

Northwood Residents' Association



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Chairman's Report - Tony Ellis



Introduction

Now the children are back at school, and the warm, sunny days of summer are a distant memory, it's back to the normal autumn routine. Daylight hours are sliding away and the dark winter evenings will soon be with us.

With energy prices rising to such high levels, many of our elderly residents are trying to make ends meet by using less energy. This is not good for their well-being and they need extra care and attention during the winter months. Many become house-bound and totally isolated so, once again, I would ask younger residents to keep an eye on their elderly neighbours by offering to do errands and spending a few minutes chatting to them.

Save our Northwood

Nearly 7,000 residents signed our petition and it is obvious that the majority of you are against the planned development of Transport for London's property. Most of you will know that the NRA passed the baton of organising our campaign on to the newly formed organisation, **Save our Northwood**, which I also chair. This has enabled us to continue our normal work without being side-tracked. An update appears on page 3 of this newsletter.

Policing

A special welcome to Philip Green, our new committee member responsible for Police Liaison. His report is on page 13. Some of you will have noticed that there seem to be even fewer police around Northwood. Recently I met with the Borough Commander, Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Kershaw, to express my concern. He is an old-fashioned copper who tells it as it is and he admitted that the new policing arrangements could not be fully implemented as he was 50 officers short. This is because someone at

Scotland Yard made certain assumptions about the reallocation of manpower which didn't work out. However, he did convince me that crime figures are reducing year by year and gave me reassurance that the lack of numbers is not affecting our safety.

Christmas Event

In the February newsletter, I mentioned that we had been approached by traders about holding a Christmas event. I'm delighted to tell you that Miles Gillman is organising a Festive Evening on Thursday 5th December – see details on page 5. Please help to make the evening a success by coming along with your children, friends and neighbours.

Speed tables

We receive many complaints about speed tables, as the Council calls them (humps is a more accurate description). The one outside ASK in Green Lane is particularly bad. * Your committee is not sure about the effectiveness of these obstacles and we would like feedback from you before we decide on a policy. One possibility is a petition for their removal.

Conclusion

Jo Hunter had to resign as our Health representative for family reasons and we wish her well. Her place has been taken by Richard Field. I'm grateful for the hard work and commitment of all of my committee members who help to make things run smoothly. Thanks as usual to our councillors for their support and to Tina Williams for tending to the station flowerbeds. Remember I am always happy to hear from you but would prefer not to be rung on Sundays.

Tony Ellis
Chairman

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* [As we go to press, this hump has finally been repaired]

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HealthWatch Hillingdon as described in the NRA June newsletter was launched on 18th September. For more information call 01895 272997 or see the website www.healthwatchhillingdon.org.uk

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Urgent Care Centre (UCC) at Hillingdon Hospital has been assigned to a new private sector provider, Greenbrook Healthcare, which has links to Ealing Hospital NHS Trust. The new provider will take over the UCC from Harmoni later this year. The new extended UCC services will operate 24/7, led by GPs and Nurse Practitioners. Except for patients arriving by ambulance, everyone coming to A&E will be triaged in the UCC, with some being referred back to their own GPs, some being treated in the UCC, and only those needing A&E services being treated there.

Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group. **The Health and Wellbeing Centre** in the Uxbridge Branch of Boots has been closed; enquiries are being made about where comparable services can be obtained. **New care pathways.** The aim is to transfer hospital outpatient appointments, X-ray tests, and other services closer to home, using Clinical Assessment and Triage Services (CATS), to keep patients out of hospital. The specialties with pathways planned or in place include:

- **Musculo-skeletal:** Trauma & Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Pain Management are included.

Health Matters

- **Ophthalmology:** Hillingdon Hospital has won the contract for community based ophthalmology services for a range of eye conditions. This is now expected to go live towards the end of the year.
- **Gastroenterology:** Pathways include endoscopy and colonoscopy.
- **Gynaecology:** The community-based CATS service which will triage a range of conditions.
- **Ear Nose and Throat:** A community based ENT service is being planned.
- **Dermatology:** Clinical pathways are being developed for acne, eczema and psoriasis.
- **Urology:** An outline business case has been drawn up and CATS pathways are being developed.
- **General Surgery:** A scoping exercise is underway.

West Herts. Hospitals NHS Trust:

Finance: This remains a challenge. The Trust's target is to save £15m in the year 2013-14.

Staffing: After visiting in January, the Care Quality Commission criticised understaffing on the wards at Watford General. The Trust responded by undertaking a major recruitment drive and has attracted over 100 trained nurses and healthcare assistants to improve staffing levels on the wards.

Emergency admissions in 2012/13: The Trust saw a significantly higher than anticipated number of emergency admissions. The number of beds at Watford General has been increased.

Richard Field

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From the Treasurer

Any talk about technology these days is bound to include, 'Big Data', Mobility, the cloud, social, In Memory Databases (IMDBs). That does not mean producing documents with a large font, providing more scooters for the physically disadvantaged, the weather, a night down the pub or your propensity to remember things. What it does mean is a lot of expenditure will be required to acquire and develop these new technologies. Some suggest vast sums of money will be saved since the cloud promises flexibility and agility in provision of storage and services. In the realms of smartphones and almost ubiquitous network access, be that WIFI or 3 or 4g the expectation is that everything should be available all of the time. No longer do we wait for a letter to arrive. Late last century you would dial up to an ISP (Internet Service Provider) and download emails. Now you just connect to a hotspot and read your emails, or use 3g. If they are too slow use instant messaging.

