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Residents' Association

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Northwood is ...



... at last

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Flooding Investigation - an environmental report

Flooding on the low-lying areas of Northwood has been a hazard in past years and continues to this day, where with heavy rains or prolonged medium intensity rainfall some parts of Northwood can take a more serious flooding hit than others. This article focuses on two such areas though I am sure some residents will seek to advise me of other locations prone to flooding in due course.

In the pictures serious flooding in Copse Wood Way and Hills Lane are highlighted. If drains block or become insufficient to deal with volumes of water above the design limit of the drain network, then flooding will occur. As single-family use housing is replaced by multiple family use dwelling units (such as flats, apartments and multigenerational large homes), and gardens are concreted or paved over for patios and car parking, sewage and foul/rainwater volumes entering drains increase. In addition, in our area there are local streams such as the Northbrook that over the years have been diverted into pipes and gullies, then to ditches, and typically find their way across two golf courses eventually exiting into the Lido. If any part of the streams network becomes blocked it can contribute to additional localised flooding.



Northwood Gravel Pits



Copse Wood Way

At some point in time unless drainage infrastructure is increased in line with housing developments, drains that historically have been adequate, become inadequate. Likewise, if drains and their pipe networks become obstructed or are insufficiently / infrequently cleared, then debris build-up can develop and restrict flows.

The NRA became aware of residents' concerns on flooding and your committee determined that an approach to Thames Water should be made.

With appropriate documentary evidence including the pictures shown in this article communication was initiated with the Thames Water CEO, Ms Sarah Bentley, which resulted in the appointment of a senior case manager from their executive office to investigate and report back to the NRA on your behalf.

In December 2020 this senior case manager reported that their investigation of surface water sewers (SWS) and foul water sewers (FWS) serving our area by camera had identified a tree obstruction that was removed. By mid-March in the Copse Wood area these surveys were completed and the SWS AND FWS reported as clean, clear and serviceable. In the Hills Lane area where the encased Northbrook stream passes under Rickmansworth Road, runs parallel to Hills Lane then through the golf course, the Thames Water camera surveys are in the planning stage. We anticipate receiving reports on progress plus any significant findings in the next months.



Hills Lane



The drains and sewer system infrastructure in Northwood were put in place as the hamlet morphed into a village that has now become a town and that begs the question, "Have these systems kept up with the increase in housing in Northwood or not?" Thames Water commented that their organisation is not a statutory consultee for planning applications, and it is a matter for the local authority (London Borough of Hillingdon or Three Rivers Council for residents of Northwood) to notify the water authority of planning developments that might indicate additions or alterations to SWS and FWS infrastructure. The NRA is considering how this should be challenged as that communications link in practice may not have been fully effective over the years, and this is an on-going discussion.

KEEP THAMES WATER INFORMED. Thames Water has made it very clear that their company wishes to be informed by Northwood residents where and when flooding occurs. Please do make use of these contact methods to report flooding incidents.

By telephone to **0800 316 9800**, a 24/7 customer contact centre
Email to **customer.feedback@thameswater.co.uk**
or by their online feedback form at **thameswater.co.uk/getintouch**

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For all information about local environmental issues, visit the council website, **www.hillingdon.gov.uk** and follow the links or use the Search box

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From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The end of April and I'm still wearing my winter woollies. Jack Frost is still visiting at night as well. Hardly the weather for writing a Spring report but there is blossom and new leaf on the trees and birds have started to feed their young so it must be Spring.

When I wrote the 2020 Spring article, Covid was something that was happening in the Far East. Who would have thought that we would all be locked up for over a year, our lives completely overturned, so many families badly affected? One can only hope that vaccines will be the definitive response to the epidemic and that we will soon be allowed to return to a semblance of normality.

One of the few good things that resulted is the way millions of people volunteered to help others – strangers, family and friends. On the other hand some pretty despicable things such as scams have become endemic. Please remember, if it sounds too good it probably is too good – and banks and the police will never ring you and ask for your account details.

STANDARD OF DRIVING

Since the return to school there are more cars on the road than before the epidemic. Some drivers seem to have forgotten their manners and how to drive. Fewer drivers give way, parking is more inconsiderate and speeding is more prevalent. To make matters worse, the utility companies have woken up and are having a frenzied spree of creating as many holes as possible.

Please try not to let those who are inconsiderate get to you. Sit back and feel superior; it won't take much longer to get home safely.

NORTHWOOD & PINNER COTTAGE HOSPITAL

On Page 9 Trevor Sherling writes about the NHS's plans for the redevelopment of the site. He explains why we are objecting to these plans. The NHS has not properly consulted residents and considered our needs. The area has a high number of elderly residents who need step-down and sheltered accommodation of which there is almost none. It would appear that neither the council nor the NHS have sufficient regard to these needs. If you feel strongly enough, please write to your councillors and object.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

It is good to see that most of our local shops have survived Covid. Please do support them. Our local restaurants have had a tough time and will need your support when they (hopefully) open in May. Bon appetit!

ADMINISTRATION

This year's AGM will be held on Thursday, 30th September at 8pm in the Oaklands Gate Methodist Church and local MP, David Simmonds, will be the speaker. Let's hope that we can really meet in person!

With the easing of restrictions our Road Stewards will be out and about again. Collecting subscriptions can be an onerous task so please pay promptly. Less than half of you have given us your email address so you are not getting regular

communications. We have also launched a new, much improved website – a real incentive to register with us.

We have surplus funds and need your ideas for spending some. The last project was the clock which is a splendid asset to Northwood. Please contact me if you have any ideas.

HILLINGDON AND MOUNT VERNON HOSPITALS (THH)

Progress is proceeding apace on the new Hillingdon Hospital. There will be an exhibition with models and plans in early June. Details can be found at <https://thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment/>.

Some clinical and back-office operations will be transferred to Mount Vernon to enable space to be released for the development at Hillingdon so the Northwood site will become a lot busier.

The Minor Injuries Unit has re-opened at Mount Vernon. However there is some added bureaucracy now as patients must ring 111 to be triaged before attending.

The consultation process concerning the relocation of the Cancer Centre is continuing. See mvccreview.nhs.uk. The preference is to relocate to a new build at Watford General but, as yet, no funds have been allocated. University College Hospital is in the process of taking over the running from East and North Herts Trust.

Please remember that I am the Lead Governor at THH and well-placed to answer any hospital related queries?

COMMITTEE AND ROAD STEWARDS

David Blowers, our treasurer for the last 10 years, has resigned and I thank him for his invaluable contribution to the NRA. He has been replaced by Rashmi Chauhan. We have also co-opted Sunil Shah as our IT guru.

Once again I want to thank our Road Stewards and committee members for the selfless time they put in to making the NRA run smoothly. Last, but not least, we are indebted to Ros Plume for producing such a professional newsletter.

