft Market has started again with a variety of beautiful crafts for sale, all handmade by local craftspeople.

For the first time at the market, in March, May and June we will also be having a PLANT STALL. One of our crafters is also a keen gardener and has been busy taking cuttings and growing seedlings which she will be selling. Her plants will include a selection of penstemons and salvias, lily of the valley, polyanthus, hebes, bergenia and more.

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk
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There's always a friendly atmosphere at the market to browse & buy, and for children there are hands-on crafts to make something to take home. Crafts for sale vary each month and include jewellery, decoupage, fabric bags, stained glass, greetings cards, knitting and crochet, soaps, **children's clothing, household accessories and much more.** Great gift ideas! Teas, coffees and delicious homemade cakes are available in the church coffee shop during the morning.



THE ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION - PROPOSED CHANGES

The Constitution contains the rules and regulations which govern the working of the Association in general meetings and at committee and sub-committee level.

It was last updated in 2011. The Executive Committee has decided that it needs further updating and are proposing some changes to it. The changes mainly consist of tidying up of the wording and correcting some inconsistencies. Some substantive changes are, however, suggested and those are summarised below. A copy of the Constitution, showing all the suggested changes, is available on the Association's website (www.northwoodresidents.co.uk) and in Northwood library. The changes require to be approved by a majority vote of members at the forthcoming AGM (of which notice is set out on Page 15 of this newsletter).

The substantive changes are as follows:

1. The aims and objectives of the Association set out in clause 3 have been amended to remove those which the Association does not pursue, for example seeking to minimise council expenditure covered by council tax;
2. The new clause 5.1.3 makes it clear that the previous practice of allowing membership of the Executive Committee to be extended in limited circumstances to non-residents is permissible (there are currently no such members);
3. Clauses 16 and 18 have been amended to remove the possibility of a postal or secret ballot being called for at a general meeting, a procedure which the Executive Committee does not consider would be practicable within the confines of a meeting;
4. The new clause 45 tidies up the matter of notification to members of the Association. It is clearly not practicable to ensure beyond all doubt that every member receives notification of proposals (for example a newsletter might go astray **during delivery**). **As a technical matter the new clause makes it clear that publication of any notice on the Association's website is sufficient for its legal validity; nevertheless the Executive Committee will always seek to undertake as wide a dissemination of information as practicable, mainly through the distribution of the newsletter and displaying relevant information on our noticeboards;**
5. Clause 47 has been expanded: it deals with the (hopefully unlikely) event that the Association is wound up and ceases to exist. **It now provides that if there is no successor association the Executive Committee may propose to the Association's members that any unspent assets of the Association be distributed to charity.**

The Executive Committee hopes that members will find favour with the proposed amendments and will vote for them at the AGM. If anyone has any queries on what is proposed we would be pleased to clarify the situation. Please contact us at info@northwoodresidents.co.uk or telephone the chairman on 01923 821237.

St Matthew's Catholic Church



A casual observer might not notice that St Matthew's Catholic Church in Hallowell Road actually occupies not one but two sites, separated by Forge Lane. The parish was founded some 90 years ago when the site on which the church now stands was a builder's yard. A garage and stables on the plot were adapted to become the first church and a workman's cottage was extended to become the presbytery. Remodelling, rebuilding and extensions

all became necessary as both the population and our congregation grew. Today we have a congregation of around 600 of many different cultural and national backgrounds, ranging from Albania to Zimbabwe.

The land on which the hall stands was originally the site of the Wesleyan Methodist chapel, known as "the tin tabernacle", and was bought by St Matthew's when that congregation merged with the other Methodist congregation in Northwood. It was used as the parish garden until the early 1970s when the hall was built with classrooms above to accommodate our Sunday School.

We are now embarking on a major refurbishment programme to upgrade the facilities in the hall – which is still used for our thriving Sunday School, for parish social events and for private parties. We are also looking forward to hosting community events there including the NRA Road Stewards' Reception on 24th April.

timothyhutton@rcdow.org.uk
01923 825639

Fr Timothy Hutton, Parish Priest

Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre

supporting people affected by cancer

Please volunteer! We've been chosen as the charity for support by Jetstream Tri Club who are organising a new Triathlon event for all ages in the grounds of Merchant Taylors' School on Sunday 14th June. As well as organising fundraising events on the day we're also looking to support the event by providing marshals both within the school grounds and also in the surrounding area for the cycling element of the event.