Finance plays a part here of course, since most mobile tariffs include text messages for free, so millions of such messages are sent every minute. All of these communication aids are wonderful but apart from specific one-to-one communication they still require individuals to go and get the message. True, many firms will SMS you with offers and deals, or send emails, but for that to work

they need to know your contact details. The NRA would like to be able to push information also, so when topics of great importance and urgency occur speedy communication is possible. Our database has the ability to store members' email addresses so we can email directly when necessary and appropriate. Please do let the road stewards know your email address and confirm you are willing for the NRA to use it for communication. Either write it on the subs envelopes, or hand it in with a cheque or cash to the road steward, or of course email the NRA, membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk with your consent for the address to be stored and used.



Whilst on the subject of membership that brings me nicely to our current financial state. I am happy to report that we have received more subs at this stage than last year so I am hopeful by the end of the year we will be back to our normal levels of subs. Please do make it easy for the Road Stewards, have money ready for them, or a pre-written cheque payable to 'Northwood Residents Association' to make their task as easy as possible. The organisation is voluntary so please make the effort once a year to provide the subs promptly to reduce the burden on our road stewards.

David Blowers

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At our public meeting held on 19th August, Northwood residents gave the Save our Northwood (SON) committee a mandate to form a company limited by guarantee and to open a bank account. This has now been done. We were also given a mandate to oppose the proposed development and start a fighting fund.

The first formal milestone in the process is the pre-planning consultation at which the developers, Bride Hall, are required to show us fairly detailed plans with drawings, give necessary explanations and take note of our comments and objections. The consultation will take place over several days and we expect representatives of Sainsbury's to be involved. Bride Hall have said that they expect to hold the consultation in November but they have yet to confirm the date. This consultation is our first real chance of telling Sainsbury's that they are not welcome in Northwood. If all 7,000 petitioners turn up and give them the clear message to clear off, they will be overwhelmed by the numbers and might, possibly, get the message. I would point out that Bride Hall is under no obligation to take any of our comments into account – all they have to prove is that they consulted residents. Thus our clear message must be that the planned store is unlikely to be profitable as Northwood residents will not use it.

To date, the committee, some residents and Nick Hurd have written letters of protest to Justin King, Chief Executive Officer of Sainsbury's, Boris Johnson and Eric

Pickles. I would urge all of you to write to Justin King and Boris Johnson.

Bride Hall is required to produce an environmental report as part of the planning application. This will include subjects such as traffic flow, noise and air pollution, effect on neighbours and on the water table. They will employ experts and spend many thousands of pounds compiling these reports which will paint the rosier picture possible. In

order to challenge these reports, we will have to employ our own experts to produce evidence on our behalf. We believe that this could cost £30,000 or more and, if we don't raise this amount for our fighting fund, we will not be able to challenge Bride Hall properly and will probably lose our fight.

We have included a donation envelope with this newsletter. Please give generously to save Northwood from the horrors of this proposed development.

If you have other ideas as how to raise funds, get media attention or help us with our fight, please do contact me.

Our website, www.saveournorthwood.com, is updated regularly to keep you informed. We will endeavour to update those of you without access to a computer by word of mouth and posters in local shops.

The next public meeting is to be held at Emmanuel Church at 8 pm on Monday 18th November.

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Boris Johnson at:
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or mayor@london.gov.uk

A plea from our Chief Road Steward – Paul Barker

Do you know how many roads there are in Northwood? In our ward alone, covered by the NRA, there are nearly 200.

2,400 residences subscribe to the NRA, so delivering newsletters three times a year is a significant logistical undertaking for my volunteer team of 13 Area Road Stewards, supported by 108 Road Stewards (RSs). For our June Newsletter, because of the Station Approach proposed development, we distributed to all of the nearly 6,000 residences in the ward.

Some roads are long enough to require two or even three RSs.

Distribution problems are worsened by the large number of blocks of flats, where access is restricted to only certain times of the day, and may require climbing six or eight flights of stairs just for a single delivery.

As time passes, inevitably RSs resign, or move away, and some roads would not be covered other than through emergency distribution by me or other members of my team. Which is why I am appealing for more of you to come forward as volunteer RSs for your block, your road, a part of your road or a small area near where you live.

Please contact me in person, by letter, by telephone or best of all by email, and I would be delighted to welcome you as a RS for a group of residences, no matter how few, or many, you feel you can manage.

I eagerly await to hear from you,

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Planning

Permitted Development Rights and House Extensions

Permitted Development Rights ("PDR" for short) have been around for many years. They permit, among other things, what the Government describes as "minor changes to your home" without the need to obtain formal planning permission.

This article is a brief guide to the PDR rules as they currently apply to extensions to houses (whether detached, semi-detached or terraced); these rules do not apply to flats or maisonettes and it is important to note that PDR do not apply in certain areas (for example, conservation areas) and that their operation might be restricted or even removed by the terms of an earlier planning permission.

The PDR were changed with effect from 30 May 2013 and the new rules will apply to certain extensions built after that date and before 30 May 2016. The new rules permit (with restrictions) extensions twice as deep as before and are intended to introduce what the Government terms "light touch" neighbour consultation.

A very important aspect of the new PDR is that objections to any proposed extension can only be made by an "adjoining neighbour", being a householder with a property boundary directly adjoining the property being built upon; that would include immediate neighbours to each side and someone with a shared rear boundary but would not include more distant neighbours. No-one else (including organisations like Northwood Residents' Association or even the Council itself) can object and if no adjoining neighbour objects within the strict timetable the PDR will allow the proposed building to go ahead.

Prior to 30 May 2013 the PDR permitted single-storey house extensions to a depth of 4 metres (in the case of detached houses) and 3 metres (in the case of other houses). The new PDR doubles that to 8 metre- and 6 metre-deep extensions respectively. The PDR apply only to extensions which are to the rear of the house (special rules apply to side extensions), which are single-storey and which do not exceed 4 metres in height. There are also restrictions as to the amount of garden space which can be covered by buildings.