CONCLUSION

It is my pleasure to thank Hillingdon Council for their continued efficiency in running services throughout the pandemic. I'd also like to thank the many volunteers who have looked after the sick and elderly and also our councillors and MP.



LBH, we value your services!

Enjoy the additional freedom from restrictions and stay safe.

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Business News

The sun is shining, shops have opened up and we can finally get our hair cut! Both Green Lane and the High Street areas have come back to life now our lockdown restrictions are eased.

Businesses have adapted their services where possible - Northwood Health Foods and Cook amongst others are offering a take-away service; tables have appeared on the pavement outside The Misty Moon; Caffè Casa Mia has opened up a beer garden.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Barnardo's, Loose Ends hair salon, and to Barclays Bank, which closes in July. Bowleys' closure is also a huge loss having been a Northwood business for over 100 years. Their premises will be occupied by Robsons.

On the positive side, it's good to see Jean Page, florist in their new premises next to the Post Office. Vogue Kitchens and L&Y Dental are on the verge of opening their respective businesses on the south side of Green Lane. We have a new hardware shop, Home Needs, in Maxwell Road and a new café, Blush, opening shortly on Rowland Place.

Meanwhile, in the High Street, I saw plenty of smiles from shop owners who are all glad to be back and happy to start serving customers again. Welcome to Athenaprint management services in High Street and to BrewTway hot drinks and snacks round the corner in Pinner Road.

And a smile from Savita at Northwood Cards and Gifts says it all!



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Traffic and Highways

NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

About two years ago a transport study was carried out for LBH, including the following roads:-

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

So far little positive has come out of this project, it's virtually dormant. With a new Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Transportation, now is the time to try again.

RICKMANSWORTH ROAD/GREEN LANE



Because of recent changes to double yellow lines, the number of pedestrians crossing at the junction of Rickmansworth Road and Green Lane, particularly with young children, has increased. At present, as the traffic lights now operate, there is no safe time for pedestrians to cross. Local residents have raised a petition to try to rectify this, suggesting the installation of a Pelican crossing. The council has agreed that a survey will be carried out during term time and at 'rush hour' to reflect the true usage of the crossing by the local

community. This has been delayed owing to the present restrictions, but with schools having returned, traffic levels increasing and council changes (see above). It should now go ahead.

GREEN LANE

It is good to note that the resurfacing of Green Lane has been completed - a great improvement.

WATER WORKS

As you have probably noticed, Infinity Water is in the process of replacing a trunk water main between Cygnet Close and the top of Potter Street Hill. So far this has caused traffic complications in The Avenue, Ducks Hill Road and High Street. As I write, work is proceeding in High Street and will continue until the end of June, before moving on to Church Road, Northwood Way and Hillside Road, with consequent road closures and one-way working with temporary traffic lights from time to time. At some stage Rickmansworth Road from The Avenue to High Street will come into the picture, but I don't have a date for this.

FURTHER AFIELD – HS2

It may be helpful to know that the road crossing at Breakspear Road South will have become operational for HS2 site traffic from 10 May 2021. The London Borough of Hillingdon has approved a speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph between Swakeleys Road and Breakspear Road North and to 20mph near to where the construction site's haul road crosses it.

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Peter Lansdown

Meet Your Committee - two new members

Sunil oversees our IT systems.

My name is Sunil Shah. I have lived in Northwood with my family for the past 20 years. I've made new friends and reconnected with some old friends in the area.

In my working life, I am the head of IT and Business Intelligence at a firm of accountants in St. John's Wood. I have been creating database systems throughout my career. When I saw a recent advert requesting help with NRA IT systems including the membership database, I thought this would be an interesting way to get involved with the local community. I look forward to working with the committee and hopefully making a difference.



Rashmi Chauhan is our new treasurer.

I have been a resident of Northwood for nearly four decades and have seen the many changes both good and bad over these many years.

By God's grace in 2018, I was given a new lease of life having been diagnosed and then successfully operated for oesophageal cancer. This has led me to re-focus on life and to create time to do more. I now have the opportunity and time to work with my fellow members at the NRA to ensure that Northwood remains a wonderfully vibrant community. It is with great delight that I have been co-opted as Treasurer for the NRA, utilising my financial and accounting background.

My interests include reading, theatre and cricket. My passion for cricket has allowed me to make great friends at MCC, Lords Cricket Ground, the 'home' of cricket.



Have you seen it yet? Our website has been transformed!



NRA website 2010 to 2015



NRA website 2015 to 2021



At the AGM in October the committee was given approval to pay for the website to be updated. Since then we have been working with a website developer who has transferred the site to the WordPress platform and made some tweaks to improve its functionality, especially on small devices.

I'm sure you will agree that the new site has a fresher look compared with the previous versions shown on the left.

We hope you enjoy navigating around the site!

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Ruislip Lido Update

The council carried out a trial at the Lido over the Easter weekend to aid the reduction in overcrowding and associated traffic problems of recent times. The trial consisted of an experimental anti-clockwise one-way system for visitors walking, running or cycling around the perimeter path and a maximum number of 1200 people allowed on site at any one time, with marshals conducting a live count at all entrances and exits.



Although the weather was cloudy and cool for most of the four days, the trial was considered successful in that it provided some useful information. In spite of the cool conditions the 1200 number was reached on occasions.

I understand that the use of the one-way system will be continued over weekends for the next few months. I also believe that consideration is being given to allowing a maximum number of visitors on site at any time. This number still to be determined.

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Peter Lansdown



Green Space for Health

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre is delighted to introduce its first ever Nature Recovery

Ranger, Karen MacKelvie. Karen has been employed as part of the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare's Green Space for Health programme, with Government funding from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

As the amount of evidence continues to build on just how important outdoor space is to both physical and mental health, we are extremely excited to be involved in a project that looks to maximise the use of the green space for the benefit of both staff and patient wellbeing.

With a woodland walk, wildflower meadow, space for chemotherapy treatment outside and wellbeing activities in the planning - we look forward to updating local residents on our progress over the next 12 months. In the meantime, if anyone can help the project get off to a flying start by donating or help sourcing any of the items in the box, we would be very grateful and would love to hear from you.

Fresh pallets (20)
Large logs for seating
Scaffolding boards (not too grubby)
4x2 timber
Log stumps (a metre or so long so that they can be dug in as upright seats)
Big Bobbins (cable spools – preferably with wooden centres)
Large outdoor umbrella or awning/tarpaulins
Nails and screws
A pick axe
Loppers

For more information, please contact Karen MacKelvie
Tel: 020 3826 2515 email:
karen.mackelvie@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk

The Woods are getting bigger!