Offers of help will be gratefully received by our fundraiser, Fiona Hussey, who can be reached on 01923 844589 or fiona.hussey@nhs.net.

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RN
01923 844107 www.ljmc.org

Northwood Residents' Association 49th Annual General Meeting

Thursday 9th April 2015

at Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood

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

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and introduction from Tony Ellis, Chairman.
- 2) **To receive the Chairman's Report for 2014.**
- 3) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2014.
- 4) To set the rate of subscription for the year 2015 (currently set at a minimum of £2 per household and £10 per business).
- 5) To elect the Officers, currently:
Chairman, Mr Tony ELLIS
Vice-Chairman, Mr Miles GILLMAN
Treasurer, Mr David BLOWERS
Hon Auditor, Mr Chris ROGERS FCA
- 6) To elect an Executive Committee:
Members standing for re-election: Mr Jeffrey Bailey, Mr Paul Barker, Mrs Fiona Blackwell, Mr Mithu Chellaram, Mr Richard Field, Mr David Goodman, Mr Philip Green, Mrs Marie-Françoise Meyer.
Co-opted members standing for election: Mr Rikin Patel, Mr Peter Lansdown.
- 7) To elect the President, currently Mr Alan Prue; and Vice President, currently Mrs Valerie Mellor.
- 8) Guest speaker. Eileen Bowlt, local history author and Chairman of Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society **will give an illustrated talk on "Northwood: Rural Hamlet to Leafy Suburb."**
- 9) Any Other Business.
 - **Proposed changes to the Association's Constitution. See article on Page 14** for details.
 - **NRA's 50th Anniversary.**
- 10) Open Forum with our local councillors and representatives from the police present.

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.

All Northwood residents and businesses are invited to attend.

Glofridays @



Emmanuel
NORTHWOOD

Are your children in School Years 3-6? Aged between 7 and 11 years old? Then they are

welcome to join us at Emmanuel Church, High Street, Northwood every Friday during term time for GloFridays! For the cost of just 50p your child will have access to a sports hall where we play football, hockey and energetic running games. They can relax with friends and play on the Wii and the PlayStation or a range of board games. They can get creative at our craft table **which links into the short thought they'll hear each week about Christianity.**

In short Glo is a vibrant place for children to unwind on a Friday evening under the supervision of a dedicated team of leaders. So come join us, Fridays, 6.15pm - 7.45pm.

For more information email
Stephen.christodoulou@ecn.org.uk
or call 01923 845645

We hope you have enjoyed reading our new-look newsletter. We have more ideas for future editions, but would also welcome feedback from you, the members.

Do send your comments to
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NORTHWOOD CHORAL SOCIETY

Spring Concert - with new Musical Director, THEO VINDEN

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Gateway Close, Northwood HA6 2RP
Saturday 21 March 2015 at 7.30 pm

Programme: PERGOLESI Stabat Mater,
ELGAR Give Unto the Lord, DVORAK Te Deum

Tickets: £12.00, available at the door
www.northwoodchoralsociety.org.uk

Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society

16 March: **18th Century Whitechapel**
Jane Cox - History Researcher and Author

20 April: **Growing Up in Uxbridge**
Ken Pearce - Uxbridge LH&AS

Meetings are held on Mondays in St Martin's Church Hall, High Street, Ruislip at 8.15pm.
For further information, please contact The Programme Secretary on 01895 673299.



Ruislip-Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

- Tues 7 Apr, AGM. No charge, talk to follow
- Tues 5 May, National Demonstrator - Pat Dibben
Subject - "The Fascination of Flowers" Cost: Visitors £5

Venue: Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood
Time: Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start
Contact: Jean Joseph on 01923 829621

Harrow Harmony

Spring Concert

Saturday 21st March 2015, 7.30pm (doors open 6.45pm)
St John's URC, Hallowell Road, Northwood.

Tickets £12 including buffet, contact Tel: 020 8861 4017
www.harrowharmony.co.uk