The PDR lays down a strict set of procedures which must be followed:

- anyone proposing to take advantage of the PDR must notify the Council and provide full details of the

proposed works and the addresses of all "adjoining neighbours"; simply notifying the neighbours of the proposed works is not sufficient;

- if the Council is of the opinion that the PDR apply it will notify each adjoining neighbour of what is proposed and will give that neighbour 21 days in which to comment;
- if no objection is made by an adjoining neighbour within that period the building works can be carried out without any further planning consent (although matters such as building regulations will still have to be complied with);
- if an objection is made, however, the Council is obliged to decide whether the proposed extension will have an adverse effect on the "amenity" of all adjoining neighbours (not just a neighbour who objects) and can refuse to allow the building works on that ground;
- the householder whose application is refused can appeal against the refusal.

It is important to remember that as previously stated the new procedures restrict the right of objection to "adjoining neighbours"; also, the 21 day time limit for objections will be strictly applied and absences from home (for example because of holidays or illness) will **not** stop the clock ticking.

Many Councils, including the London Borough of Hillingdon, objected to the new PDR rules when they were originally proposed but they were introduced by the Government nevertheless. It is, however, possible for any Council to seek to limit the operation of the PDR by what is called an "Article 4 Direction". Hillingdon is proposing to bring into force such a Direction at the earliest legal time (which can't be before September 2014) with a view to limiting the depth of extensions to 4 metres. That Direction is currently subject to public consultation and also to be effective will require the Government's approval; it will be interesting to see whether the Government will agree and thereby support its own "localism" agenda.

This summary of the new PDR procedures is intended as a helpful guide. It is no substitute for taking independent professional advice in particular circumstances. Also, the Council has confirmed that it is happy to discuss the operation of the PDR rules with members of the public.

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Ruislip Woods and Lido

The developments at the Lido are nearing completion with the new Woodland Centre and Café now open with a lovely outdoor terrace which looks out over the Lido. The new car park is finished but will not be open until mid-October.

LBH has given the go-ahead for work to keep Poors Field clear of scrub and encroaching woodland. This is the open area between the small pond and the Lido itself.

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**Northwood Outdoor
Festive Evening**
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**Thursday 5th December  
6pm to 8pm**



We have been lucky enough to secure our local branch of the famous 'Military Wives Choir' supported by a local school to perform carols and Christmas songs at this new festive evening. This event will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 6pm and 8pm around the War Memorial** in the centre of Northwood. There will be a number of local charity stalls along with local stores and cafés who will stay open to support the evening with food and drinks. The event is **FREE**, so just come along and enjoy the songs and the atmosphere. Look out for posters closer to the time.

*Miles Gillman*

## Councillors' Corner

### Standing Up For Our Community

When we first heard the idea that Sainsbury's might come to Northwood, like many, we dismissed it as folly or a scare story. Was it just TfL softening us up for a residential development larger than we'd like?

As the proposals emerged earlier this Spring and Summer and became real with site boundaries, talk of initial planning discussions, the facts the developer, Bride Hall, had recently sent in a response to a consultation on the very type of development that the Northwood one would be, then we joined the worried faces around Northwood.

Never one to sit still, Cllr Seaman-Digby (Scott) had meetings with Tony Ellis and the NRA as well as with other concerned residents. At one of these in our oldest local coffee house, **Save Our Northwood** was born and Scott hurried away to brief his company's design and graphics team to prepare the first poster for a planned public meeting. The logo and website hang together really well and have allowed us to focus around a common platform in the fight which has really gained momentum week on week.

Au fait with the nuances of social media, Scott also set up a Twitter account and a Facebook page and other supporters launched an online petition alongside the paper one that NRA had circulated. Cllrs Melvin and Lewis kicked off an engagement campaign meeting local shop keepers and residents and canvassing the feelings about the challenges we would face by meeting with LBH officers.

All three Councillors joined the letter campaign and fired off missives to Boris, David Cameron and Nick Hurd, furious that there was so little understanding of the impact this proposal would have.

Whilst the Council as a body cannot stand against a legitimate planning application (although one is yet to be lodged) because it is the statutory body who will pass judgement on said application, your three Councillors have pledged their total support above all else, not bowing to

the Council or their party but standing against the proposals.

A few weeks ago Scott arranged for Nick Hurd MP to meet some of the business owners and Nick has pledged to stand with us on this campaign, lobbying TfL and Boris extensively over the past few months and discussing the impact and how we fight it with officers and directors at London Borough of Hillingdon. His team at Westminster have been very helpful in getting us facts and figures and in finding contact details for people like Justin King, the CEO of Sainsbury's.

It's been a tough few months and a lot of demands on everyone's time; we have to thank Tony and the rest of the Save Our Northwood committee for all their hard work on behalf of our residents. The committee is working on a number of ways to continue raising awareness and gain support and Cllr Seaman-Digby sits on the committee as the representative of the three ward councillors.

We still need to raise a fighting fund and would reach out to all residents for ideas and support. We'll be here as long as the fight needs us and if Northwood chooses to re-elect us in May 2014, we will all keep fighting beside our residents and business owners, the impact on whom the proposals will have such a devastating impact.

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

#### To contact your councillors:

Tel: 01895 250316 (Civic Centre Office) or  
01923 822876 (Northwood Ward Office)  
Email all at: [cllrs@northwoodconservatives.org](mailto:cllrs@northwoodconservatives.org)

#### To contact Northwood MP, Nick Hurd:

Email: [nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nick.hurd.mp@parliament.uk)  
Post: Nick Hurd MP, House of Commons, Westminster,  
London, SW1A 0AA.

## Environment

### Improvements to Recycling Services.

Hillingdon Council has introduced a number of new recycling improvements to help residents recycle more and reduce unnecessary waste.