Unbeknown to many there is a small area of Ruislip Woods that has been under private ownership. A collaboration between the Ruislip Woods Trust and London Borough of Hillingdon has negotiated with the current owners to purchase this area of thirty acres of woodland to protect it and bring it under the care of the council, and for the good of the public.

It is a triangle of land that borders Ducks Hill Road almost opposite the entrance to Holland & Holland and runs down the back of some of the houses in the Copse Wood Estate.

The first project to be carried out will be to clear some of the paths of invasive laurel and holly.

Other news is that the new refurbished Woodland Centre is opening at the Lido in July, which is well worth a visit.



The newly purchased piece of woodland is shown by the orange shading

Summer is coming and the paths are firm, the cows will be on the common and the trees are in leaf. Do get out there and enjoy it!

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Miles Gillman

Metropolitan Line

Gerry Pimm represents the NRA on FOMLUC, the Federation of Metropolitan Line User Committees. No report this time, but remember Gerry is always pleased to receive your Met Line tales, whether woeful or complimentary!

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Gerry Pimm

A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

As we emerge from a third national lockdown, we are starting to regain a sense of normality to our lives, with our high streets opening up once more. I think that one of the most important things to come out of the pandemic is just how cherished high streets and town centres are to their communities, and I know that Northwood is no exception.

My predecessor, Nick Hurd, engaged a lot on TfL's redevelopment proposals for Northwood Town Centre, which I know has historically been opposed by residents. I understand that these plans were being re-thought but sadly there has been little progress owing to the pandemic. However, please be assured that I will continue to stand up for residents' concerns in response to any future proposals.

It has been fantastic to see new businesses up and running in Northwood, despite the pandemic. However, I know empty shop units remain an issue. To tackle this, I will ensure that TfL works closely with residents, current business owners, and Hillingdon Council, as restrictions are lifted. We need TfL to engage with the community on how best to utilise these spaces to reflect the evolving nature of our town centres, whilst retaining their much-cherished character.

Another issue which will be important to you is the redevelopment of Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital. I have discussed this with council colleagues, and am aware there are mixed views locally, but am very cautious about further delays to a long-awaited project. The part of the site which is not required for health services is due to be sold and the housing element will be handled by an entirely separate developer, so the final proposal may look very different from what has currently been consulted upon. While this is ultimately an NHS project, I will continue to discuss this with the team leading this within the NHS, colleagues at Hillingdon and local residents to try and ensure we have a shared view going forward.

My recent communication with constituents has been largely on a virtual basis. However, as measures continue to be lifted over the coming months, I am hopeful that in-person surgeries will be resumed, and I look forward to visiting Northwood and meeting with its residents face to face again.

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You can follow his work on the website: www.davidsimmonds.org.uk and on Twitter: @DSimmonds_RNP or Facebook: DavidSimmondsMP



Health Matters

NEW URGENT CARE SERVICE AT MOUNT VERNON

Mount Vernon Hospital now has an Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner Service for the care of patients with minor injuries.

Minor injuries might include cuts, grazes and bruising, minor burns, animal bites and simple broken bones. This service is not a 'walk-in' clinic; patients are triaged and appointments, if required, are booked via NHS 111 online (111.nhs.uk) or by calling 111. If you have a minor injury, please contact NHS 111.

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS have now amalgamated into a single Clinical Commissioning Group for North West

London. All services are commissioned through this CCG NW London.

GP PRACTICES

Anyone needing treatment can use the online E-Consultation facility or call their GP Surgery or NHS 111.

COVID -19

Hospitals in and around Northwood are trying to provide services as normally as possible. Patients are requested to keep their appointments and to attend alone. Visitors to patients in hospitals are advised not to attend until further notice.

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Dr Amir Lakha



PAUL
STRICKLAND
SCANNER
CENTRE

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre will be holding two of their popular events over the coming months, although slightly modified to ensure everyone can keep within government guidelines and stay safe. Please help them to raise much needed funds to keep providing the best care for their patients at Mount Vernon Hospital with cancer and other serious illnesses.

STEPPING UP FOR CANCER, Anytime in May

Take a walk any time in May and help us to improve outcomes for our patients with cancer. For £15pp we provide a T-shirt and route instructions to our 10K route through the Chess Valley, or you can complete any walk of any distance that you would prefer to do.

GOLF DAY at Denham Golf Club

Take part in our fabulous Golf Day on Thursday 15 July, or support us by sponsoring a hole. Start with coffee and breakfast rolls, 18 holes on the amazing course and then a delicious meal for only £100 per person.

For any information and to book these events or other ways you can help, please contact the fundraising team

Email: appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk

Tel: 01923 886315

Website: www.stricklandscanner.org.uk

Planning Matters

Planning Applications have continued to be submitted through recent months. 272 were submitted since the last newsletter and of those I made 115 objections or comments although half of those related to applications for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

YOU CAN COMMENT ONLINE. Don't forget, where an application affects your property, you should make objections or comments on the LB Hillingdon planning portal if there are planning reasons to do so, as it is too late once consent has been granted. You can search for a planning application by going to the LBH website: www.hillingdon.gov.uk then under Services, click on Planning and Building. On that page, click on Search for planning applications and follow instructions.

After viewing the documents press 'Enter Comment.'

GET YOUR VOICE HEARD WITH A PETITION. If a planning application affects several of your neighbours then it would be worthwhile producing a petition, which enables the lead petitioner to present to the Planning Committee. That way the Planning Committee can hear the concerns first-hand. You need to get 20 signatures from residents living within LB Hillingdon, and everyone in the household who is 18 or over can sign.

Currently committee meetings are held online, and the submission is read out by an officer. However, as we write there are discussions about reverting to live committee meetings again, in which case the lead petitioner can attend and read out their submission themselves.

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Trevor Sherling

Friends of Northwood Recreation Ground



The ongoing pandemic has given us a greater appreciation of local green spaces and their mental and physical health benefits. But with public spending unlikely to increase in light of the economic situation and the days of dedicated park-keepers long gone, what can we do to improve such valued places?

A new Friends Of Northwood Recreation Ground group has been created by residents with the aim of working alongside Hillingdon Council to bring the best out of our park and the adjacent meadow for both humans and nature. Plenty of compelling ideas and potential projects have been put forward to enhance the functionality and aesthetics of this area and make it a huge source of pride for Northwood and Northwood Hills.

With all the isolation we've had to endure in recent times, the timing feels right for this outdoors community project to unite residents for a common, shared goal.

Progress has already been made. The group's first socially-distanced working party on Thursday April 22nd saw local volunteers and council officers work together to clear an overgrown area to return to use a previously hidden bridge over a ditch between the park and meadow - and to restore a footpath around the park's perimeter. Many bags of litter were also accumulated.

There are plans for more events like this – so stay tuned!