#### Weekly food waste started 7th October.

This gives residents the OPTION of diverting food waste for composting instead of disposal. Please contact the council if you wish to be included in this initiative

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling) or telephone 01895 556000.

Residents opting for this service will be issued with the following:

- ⊕ A 7 litre 'kitchen caddy' to collect food waste in their kitchen.
- ⊕ A roll of corn starch bags to line the caddy (use only this type of bag as it is more easily composted). More bags can be ordered free from the council.
- ⊕ A 23 litre external food storage bin with self-locking lid, to store the full corn starch bags until the bins are emptied each week.

Collection will be on your normal day i.e. Monday for Northwood residences.

#### Textile collection service started 2nd September.

Households should have been provided with a roll of 10 PURPLE tinted sacks.

Items that can be recycled:

- All clothing
- Handbags
- Shoes (tied together in pairs)
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bed sheets
- Soft toys

Please leave the purple sack out with your normal dry recycling bag.

Monies from the sale of these items will go to the Mayor's nominated charity.

You can order more sacks from the above contacts or by taking your Hillingdon First card to the library.

Library staff will also assist residents in ordering replacement bags or signing up for services.



#### Garden Waste.

Collections are now weekly.

As the autumn leaves fall can residents please try to collect fallen leaves and either compost them or use the garden waste recycling bags. There have been a number of incidents where leaves have been swept or blown into the road causing problems with blocked drains and affecting driving conditions.

#### General Recycling.

The list for acceptable items has been increased to include more plastic products e.g. yoghurt pots and microwave trays.

The complete list is on the Hillingdon website [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/recycling)

**Broken pavements.** If you notice broken and unsafe pavements please do report it to the council. If you use the online Report It facility include a photograph if at all possible.

**And finally:** It's not just rubbish that I deal with - recently, we have had success with the removal of numerous estate agents' boards from grass verges and illegal banners and signs being displayed without the correct permission.

*Fiona Blackwell*

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## Our Aging Population

The NRA joined forces with Nick Hurd MP and the Northwood Hills Residents' Association to host a forum on 27th June at Fairfield church. The discussion was centred on ways in which the needs of our ageing population can be met and we invited representatives from local clubs, societies and organisations to take part.

The 60+ participants broke into four discussion groups to tackle such questions as, "What can the community do to support and complement the work of public bodies?" and "What can we do to bring generations together more?". The room was buzzing with animated conversation and the feedback from the groups was full of innovative ideas and suggestions.

Nick Hurd concluded the evening by quoting the statistics: Government projections for England show a 50% growth in the number of people aged 65 and over by 2030 and 100% growth in the number of people over 85 in the same period.

The results of the discussions are being analysed and a way forward formulated. Some ideas can be implemented relatively quickly e.g. more "silver surfer" arrangements with schools opening up IT suites for older residents to learn computer skills from pupils. Other initiatives will take a little longer.

## Traffic and Highways

Since the last newsletter, we have received a number of emails concerning:

- a) speeding and parking on Ducks Hill Road, particularly the area from The Avenue down towards Rickmansworth Road.
- b) speeding and parking on Rickmansworth Road from Murray Road towards Green Lane.
- c) parking too close to the exits from Cygnet Close on Ducks Hill Road.
- d) that dreadful hump in Green Lane outside ASK and the perpetual subsidence designed to ruin your wheels.
- e) now that school terms have started again, the built-in traffic jam due to the controversial traffic lights by the station.

**Speeding.** Since the last newsletter, I have met Sgt Alison Jeffery, who is the Police Sergeant in charge of community policing in Northwood. The Sergeant and I spoke about what action we can take regarding the speeding on main roads in Northwood. We discussed the possibility that the police should introduce random speed checks in and around Northwood; the Sgt will discuss this with her colleagues in the traffic division.

**Parking near schools.** Parking near to schools still causes problems with inconsiderate drivers blocking driveways and blatantly parking on double yellow lines. The telephone number for the LBH Parking Enforcement Hotline is:

**01895 271418.** We suggest you carry this number in your phone and don't hesitate to call them if you witness parking violations.

**Parking near Mount Vernon Hospital.** Parking enforcement is now in an advanced stage regarding the Thirlmere Gardens area, although some of those parking problems associated with Mount Vernon Hospital, now seem to be shifting to the bottom end of Ducks Hill Road.

Now that the holiday season is over, we will be following up on road issues with the relevant Council Officers too, eliciting help from the Northwood Councillors where appropriate.

DO please let me know of problems you have regarding Traffic and Highways issues.

*Harry Temmink*  
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## Metropolitan Line: Croxley Link

After many years of discussion, the construction of the new Croxley Link will finally start in 2014, with opening scheduled for 2016.

The Met Line will be redirected from Croxley Station through to two new stations, Ascot Road and Vicarage Road, before linking with the current Overground route south of Watford High Street Station.

The current Met Line terminus at Watford (Cassiobury Estate) will close once the new line opens.

The project is to be co-ordinated with re-signalling of the entire Met Line.

*Lisa Maclay*

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## Northwood Station Flowerbeds



“So what sort of things do you think you'd plant, Tina?”

This was one of the questions posed by Colin Harris, former Chairman of the NRA, when he interviewed me for the volunteer's post of 'reclaiming' the flowerbeds at Northwood Station in October 2008. I suggested that for all year round interest, perhaps a structure of shrubs, supplemented by perennials, bulbs and seasonal plants might

be the way forward and I was both surprised and delighted to be given the job.

Five years later, many of the shrubs, perennials and spring bulbs have survived and are now well established but, as in

any garden, there have also been casualties as a result of cold winds, prolonged rain and the occasional heatwave. I plan to update the planting scheme over the coming autumn and spring, including the introduction of more colour into the beds and a review of the planting scale.

I'm grateful to the staff at Northwood Station who invariably greet me with a ready smile and are quick to offer their help. I've also received invaluable support from many train travellers and local residents: they've helped me to transport plants, my trundle truck and wheelbarrow up or down the stairs, have taken an interest in the flowerbeds and suggested ideas or have simply stopped for a chat, all of which I've greatly appreciated. If you have any planting suggestions or would like to help, especially with the heavier aspects of the job or ensuring that the beds are watered - particularly through the summer months - please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Tina Williams*  
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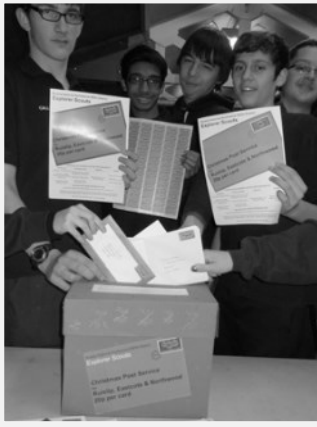
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## Local Christmas Post Service

The local Explorer Scouts will again be running a Christmas Post service, delivering cards to Ruislip, Eastcote and Northwood for just 20p per card (yes, that's less than half of what Royal Mail charges). All proceeds will go to the Explorer & Network Unit taking part in the District Centenary Expedition to Kandersteg in Switzerland next year - our fund-raising target is £7,000 so we need your help!

You will be able to post your cards and payment in boxes in shops (including Northwood Health Foods, Just Sew and Bennett Holmes) and hopefully libraries in the local area from 1st-17th December. Cards will be delivered between 18th December and Christmas Eve.

Please consider using the service for delivering local cards for your business as well as your personal cards - if you have a large number of cards we would collect, and can also assist with label printing and putting cards in envelopes for an additional donation.

Full details are on our website, which will be updated nearer the time once we have confirmed locations for post-boxes: [www.renmaspost.org.uk](http://www.renmaspost.org.uk)

Stephen Plume, District Explorer Scout Administrator.  
[kandersteg@renexplorers.org.uk](mailto:kandersteg@renexplorers.org.uk)

## PACKETMANIA

I cut my finger last week. There I was, blood running down my arm, trying to keep it off the carpet while I got a plaster out. At this critical moment, I came up against the manufacturer's witty, tongue-in-cheek take on packaging. It is impossible to get a plaster out of its protective covering without the full use of at least two hands – three would be better – a sharp pair of scissors and the patience of Job.

You used to buy a pear from a fruit stall in the street. Now it's cradled in a polystyrene nest with a clear plastic mould over the top, then housed in a sealed cellophane bag. Oh, and you can't buy one, you have to buy four.

Remember hardware shops? You went in for half a dozen two-inch nails, and a man in a brown coat counted them into a paper bag. Now you have to drive out of town to a vast hangar that could have housed a couple of Zeppelins with room to spare. After walking approximately 2.3 miles up and down aisles pushing a trolley with a delinquent wheel, you find the nails. Which come pre-packed in non-resealable plastic bubbles of fifty.

Modern packaging is devised by manufacturers to drive us mad. They have conferences where the delegates roll on the floor in helpless laughter over the latest zany innovations.

Ring pulls take immense strength and dexterity to operate. The very first ring pulls ever, appeared on tins of cat food. Who owns cats? Old ladies with frail arthritic hands.

Oh, and try to get the lid actually to detach from a tin of plum tomatoes without flicking tomato juice generously up your kitchen wall.

It is no surprise to learn that more than 60,000 people a year require hospital treatment for packaging-related injuries. Six out of ten people have hurt themselves opening things. The surprise is how the other four have escaped. Perhaps they are forensic pathologists.

I bought new kitchen scissors after my old ones disappeared with the compost. The new pair was lashed to a plastic card with a multitude of ties and covered with a blister pack that was welded on by the same technology that fixes the external panels on space probes.

To get the pack open, I required a pair of kitchen scissors.....

Cynthia Ellis

## Friends of Michael Sobell Hospice Events

### Festive Fayre on Saturday 7th December, 10am - 4pm

This year we have an eclectic assortment of festive cards to choose from. Pop into our Festive Fayre and sample an array of delish home-made cakes that will be on offer, plus shop for those lovely gifts from our variety of stalls. For the Children - there will be a Santa's Grotto, plus the Little Elves Craft Workshop including a Story corner (all at a small extra cost). See you then!

### Santa Dash on Saturday 7th December

Join us for a fun filled morning dashing in a Santa suit with your family and friends from our Northwood shop to MSH where our Festive Fayre will be taking place. Registration starts at 11.15am at Northwood Methodist Church. Dash starts at 12 noon. Entry fee: £10.00 per adult (which includes a Santa costume), £5.00 per child under the age of 16 (which includes a novelty item). For further information or an entry form please contact Trish on 01923 844726. Visit: [www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk](http://www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk)



## Northwood and District U3A – University of the Third Age

We have just completed the first four sessions of the Memory Course and are due to begin the next one in October. The feedback from those attendees has been very positive and all seem to have enjoyed the sessions. Hopefully, they have also gained new knowledge and tips on keeping our senses more alert. Obviously, these courses are for U3A members only but there is nothing to stop anybody joining us and putting their name down for later sessions. We will be holding another Pre-Course Seminar next year. Well worth thinking about.

In September some members of our Singing Group had their first public airing. We took part in the musical content of the Big Picnic which was a joint venture between Northwood Hills Residents' Association and Fairfield Church. We certainly enjoyed ourselves possibly aided by the free Pimms and delicious food provided.