If you want to become involved, please join the Friends Of Northwood Recreation Ground Facebook group or Email: northwoodrecfriends@gmail.com
Tel: 07977 938 249

Ben Rawson-Jones



Share Your Community News

Are you and your neighbours taking part in any community projects such as freecycle mornings, plant swaps, outdoor coffee mornings, reducing plastic, picking up litter etc? If so, do let us know what you are doing; we could feature your project in a future newsletter and encourage others to follow your example.

This beautiful border that welcomes visitors to Langton Grove is a good example - it is planted and tended by a local resident.

Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital and Northwood Health Centre



The Cottage Hospital still functioning in 2002

A planning application has now been submitted by the NHS for the reinstatement of the Cottage Hospital in Pinner Road, moving the Acre Way surgery into the Cottage Hospital together with the provision of other services to make the old building the North Hillingdon Health Hub, and then the construction of 70 flats on the remaining site.

We consider that 70 flats is an overdevelopment of the site. However, the NHS has said that whilst they will be selling the development site to a developer, the price must achieve a sufficient amount to pay for all of the works to the Cottage Hospital without any other funding from the NHS being involved.

The NHS has also stated that they cannot afford to comply with the national policy requirement of providing social housing for developments of this size. In the financial appraisal they state:

'In the absence of other funding sources, the Applicant is reliant on the residential element of development proposals to cross-fund the provision of the new health centre.'

In the same appraisal it is stated: *'At the present time we do not consider the land receipt generated by even a 100% private iteration of the residential element to be sufficient to fully fund the delivery of the new health centre. However we have carried out a sensitivity analysis to show that, in a competitive bidding scenario for the residential site, potential purchasers may make more bullish assumptions than our own, which would increase the price they could pay for the land to a level sufficient to enable delivery of the health centre. However even this scenario assumes that the 70 residential units would all be for private sale. Introducing affordable housing into the scheme would further depress viability and may threaten delivery of the health centre.'*

Hence, they are saying that even if this planning consent is granted and social housing is excluded they are not committed to carrying out the works to the Cottage Hospital.

They have also said in their Submission that they believe it unlikely that the price they will get from the developer for the construction of 70 flats will be sufficient to pay for the cost in any case.

The NHS did not make it clear at the public consultations that it was unlikely that this residential development would achieve a sufficient price to pay for the Cottage Hospital works.

As we have been in discussions about the development of the site for over 15 years, waiting a bit longer is not a big issue. It is more important that the eventual development meets Northwood and Northwood Hills' aspirations.

The Hub will serve a large part of the community and the most straightforward way is for the additional funding required to be provided by the NHS, a well respected and essential public service funded by taxpayers' money, as that will be the way to get the provision of the Hub off the ground quickly.

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Trevor Sherling

Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

London Marathon charity places available!

Didn't get a ballot place but would like to take on this iconic running challenge?

We have just TWO London Marathon places plus 10 Virtual London Marathon places up for grabs for the event taking place on Sunday 3rd October.

2021 is an extra special year for Michael Sobell Hospice as we celebrate a whole year of the Inpatient Unit being open again! Make this your special year too, by taking part and raising funds to support patients and their families during one of the most difficult times they will face.

To take part in this year's London Marathon, please apply for a place today, by sending an email to: info@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk.

Michael Sobell Hospice shops reopened their doors on Monday 12th April to the delight of customers with the first week seeing the two shops in Northwood and Eastcote raising over £4k!



Can you help by lending a hand?

We are appealing for volunteers to come and join our wonderful shop teams. If this is something you would like to do, or if you know anyone who may be interested, then please contact Victoria Mansell, on email: vmansell@michaelsobellhospice.co.uk for more information.

Please may we take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" to all our customers, supporters and volunteers, for their continued support.

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

or call us on **020 3826 2362**

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Dear Northwood residents,

This is the first piece I have written for the Northwood Residents' Association so I would like to introduce myself - I am Sergeant James Bishop and I took over from Jim Last back in September.

PC Bethany John joined the team in late

February to work alongside PC Max Christmas and PCSO John Usher who I'm sure you are aware have both been here for a few years now.

This last year has obviously been a strange time for all of us, including in policing where the constantly changing face of Covid-19 restrictions, lockdown and subsequent easing requires an almost daily effort to see what the latest is. Hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel which will mean we can return to Ward Panel meetings in person and community and crime prevention events in Northwood where you can come and meet us in person.

The Team members are:

PS James Bishop, PC Max Christmas, PC Bethany John and PCSO John Usher.

The Neighbourhoods Inspector is Insp Zubin Writer

Whatever the latest is with regards to Covid-19, it will not stop our commitment to serving the residents of Northwood and dealing with every day matters just as rigorously.

I'm aware that there has been an increase in catalytic converter thefts from cars, particularly older version Toyota Prius and Honda Jazz models on the ward and while this a nationwide issue, Mount Vernon hospital has seen a particularly high number of these thefts. We are working with Hillingdon Borough Council, hospital security and Neighbourhood Watches and OWL users across the borough to try and get these numbers down, deter criminals and try and identify those that have committed any offences.

Shortly after the last newsletter there was a disturbing incident in the Gravel Pits in Northwood where a female was sexually assaulted by a stranger, who then went on to commit another similar offence in Ruislip the next day. This male was quickly identified and arrested and will hopefully receive a very long sentence for these despicable offences. Despite this, Northwood remains a very safe place to live, lower in terms of crimes per 1000 residents than both the London wide and Hillingdon averages and we want it stay that way.

Take care and we will see you out and about!
Sergeant James Bishop

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Twitter: [@MPSNorthwood](https://twitter.com/MPSNorthwood)

Website: www.met.police.uk/your-area/

Address: Ruislip Police Station, The Oaks, HA4 7LF

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Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW) is run by a small committee of volunteers, and in 2018 we were fortunate enough to win funding for a joint communications system between NHW and the Police, known as **Online Watch Link** or, as most people know it, "**OWL**".

As well as being the only system that carries the police "Secured By Design" accreditation, it had already been proved successful across Herts in getting crime information to residents by means of targeted messages sent by officers and senior NHW Coordinators, who in return received vital evidence leads. Across London there are now 15 boroughs using OWL and with funding now in place for 2021-22, usage will hopefully expand across all 32 boroughs.



CCTV WATCH AS WELL. In Hillingdon we have pioneered the use of CCTV Watch on OWL, whereby residents can register that they have a domestic CCTV system on their property, and would be willing to search it upon request by the police in the event of a crime taking place nearby. Officers can log in to OWL and see the whole of Hillingdon on a map, and the location of residents on CCTV Watch. This speeds up the process of identifying early CCTV opportunities, and gives the contact details of the resident, thus saving officers' time. If you have a CCTV system that you've not registered on OWL, then simply email our CCTV Watch administrator at hillingdoncctv@gmail.com

SUCCESS STORIES. We have achieved many success stories across Hillingdon in the two years that we have been using OWL, such as: recovered property identified by the rightful owner; prevention of a keyless car theft through a resident following advice to use a Faraday bag; up-to-date information on the latest scams and frauds; and the most significant achievement of 2020 being the arrest and charge of a male following a crossbow shooting – the arrest was made *within 22hrs of the incident*, and we were advised that without information from members on OWL CCTV Watch this would not have been the case.

Thank you for your continued support of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch and the Metropolitan Police, and remember, please register on OWL at www.owl.co.uk and ask all of your friends and neighbours to join us too. OWL supports the traditional Watch system, and anyone wishing to start up a new Watch in their road should still contact the HNW Office at all@hillingdonnhw.co.uk

Dave Ludlow
OWL Community Coordinator
Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

Councillors' Column

It's been a year unlike others in recent memory and the council has had to respond to unexpected demands, doing so with a focus of purpose that has shown the strength of the officers and the organisation of which we are proud to be a part. Meetings have been virtual (they revert to live events on 17th May) and the interaction with residents has been limited to virtual meetings and calls, albeit that this is now the most common approach for our case work. Campaigning for the Mayoral election was in full swing once the rules changed and we enjoyed meeting residents, at a distance, as we delivered around the ward.

COUNCILLORS ALWAYS READY TO TALK. We discontinued Councillor surgeries some years back and took the approach to set up specific meetings on request from residents, alongside being available on email and by phone as needed. The contact details here should be used if you require assistance from the three of us and when able we would be happy to set up meetings. In the interim we have access to MS Teams for a video call.



Carol, Scott and Richard - pre social distancing introduction!

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR TOWN CENTRE. The impact on our high streets has been seen across the country and within the ward with the number of empty premises rising. As the economy picks up (and the Bank of England and others predict this will outstrip forecasts) we hope that new entrants will take up the vacancies and help Northwood bounce back. Some traders like Fruity Fresh have aligned their

offer to the new environment with great success and we hope others will be able to do the same.

As we move into 2021 and the Summer the vaccination programme and the targeted Test and Trace services are helping us all to feel more confident in the future. As life starts to return to a new normal, we are here to help residents with questions of issues relating to the council and look forward to helping as required.

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

Tel: 01895 250316 - Civic Centre office (9am - 5.30pm weekdays)

Email: rlewis@hillingdon.gov.uk
cmelvin@hillingdon.gov.uk
sseaman-digby@hillingdon.gov.uk

NRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

**Thursday 30th September
7.30pm for 8pm start**

Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate
(Covid restrictions permitting, via Zoom if no alternative)

The agenda will be published nearer the time on our noticeboards, on our website and by email to those members who have registered their email addresses with us.

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

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

NORTHWOOD WARD POLICE PANEL

The work of the ward panel has continued albeit via virtual meetings rather than physically. We have a small number of local residents who are keen to ensure that the Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) is able to maintain the low levels of crime and deal with any new spikes or issues. We look to discuss not only any local issues but also how we might be able to help. We have residents covering religious groups, youth matters, Neighbourhood Watches, OWL, seniors and businesses but we would like a wider, more diverse group. So, if this something you want to be involved with please contact me directly. I would like to thank all those that sit on the current panel.

CAUTION

As the world opens up again and more people return to normal work and school routines there is more possibility for increasing crime, especially burglary. The normal seasonal advice about home security should be heeded. Whilst we have been in various states of lockdown hopefully we have all considered the security of our homes, outbuildings, vehicles, on line activity and scams. The latter has been increasing at a

huge rate and is often not reported. Scams are becoming more sophisticated, there is no shame if you have been a victim but the police cannot track it if you don't report it.

OWL

In Northwood we have seen a much slower than expected uptake of the OWL system run by the Met Police. We have advocated its use before, it is the easiest way to get useful advice on what is affecting us directly to your computer. Please do sign up at www.owl.co.uk

If you are unable to get in contact with your SNT and want to talk about a police matter feel free to contact me directly. Our SNT is not on duty 24/7 but a police presence is, as always, available in an emergency via 999.

Chairman, Northwood Police Ward Panel
nwdpolicepanel@gmail.com

and NRA Police Liaison
police@northwoodresidents.co.uk
H: 01923 450497 M: 07831 116570

Philip Green

NRA AGM 2020

Our first virtual AGM was held on 29th October 2020. 12 officers and members of the NRA executive committee, and 21 residents and associate members attended. The meeting covered all the legal requirements for the Association and provided a lively opportunity for residents to share their views and ask for information.

THE MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE COVERED WERE:

- * The Annual Accounts prepared by David Blowers. These were approved with no one present dissenting.
- * The election of Officers: Chairman – Tony Ellis; Vice Chairman – Miles Gillman; Treasurer – David Blowers; Auditor – Chris Rogers were approved with no one present dissenting.
- * The election of other committee members: Those elected for the year, with no one present dissenting, were:
Paul Barker - membership and chief road steward
Andrew Egan - environment
Philip Green - police liaison
Hoda Lacey – business membership
Dr Amir Lakha – health matters
Peter Lansdown - traffic and highways
Ros Plume - secretary
Trevor Sherling - planning advisor
- * Valerie Mellor was proposed as President. This was agreed with no one present dissenting.

NEW WEBSITE. The Chairman described the requirement for a new more functional web site, which has been extensively discussed by the Committee. Chris Duffy, Legal Advisor, pointed out that we have a legal obligation to have proper working systems in place to manage the Association. Expenditure greater than 5% of NRA funds was approved with no one present dissenting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were discussions on safety in the Gravel Pits area, what to spend NRA money on, methods of payments for subscriptions and the future of the Mount Vernon hospital site. More information can be found in the full report available on the web site.

*Sue Mansfield
Minutes Secretary*



Northwood Remembrance Parade – Can it Continue?

This year is the 100th anniversary year of the Northwood War Memorial which was dedicated on 13th February 1921. This year's Royal British Legion Parade (RBL) falls on Sunday 14th November, but subject to Covid restrictions if applicable. Last year the Parade was cancelled due to Covid restrictions; instead, we created a 'virtual' Parade using videos, recordings and

photographs under Carl Landsbert's leadership which was widely appreciated.

Northwood is seeking a new Parade Organiser to ensure our Remembrance Parade is continued. The role is voluntary, part time and runs from May on receipt of the Event Application form until completion of the Parade in early or mid-November. The role would suit someone, ideally a Northwood resident, who understands and is aware of Remembrance Parades, who has management, leadership and organisational skills to work with the range of others involved in the Parade. This is a rewarding role which is much appreciated by our local community.