We have had various speakers but I think that the lady we most enjoyed was Zena Skinner. She is 86 years old and will not mind anybody knowing this. For those of you who are not old enough, she was one of the original TV Cooks.



The energy and joy that she brought to her talk was amazing. She told us all about her introduction to the then, pretty basic, programme making, all in black and white. Seems impossible now with all the new technology we are bombarded with. It was wonderful to see and hear everybody laughing so spontaneously. A real tonic!!

By the time this goes to print we will have had our AGM and will, in all probability, have quite a few new committee officers and members. To end this report I must say a big THANK YOU to all of the committee. Sadly, Jill Besant will no longer be our Chairman. Jill has been instrumental in so much that we have achieved over the last two years. Her good humour and sound common-sense has steered a somewhat disparate group of people (that is the committee, not the members) through some very choppy waters. She will be a very hard act to follow. Thank you Jill and all the others who shall be nameless. You know who you are!

Don't forget we meet on the first Wednesday of every month at Fairfield Hall, Northwood Hills. Time 10.30am.

*Maureen Crimmins*

## Reminiscence Time at St John's URC

St John's United Reformed Church in Hallowell Road was a Voluntary Aided Detached, Military Auxiliary Hospital during and after World War I from 1914 to 1919.

Northwood Community Arts invites Northwood residents, both past and present to:

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- Preserve local stories for future generations

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on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Drop in between 10am and 2pm; refreshments will be available.

Contributions can be memories, stories, or objects and photographs that relate to the VAD hospital in Hallowell Road which was the first of its kind in the country.

To find out more and register your intention to attend one of the events call Joy Tracy, the Northwood Community Arts Project Manager on 01628 675800 or local call 08435 079473, email [northwoodarts@artreach.biz](mailto:northwoodarts@artreach.biz) or visit [www.northwoodcommunityarts.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcommunityarts.co.uk)



## New Facilities at Northwood Bowling Clubs

Great excitement at Northwood Bowling Clubs in Chestnut Avenue on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, when during a charity coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses the leader of Hillingdon Council arrived at the club in order to open the Chrysalis-funded new toilets. Council Leader, Ray Puddifoot freely admitted to "never having officially opened a toilet before". He was accompanied by Cllrs Scott Seaman-Digby, Carol Melvin and Richard Lewis who together with the current presidents of the club, Nigel Grainger for the men and Angela Beckley for the ladies toasted the opening with champagne.

The original toilets were built before WWI and this total refurbishment has been planned for some five years by the NBC management. A big "thank you" to Tony Smith and Gerry Whitmee for all the tenacity and hard work they have put into this project and, of course, Hillingdon Council for making it possible.

Dare one say that all were relieved and that Clochemerle had come to Northwood?



*Ray Puddifoot MBE does the honours*

*Jeff Young*

## The Royal British Legion Ruislip and Northwood Branch



Remembrance Day and the Two Minute Silence have been observed since the end of the First World War, but their relevance remains undiminished. When we bow our heads in reflection, we remember those who fought for our freedom during the two World Wars. But we also mourn and honour those who have lost their lives in more

recent conflicts. Today, with troops on duty in Afghanistan and other trouble spots around the world, Remembrance, and this two minute tribute, are as important as ever.

The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading Service charity. The Legion provides practical care, advice and support to serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans of all ages and their families.

Each year the nation expresses its unequivocal support for The Royal British Legion's work through the Poppy Appeal which is the Legion's major fundraising campaign.

### Poppy Appeal in Northwood

The Northwood Remembrance Day Parade will take place on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 am** at the War Memorial in the centre of Northwood.

Northwood has supported the Royal British Legion for many years by distributing poppies, wreaths and other remembrance products to our community and collecting donations on their behalf. We distribute throughout Northwood, Eastbury and Northwood Hills and will again have products for which we collect donations in Waitrose, Northwood. Last year donations of over £16,000 were collected in our community. This year's Poppy Appeal campaign will start in Northwood on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

If you have not previously participated in the Northwood Poppy Appeal and would like to assist this year, please advise the Northwood coordinators as follows:

- volunteer collectors at Waitrose: contact Lorraine Morgan on 01923 829911.
- organisations, businesses or house-to-house collection volunteers in your neighbourhood: contact Chris Boulton on 01923 825564.

## Northwood Library Update

It was a busy summer in the library with our Summer Reading Challenge for children, Creepy House. Record numbers of children joined, at Northwood and right across the borough, and collected their certificate and gold medal at the end. The library has been decorated with spiders, bats and creepy houses made by the children and we ran events – stories, craft, creative writing, a visit from a local author - on the Creepy House theme, which were well attended and enjoyed.

We have started two new afternoon groups from the beginning of September, a Scrabble Afternoon takes place every Monday, 1.30 – 3.30 pm. All are very welcome, just turn up on the day and free refreshments are provided. We also have our Knit'n'Natter group every Thursday, 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Feel free to drop in for the whole session



or just part. It is not just a knitting group but any kind of craft, you can swap tips or maybe learn a new skill. Again, free refreshments are provided.

Northwood Library had its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, in partnership with Northwood Community Arts, with Big Draw, a drop-in workshop for all ages, with local artist Hazel McIntosh, and an afternoon face-painting session.

### Opening hours:

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

*Catherine Livingston, Branch Manager*  
Green Lane, Northwood, HA6 3AB  
Tel: 01895 558262

## NRA Buys Musical Instruments for Local Schools

At the AGM in March 2013 it was agreed that the NRA should provide musical instruments for Holy Trinity and Frithwood Primary schools, spending £2,000 for each school. This project has now come to fruition; the instruments have been delivered and the cheques presented to the schools.