We have an efficient organising team for the Northwood Parade, but due to the activity required, much of which is at the same time as the Poppy Appeal, we need to find a new Organiser. Chris Boulton has acted as Parade Organiser recently in parallel with leading the Poppy Appeal and will be stepping back from the Parade role this year. He will be available to give guidance on request.

The role, acting on behalf of the RBL, includes:

- liaison with the council
- the Event Application
- coordination of other participants - Parade Commander, Met Police, Clergy, Scouts (stewarding), the band, PA system provider, wreath layers from Northwood organisations, the NRA and local businesses which participate or could be affected.
- communicating Parade documents for participants and attendees



If you are interested, please advise Ros Plume
Tel: 01923 827409
Email: secretary@northwoodresidents.co.uk

NRA Membership

You won't have been receiving many "local alerts" recently, because there hasn't been much of urgent local interest due to the continuing lockdown but as that is now easing, we will again be sending out email alerts to warn you of planned traffic disruptions, along with any other local potential issues. As usual we will restrict these to significant or urgent, so you will not be snowed under with emails from NRA.

DON'T MISS OUT ON EMAIL ALERTS!

To receive those alerts we do send, please make sure you email me with your current email address if you have recently changed it, or indeed if you haven't got round to asking at all previously! We can record and message more than one person per membership address if you wish.

SUBS ENVELOPES

With the better weather and easing of restrictions, our Road Stewards will be out collecting your subs for 2021. Some will knock and ask for cash or cheque, while others will leave you

one of our collection envelopes. If you receive an envelope, please seal your sub inside and fill in your details, including your email address, on the front before returning it to your Road Steward. If it is inconvenient for you to deliver to your Road Steward, you may leave your envelope at Sharmans or Carter Chemist. We are very grateful to them for offering this service which has proved extremely useful.

YOU TOO COULD BE A ROAD STEWARD!

Finally, as ever we are all sadly getting older, so some of our 90+ Road Stewards feel they must retire after many years of service. If you would be prepared to replace a Road Steward for your road, or indeed a nearby road, PLEASE do let me know and I will explain the minimal obligations involved, so we can continue the service.

chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk
or pifbarker@me.com

Tel: 01923 821036

Paul I. F. Barker
Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer



News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

We expect you have been spending many hours tending your gardens and wondering when some rain is going to arrive. Have you asked yourself what has been happening and is planned at the local horticultural society? Time to read on.

Throughout the last year we have kept in touch with our 140 members with online talks as well as newsletters, both electronic and paper for those who prefer them.

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY is time for celebration and we have decided to mark ours by planting an evergreen shrub which has conspicuous golden foliage. The specimen, an *Elæagnus pungens* 'Maculata' will be planted in the grounds of Eastbury Farm School, which is where our annual show and evening talks take place, hence our name.

DAY OUTINGS are always popular with our members and this year we will be visiting:

- 12 Haywood Close, Pinner Green
- Church Gardens, Harefield
- Theobalds Farmhouse Garden, Crews Hill
- RHS Wisley & Claremont

We are planning a week's holiday 13th to 17th September. A variety of interesting gardens in the East Midlands, some privately owned, form the itinerary and we will be staying in a good hotel in the area. Interested? - please contact Paul Akers on 01923 821115 or send him an email to paul1945ginkgo@aol.co.uk



A return visit to Theobalds Farmhouse Garden is planned

If you love gardens and gardening, why not join us?

Enquiries to our Membership Secretary:
Tim Ellison at 43, Knoll Crescent, Northwood, HA6 1HH
or email ehs.members@gmail.com

Northwood Craft Market

Like so many other things, the Craft Market has not been able to take place since the first lockdown in March 2020. We very much hope to be able to open again soon, but at the time of this newsletter going to print, we are unable to say exactly when that will be. As we are an indoor market, we obviously have more restrictions than if we were outdoors. All our regular crafters have been busy making things whilst in lockdown and very much look forward to getting back to the Market before too long. We have missed seeing all our regular visitors.

Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for news of when we can open again.



We hope to see you again soon!

For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

Like us on Facebook; Follow us on Twitter @CraftNorthwood

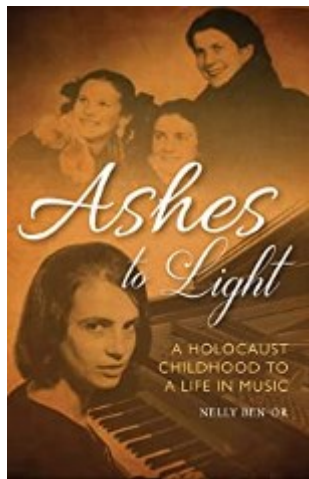
Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone Susan on 07780 601842

MBE for Northwood Resident

In October last year the station newsagent introduced me to another of her customers. She was buying her own paper, to pass on to her daughter, because the Queen's Birthday Honours Lists published that day included her MBE "For Services to Holocaust Education".

That is how I met Nelly Ben-Or Clynes known, perhaps, to some of our members from her piano lessons and recitals over the years or from her talks in local schools. Curious to learn more I bought a copy of her book "Ashes to Light: A Holocaust childhood to a life in music".



It is an extraordinary story taking her from a happy childhood in Poland into the Second World War, escape to Warsaw to a life of hiding and secrets as the Nazi attack on the Jews gathers momentum, to the almost miraculous survival of Nelly, her sister and her mother though not, sadly, of her father. After the war it was to a school for musicians then, in 1950, to Israel and finally, in 1960, to study in England. Here she meets and marries ex Merchant Taylors' Roger Clynes

and makes a new life with him and their daughter.



Nelly at the piano

Two threads that run through Nelly's story are her gift and passion, for the piano and for music, and an indomitable strength of character. Together they have taken her through challenges that most of us cannot begin to imagine. She has shared her story with children in local secondary schools over the years and her book has a small selection of the hundreds of tributes she has received from them.

Nelly is still active teaching master classes in piano and the Alexander technique. And she is one of that diminishing group of people who can bear witness to perhaps the darkest period of modern European history from her lived experience.

Michael A Fox

News Update from Northwood Library

Northwood Library has remained busy despite the most recent national lockdown. We have been providing residents with a popular Reserve and Collect service since early January.

From April 12th when initial restrictions were lifted, we have been able to open our doors for restricted browsing. Visitors are welcome into the library for limited periods to browse for books on the ground floor. They are expected to wear face coverings, maintain social distancing and provide Track and Trace details.

We continue to deliver a Reserve and Collect service, but for readers who like to browse physically, this has been a very welcome change and definitely a step back towards normality.

Northwood Library, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AB
Tel: 01895 558262

Email: northwood-library@hillingdon.gov.uk

Web: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Hill_libraries](https://twitter.com/Hill_libraries)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries

Open: Monday to Friday 09:00-17:00
Saturday 09:30-16:00

There are two PCs and one study space available on the first floor; booking for these is essential.

At this stage, we are not able to host meetings in the library but hope these will be reintroduced as restrictions continue to be relaxed. Meanwhile, we have established different online events which may be of interest: a monthly Book Group, a weekly conversation group for people with early onset dementia and a fortnightly Tiny Tales story and singing session for pre-school children. Please contact the library if you'd like details of any of these.

We look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Maggie Ross
Branch Manager



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Covid restrictions have not prevented **MHA Communities West London** from continuing its work to combat loneliness and isolation among older people in the Northwood area.

While face to face activities remained impossible, staff and volunteers have kept in touch with members by telephone to have a friendly chat and check they are keeping well. Taking part in virtual exercise classes has enabled many members to stay connected with each other. Volunteers have also been helping people with their shopping and collecting prescriptions.

We are grateful to COOK and Eastbury Church for donating meals to our older community. These are regularly delivered by Ray, husband of the charity's manager, Angela Flux and have been very gladly received. Northwood College students have been extremely supportive by producing our newsletter and covering the cost of postage, fundraising and even providing some freshly cooked meals. Our thanks also go to the Co-op who supplied us with Easter goodies for our members.

If you would like to know more about the scheme, as a potential member or volunteer, please contact the office on **01923 842494** or email **WestLondon@mha.org.uk**

Web: www.mha.org.uk/communities/near-me/west-london/
 Search: MHA Communities West London

Jo Wild, Volunteer

MHA Communities West London

(formerly Northwood Live at Home)

Members all receive birthday cards, some hand-made by volunteers, and quarterly newsletters to keep them in touch with both the local West London Scheme and umbrella organisation MHA's programme. MHA has developed Digital Communities with a wide variety of activities which members can access online.



Volunteer Ray Flux delivering an Easter egg to a Member

Following the Prime Minister's Road Map it is hoped indoor group activities with safe distancing can restart soon; some outdoor exercise sessions are already taking place.



Scouting Thrives in Northwood!

As with all other organisations, Scouting has been seriously affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. However, the good news is that Scouting has never actually stopped, it just re-incarnated itself in an online version!

Most Groups have been running online Zoom meetings for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, on the usual weekly basis. The range of ideas that our Leaders have come up with for these sessions has been truly amazing. Cooking has turned out to be by far the most popular activity among the young people taking part, they keep asking for more.



Cooking and crafts are popular online activities



There have also been a lot of good ideas published on the Scout Association website and excellent sharing between Groups both locally and nationally when our own ideas run dry. Some Groups have even run online camps - the young people all stay at home, but they do activities with their siblings and parents and compete with other families. Camps started with a live flag-break at a leader's home, then continued with a variety of activities from quizzes to mini-pioneering, trails to crafts before cooking lunch for the family, building bivouacs in the garden or front room and

sleeping overnight in a tent (or in a den in the living room!), and even a campfire with everyone joining in the singing.

Online scouting presented challenges but also opportunities to host visitors who might not otherwise have been able to fit a normal meeting in the diary. We have had question time with the local MP, hosted the Mayor of Hillingdon who visited a meeting for each section and discovered that from Beavers to Explorers they all enjoy Kahoot! [*a game-based learning platform*]. We have had experts leading science experiments, author visits, met members of the RAF and Met. Police and many more; we hope to be able to use online functions for similar visits in the future.

Although we managed online and Scouting kept going, we are all grateful that we have now restarted face-to-face meetings and are enjoying the excitement of the young people and meeting new members who have changed sections or started scouting during our online sessions. We are no longer limited to the number who can meet and, whilst we try to have most meetings outside do have the option to go inside but whichever we do we will adhere to social-distancing and mask-wearing.

We are always on the lookout for new adult help; if you think you might like to join in, please contact us by email: admin@renscouts.org.uk

1st Northwood meets at the new Scouting Centre in Northwood Way

2nd Northwood meets in a hall at St Edmund's Church on Pinner Road

6th Northwood meets in a hall at the Northwood Methodist Church in Oaklands Gate

Christine Bennett
District Commissioner



When we entered the first lockdown, our Rabbis and Board were determined to approach the situation positively.

One thing that stood out is that we had become much more than a synagogue in a physical building rooted in a single location. Into the future, we will be a hybrid community, in the Synagogue and online.

So why the Ark Synagogue? There are two 'arks' in the Torah: Noah's Ark and the Ark, which contained the two tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them.

Noah's Ark, is called 'teiva' in Hebrew. The only other use of this word in the Torah is for the 'wicker basket' in which the baby Moses was placed by his mother to save his life from Pharaoh's decree. It is a life-sustainer.

The 'Ark' of our Sanctuary is not only our visual focus point during services but holds particular meaning for our congregation, as it houses our most sacred treasure – our Torah scrolls and linked to them, our rich history of engagement and commitment to our Czech and Slovak heritage.

Our arksynagogue.org has become a vessel, a platform of potentiality, an opportunity to imbue life with meaning and purpose, hope and joy.

Our physical synagogue is at:
18-24 Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AA

Tel: 01923 822592
Email: admin@arksynagogue.org

Join us at the 20th anniversary of the Moor Park 10k & Fun Runs



We are delighted to be able to hold our annual Moor Park 10k & Fun Runs event this year. The event will take place on **Sunday 19th September** at Merchant Taylors' School.

For the first time we will also be offering a walking 10k so this is a great chance to walk with family, friends or sign-up with your local group.

Whatever your motivation, your generosity and support will make a real difference to the patients, families and NHS staff at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

Event registration will open in May.
Visit moorpark10k.org.uk for more information
or find us on Facebook & Twitter @MoorPark10k



Northwood Methodist Church

We are a warm hearted family of faith and offer a big welcome to everyone who wishes to join us. We have resumed Sunday worship at 10.30am in the church within the government guidelines of mask wearing, social distancing and no singing. We also Zoom the service and have installed new equipment to improve reception. If you would like to

follow the service on Zoom please go to our website or contact our minister for the joining code.

We are continuing our Discovery groups on Zoom, please contact our minister for more information.

For hire of premises please phone or email our church administrator.

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Email: nmc@totalise.co.uk
www.northwoodmethodistchurch.org
Minister: Rev. Andrew Pottage
Tel: 01923 821034
andrew.pottage@methodist.org.uk

Harrow Choral Society Carries on Singing

HCS has continued to rehearse via Zoom every Monday evening and to record some 15 pieces of choral music - all virtually! Favourites among these have been choruses from *Handel's Messiah*, *Les Misérables* and *Mendelssohn's Elijah*.

Rehearsals include a regular break for 'My Memorable Music', where members talk a little about their music background and play a piece of music important to them. Or we invite a member to 'Make the Case' for a particular musical genre or musician. All voluntary, of course! There's the opportunity for a friendly chat at the end of the rehearsal too and these initiatives have helped us all to get to know each other better. Occasionally we have excellent talks 'Choral Island Discs' given by guests from the music industry, including Dame Emma Kirkby, our President.