NRA chairman Tony Ellis did the honours and presented one cheque for £2,000 to Frithwood Primary School on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Frithwood school has purchased clarinets (short, plastic clarinets) and recorders for their Year 4 pupils. Then on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Tony was at Holy Trinity School where he presented head teacher, Daniel Norris, with the second cheque for £2,000. Holy Trinity school has bought music stands, ukeleles and keyboards with their donation.

We look forward to visiting the schools again in the new school year to enjoy music performed by the pupils on "our" instruments!



## Northwood Safer Neighbourhoods Team

My name is Philip Green and I have taken over the NRA Police remit. After just a few weeks it is clear that some difficult issues will need to be tackled. Notably the current lack of a full-time police presence in Northwood. It is clear that reductions in expenditure will mean some revision to the way we are policed. Currently we have to share our PCSO, John Usher, with two other local wards but although financial constraints exist the lack of numbers is also down to the absences of some key people. Our PC Sarah Fordham is pregnant and covers a lot of the administrative work that is necessary. I understand that other local areas have similar shortfalls but we hope that a long-term absentee will be returning in the New Year to bolster numbers.

Our PCSO John Usher is very personable, keen and supportive and I hope that you will support his efforts.

**Please continue to contact the Northwood Team on Tel: 020 8721 2545 or email: [northwood.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:northwood.snt@met.police.uk)**

There are a significant number of changes taking place in Policing and many of you would have heard about these from Inspector David George at the AGM in March. The

new model is a response to difficult economic times, aiming to be more efficient and reduce funding by 20%. There will be more PCs and fewer Senior Officers. In Hillingdon there should be an extra 50 officers by 2015 bringing the total to approximately 530 in the Borough.

The Mayor of London is winding up Community and Police Consultative Groups in early 2014. They will be replaced by Safer Neighbourhood Boards and a number of Community Engagement Meetings will be held in addition. How exactly this will work and who will be invited is still to be established.

Within my role I also hope to strengthen the Northwood Neighbourhood Watch scheme but must remind residents that volunteers are needed. Please visit [www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk](http://www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk) for an up-to-date newsletter.

*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.*

*Philip Green*  
[police@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:police@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

## MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL

### Did you know?

- Mount Vernon Hospital stands in nearly 105 acres of grounds and is around 120 metres above sea level.
- It was built from 1902 to 1904 although many additional buildings have been added to the complex over the years.
- The hospital was initially built to treat patients with tuberculosis (since at that time there was no treatment for the condition and fresh air and space were the mainstay of managing the disease).
- Charles Dunnell Rudd was the main benefactor in the purchasing of the site and funding building costs.
- In between World Wars I and II Mount Vernon became a leading Cancer Treatment Hospital.
- During World War II the hospital housed more than 1000 injured war wounded.
- The world famous plastic surgical unit was opened in 1953 (but has now been moved to the Royal Free Hospital site).
- The cancer unit continued to grow with the addition of a hospice and subsequently added a scanner unit to house the more sophisticated imaging equipment as it developed.
- In 2009 the latest development was opened, the Mount Vernon Treatment Centre with four operating theatres and a large outpatients department.
- Inside the main building there is a plaque commemorating the main benefactor Charles Rudd. That plaque had two ornate brass statues on either side depicting 'Good' and 'Evil'.
- The statue of 'Good' was stolen in the late 1980's but 'Evil' lasted 10 years longer!

*Trevor Paes*

### Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society

**21st October:** AGM &

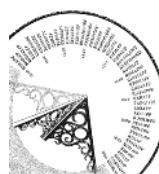
Development of a Town: Windsor as a Garrison 1066 to 19C,  
Brigitte Mitchell, Windsor Local History Group

**18th November:** A New Story of Hornsey,

John Hinshelwood, Hornsey Historical Society

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](http://www.rnelhs.flyer.co.uk)



### Need a Blood Test?

The opening times for the Blood Test (Phlebotomy) Service at Mount Vernon Hospital have changed. Blood Tests are now available Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 4.45pm with the doors closing at 4.30pm.

## Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre

### Christmas is coming for the LJMC...

The LJMC's range of specially selected **Christmas cards** is now on sale. The full range can be viewed at [www.ljmc.org](http://www.ljmc.org) and every penny raised through the sale of cards will go directly to the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre. If you are able to help with selling the cards, we'd love to hear from you. We are able to sell cards here at the Cancer Centre so please give Daniel Craggs a call on 01923 844589 if you can spare a couple of hours to help. If you would like to take a selection to your place of work, schools or clubs, we can let you have these on 'sale or return'.

Tickets are also on sale for our **Grand Christmas Draw** for which we have some fabulous prizes including:

- Pair of Club Europe return tickets donated by BA
- Clay pigeon shooting lesson
- Amazon Kindle

Tickets are available from the LJMC.

We also have the opportunity to provide a **Gift Wrapping service** at local shopping centres in December. We'll be at The Chimes in Uxbridge on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Intu, Watford on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you like wrapping gifts, we'd love your help. It's always a great fun, festive occasion and the more, the merrier!

For further information about all our fundraising activities, call Daniel Craggs on 01923 844589, [daniel.craggs@nhs.net](mailto:daniel.craggs@nhs.net)

The Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre provides support and information for people affected by cancer. Last year the LJMC responded to more than 30,000 requests for help, largely thanks to the generosity of its donors and particularly the amazing team of volunteers that works at the centre. If you would like to find out more about opportunities for volunteers, please call the Helpline on 01923 844014 for an informal chat.

**Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre – supporting people affected by cancer**

### Winner of the Great Northwood Picture Hunt 2013 is announced!

The Great Northwood Picture Hunt challenge has come to an end and the winner has now been announced as Edward Greer who was drawn from the 13 top entrants who identified every image correctly.

Owing to the large number of entries we are unable to provide individual marks. However the answers and a list of those who correctly identified all 40 photographs, are on display in the Oasis Lounge coffee shop at Northwood Methodist Church. The Oasis Lounge is open Wednesday to Saturday, from 10am -12noon.

Northwood Methodist Church would like to thank everyone for taking part in the Great Northwood Picture Hunt 2013. We hope you enjoyed it!

The challenge raised £550 for our Church Restoration Fund.

Look out for our next events!

Did you get this one? See Page 16 for the answer.



### Northwood Live at Home Scheme

The Northwood Live At Home Scheme has a full programme planned for the rest of the year, helping older people locally to remain active and supporting them to stay living in their own homes. There are soup & sandwich lunches with speakers, gentle exercise sessions, the breakfast club, outings and shopping trips as well as the weekly lunch club. The Friendship Group at Northwood Hills URC



*Celebrating the Queen's Coronation Jubilee*

Church in Joel Street meets every Monday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. It provides an exercise session, craft activities, quizzes, a healthy lunch and plenty of opportunity to socialise. Members can stay for just part of the day if preferred. To join the Scheme or find out more about our whole programme of events, contact the office on **01923 842494**.

Our annual Musical Evening in aid of the Scheme will be held on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** at Holy Trinity Church Hall. It's a popular event with a champagne & canapé reception, dinner, entertainment from the Stardust Big Band and an opportunity to dress up. Why not come and join us for an excellent evening out? For details and tickets contact Richard Plume on **01923 827409**.

We are delighted to have received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award in recognition of the dedication of our volunteers and their contribution to the community.

If you have a few hours to spare a month and would like to volunteer to help run our activities, drive people to them or visit people in their own homes, please contact the office too on **01923 842494**.

[www.localgiving.com/charity/northwoodliveathome](http://www.localgiving.com/charity/northwoodliveathome)

*Jo Wild, Chairman*

## Mount Vernon Hospital Comforts Fund

The Comforts Fund, run entirely by volunteers, continues to thrive, raising money for vital equipment and useful items for the hospital that the NHS budget is unable to provide.

Recent purchases include:

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if you are getting rid of such items? As you can see from the above, we make great use of the money raised.

We can also use torn/dirty clothing that is not good enough to sell which, believe it or not, generates income for our funds.

We really do rely on donations of any kind to continue our work.

Just a reminder that all our shops and the radiotherapy tea bar are open Monday to Friday. Find the shops adjacent to the Minor Injuries unit (the tea bar is adjacent to the radiotherapy waiting area).

General store 10am-3.30pm  
Look-in charity shop 11am-3pm  
Second-hand bookshop 11am-3pm  
Radiotherapy tea bar 10am-4pm  
Also, the trolley visits all wards every weekday morning.

*Lisa Maclay*

## Northwood Lions Club



We had a busy summer with fundraising events including quizzes, tinshakes outside Tesco, and stalls at the Uxbridge Auto Show and Pinner Village Show. Thank you to all who supported us. Our next quiz night will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Haste Hill Golf Club.

At the beginning of October we held another presentation evening to donate money raised by the wonderful volunteers at the Saturday Market (the Den). This time nearly £12,000 was divided between RAFT, DASH, Orchyd, Shooting Star Chase, Admiral Nurses and Hearing Dogs. The Den is at 195 Pinner Road, Northwood and is open every Saturday between 9.45am and 11.45am. If you haven't visited do come in and browse one Saturday.

Our Christmas project this year will once again be to provide hampers for some of the Hillingdon Young Carers and their families.

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

## Northwood & District Community Association

Four of our sections run all year around: the tennis, badminton, Sunday ramble and Wednesday Walking for Pleasure. Each August the tennis and badminton groups combine in a social way by having a barbecue, and this year the weather was kind and we had to dodge the sun rather than the rain!

September sees all our sections resuming and summer bowlers then move indoors to our **Short Mat Bowling** sections held on **Monday** afternoons, **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings, and as always new members would be most welcome as we have lost some of our regular players for various reasons.

We will be holding a Ploughman's Lunch and Quiz Supper in November, always popular events at a very reasonable price of £5.00 to members.

The friendship of the members, who in turn belong to other organisations, means that anyone new to the area joining our association, finds interests and activities to widen their horizons.

Please come and join us – contact me, Pat Dunhill on 01923 836346.

## Council of Christians and Jews, Hillingdon Branch

**Tuesday 12th November. The Development of British Muslims in their encounter with the West.**  
Discussed by **Dr Chris Hewer**. St Lawrence Church Hall, 2 Bridle Road, Eastcote HA5 2SJ

**Wednesday 11th December.** Doughnuts & Mincepies; Chanukah & Christmas Social. In aid of our local food bank. Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA

Events start at 8pm; entry donation £3 for visitors. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

For more information contact the secretary on 07836 676792. [www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk](http://www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk)

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## Northwood Methodist Church Oaklands Gate

### November

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>: Soup kitchen, Oasis Lounge  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Fayre, Main Hall  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup>: Quiz night and supper, Main  
Hall, 6 – 9pm  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>: Love2Paint, 10am - 12noon

### December

6-24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Tree Festival, Church

Quiz answer: *Public Footpath R4 on  
the footbridge across the railway at  
Sandy Lodge Way. See Page 14.*

## Ruislip-Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

**Tues 5 Nov**, National Demonstrator - Anthony Williams,  
Subject - "Autumn Highlights"

Venue: Northwood College, Maxwell Road, Northwood

Time: Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start Cost: Visitors £5

Contact: Jean Joseph on 01923 829621

## Kate Fassnidge Community Hall

The hall in the High Street is now open for hire by local residents and  
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[aretter@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:aretter@hillingdon.gov.uk)  
Tel: 020 8426 1806 or 07956 129046

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