We have been delighted to attract some new members during Lockdown, and would welcome you now to join us virtually in advance of our proposed return to in-person singing in September. Just visit harrowchoral.org.uk to find out more, or call Jill Mans on 020 8248 7625. Our Facebook page is extremely active, so you can find out more there too.



Members enjoyed singing Christmas carols and listening to Christmas readings, all accompanied by a glass of something and nibbles!

Mount Vernon Hospital Comforts Fund Charity

Like all other non-essential retail outlets, we have been closed during lockdowns as have our radiotherapy tea bar and ward trolley service. Our three retail outlets: Convenience Shop, Look-In Shop and Book Shop have just been able to re-open on a limited basis.

However, activity on the Mount Vernon site is still restricted. The Minor Injuries Unit which was a major source of footfall on the Mount Vernon site closed at the beginning of the first lockdown. We then heard that it would not re-open in its previous form. Prior to lockdown our trustees had agreed to donate a large sum of money to help in the upgrading of the unit. After various iterations we now understand that the unit is about to re-open as a triage unit where some patients will be able to attend a nurse led unit after making an appointment. We welcome this development as we know how much local residents value the service. We are very keen to help in this and hope that we may be able to contribute to the refurbishment of the new unit.

We await information on when our radiotherapy tea bar can re-open. We think it unlikely that the ward trolley service will restart in the foreseeable future. We are very grateful to our volunteers who have kept faith with us during this uncertain period.

We can only hope for better times ahead, but it seems unlikely that the site will be exactly as before.

Robert Elkeles, *Chairman of The Comforts Fund*



Look-In Shop open for business

Want to get involved?

Please leave your details on 01923 844629 or email: lesley.almond1@nhs.net



Holy Trinity CE Primary School would like to thank the local community for the generous contributions and support given during the pandemic - providing laptops, monetary donations and also gifts which were re-gifted as Christmas presents for our vulnerable families. We are extremely grateful for your generosity, thoughtfulness and compassion. The unity shown by all those in our community is much appreciated. On behalf of all our families, we extend our sincere thanks.



APPLICATIONS FOR HOLY TRINITY NURSERY INVITED. The deadline for Nursery for September 2021 has been extended due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and lower than expected applications to-date.

If any families have children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 and you have not yet applied for a place in Nursery, do please contact Mrs McCarthy in the School Office as soon as possible.

As indicated in our Admissions Policy, accepting a Nursery place does not automatically entitle your child to a place in main school. Parents of children accepted for Nursery will be notified of the procedure for applying to the Local Authority for a place in Reception (full time schooling) in due course.

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Are you in your Third Age ?

Third Agers are those people who are no longer in full-time work, or raising a family.

Here in Northwood, we currently have close to 800 members, with over 60 interest groups covering a broad range of activities, many of which have been able to meet through Zoom sessions during the pandemic.

We are looking forward to welcoming new members, as the current restrictions are being relaxed, and we will be able to plan many more physical group meetings and outings.

There is a lot more information on our website; just google 'u3a northwood' for contact details.

Alan Lester
Vice Chairman
Northwood & District u3a

The Arts Society Moor Park - Forthcoming talks, open for all to view online via Zoom



Morning talk – join the Zoom session at 10:45, lecture begins at 11:00

Wednesday 16 June Beethoven: Love and the Moon, by Graham Griffiths

Famously, Beethoven had one 'distant beloved', six unrequited love-affairs and (possibly) one illegitimate child.

Evening talks – join the Zoom session at 19:15, lecture begins at 19:30

Thursday 27 May Imperial Calcutta: Art and Architecture, by Dr John Stevens

19th-20th century Calcutta was the British Empire's second city. How did Indian artists view the British?

Thursday 15 July Art of the Philippines: Jesuits, The Salon and Uncle Sam, by Vivienne Lawes

The Philippines has a well-established fine art tradition. We will examine its history and discuss some of its leading figures.

To receive the link to a particular 'live' lecture, email moorparkdfas@gmail.co at least 24 hours before the relevant talk. For enquiries and more details of the talks please visit our website: moorparkdfas.com



Over the past year Leaders have adapted our Girlguiding programme and come up with imaginative ways for our members to continue to participate in Girlguiding activities.

Our leaders and young members have had lots of fun taking part in virtual meetings, pack holidays and campfires and also taken part in national level activities

and events. Although we have not been able to meet much, if at all, it has been lovely to see how connected we have managed to stay over this period.

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have all continued to work really hard towards their badges and we are delighted that members have achieved their Bronze and Silver section awards. As a district we ran a Stay At Home Challenge Badge, where girls had to complete activities such as creating a rainbow window display, writing a letter to a key worker, writing a camp song and sleeping in a den. We received lots of entries to a competition to design the badge with Isla from 6th Northwood Brownies having her design chosen as the winning design.



We have units across Northwood. If you are interested in volunteering with us, online or in person and making a difference to the lives of girls, please contact us by emailing me at northwooddistrictguides@outlook.com

Jenni
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Last season in the middle of the Covid crisis, we bowled under strict government and Bowls England guidelines. We organised competitions, leagues and casual roll-ups, everyone carefully spaced and no-one got Covid. We even ran a coaching course for the new bowlers.



We pride ourselves on being a very friendly club, so if you are an absolute beginner or an experienced bowler wishing to change clubs, please contact us via our website: **www.northwoodbowling.co.uk** or call Paul on 07528 156777. You won't be disappointed.

Paul Lewis, President

Northwood & District Community Association



BACK TO YOGA IN THE BEDROOM AGAIN!

In Lockdown all our activities were cancelled as they are held in church halls, which were of course closed. During this time our lovely Yoga teacher, Yvonne, sent us weekly programmes of exercises to keep us motivated and fit. Out of Lockdown and in Tiers that allowed it, our Tennis (outside) and Yoga (inside) were permitted, following government guidelines of sanitising and distancing. These activities even attracted new members to the Association.

Unfortunately, in spite of efforts by our Monday Bowls rep and our Keep Fit teacher, Georgia, they were unable to start up these sections as the church involved could not accommodate us with the restrictions in place.

Members have been able to keep in touch by phone, socially distanced single walking, exchanging jigsaws and books and the occasional newsletters.

All committee meetings and our AGM in April 2021 have had to be virtual by e-mail.

Currently we are able to play Tennis again, however it is still Yoga in the Bedroom until perhaps June! So far the churches are still not open for a lot of our other activities. We are hoping that by September this may change. It would be lovely to think that we could hold our Ploughman Lunches and Quiz some time this year! Watch this space.

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