



# Northwood

## Residents' Association

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We had a great time,  
hope you did too!



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## Business News

### UPDATES.

You may have noticed Haringtons has decided to close its Northwood branch in Green Lane. However... Clare (their top colourist) has taken on the salon under a new name, **GRIP SALON**. Clare says, "The thing that makes a business successful is the passionate team that run it. We have been so touched by the support of the community and of course our loyal clients. We thank you and welcome you with open arms."

Hopefully by now you will have noticed that the **Complete Golfer** shop in Clive Parade has reopened after the unfortunate fire last September. Owner Lawrence Bailey says, "We look forward to welcoming all our loyal customers back to our new updated store. It will be full of all the best brands and our loyal customers will receive special deals." It is great to see this popular store is open again.

**Sallywags** on Pinner Road has recently launched a premium dog food range online with a home delivery service. They have also been granted a 5-star dog day-care licence from Hillingdon Council.

**New Opening: Fauna Vets** a "new breed of veterinary care" will be opening at 40 Green Lane on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and have an *open day* scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

**Forum Insurance**, "your local experts" are welcome new members. Niraj – Head of Partnerships has also volunteered to help distribute our newsletters!

**Artizan Studio Barbers** on the corner of Maxwell Road and Green Lane have also joined us as members and we welcome them to Northwood.

**Fruity Fresh**, which has enlivened our local offering, had its second birthday in June. Time flies.

### HOMEWORKING BUSINESS

**MEMBERSHIP.** We understand that small businesses often start from home. We have also seen a large increase in homeworking since Covid. We therefore welcome any businesses that are based either from home or other non-retail locations. We have a long reach in Northwood and can often offer some good connections that can improve your business. It could be the best £10 you ever invest.

**LET'S HEAR FROM YOU.** It would be very interesting and helpful to get messages from the residents of Northwood about how well they are served by local businesses. I don't mind hearing of gripes or hopefully praise for our local businesses. What can improve your shopping experience? Or perhaps what stops you using our local shops? All your comments will, of course, stay confidential.

A list of NRA Business members can be found on our website: [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk) under the Business members' tab. Each is listed and the majority have one-click links directly to their websites.

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Philip Green



## Before and After!

Sometimes we notice unusual things as we walk or drive around Northwood, sometimes even the unusual merges into the background or into a part of our sub-conscious, but when it comes to dumped debris or waste materials, these tend to immediately stick in the mind.

Rubbish deposited on our town pavements and verges is often reported by residents, not just by committee members of the NRA. These reports of dumped material often arrive soon after the rubbish has been deposited; we may even be informed of the alleged culprits. If we are provided with pictures, then we can report matters to the council and get a clean-up team out to address the issue quite quickly.



Before ...



... and after

One recent example was in the wide alley just beside the Cancer Research Charity shop in Northwood's Green Lane where dumped material became a regular occurrence. It was frequently reported to the NRA. Then the alleged dumpers were identified and reported to us by a well meaning individual and the appropriate Hillingdon Councillor was invited by the NRA to intervene. We understand that appropriate action was taken, which in this instance was strong advice with a warning that continuance of dumping would incur a fine.

It is unnecessary to dump household goods that are no longer required, even large items, when there are perfectly good council-operated collection services and special collection services available to Hillingdon residents.

Please help to keep our town and residential areas clean and free from litter.

For London Borough of Hillingdon see [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/bulkywaste) or call the Contact Centre on **01895 556000**.

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Andrew Egan



## From the Chairman

### INTRODUCTION

Reading, listening to and watching the daily news makes life somewhat depressing these days. Before writing this article, I read through the draft of this newsletter and immediately my spirits were lifted. Pictures of Jubilee celebrations, residents' involvement in a multitude of societies and events, adverts for a variety of businesses - all show what a vibrant place Northwood is and how lucky we are to live here and I feel very privileged to be part of it.

### QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A brief note of thanks to all of you who made this momentous occasion such a great success. It was mentioned to me that we should hold events involving the local community more frequently. *Jubilee in the Park* took a year to organise and the three events held in recent years were organised by the same team, most of whom are no longer able to make the same commitment. We have written an instruction manual so will anyone volunteer for the next occasion?

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM held in June was a success although attendance was on the low side (60 plus speakers, councillors and committee). History shows that attendance is only high when there is a subject of particular concern on the agenda (such as the station development). Very few attendees took advantage of the coffee and tea served in the Oasis Lounge and we are debating as to whether we should continue with it.

Our speaker, Cllr Ian Edwards the new Leader of Hillingdon Council, gave us a very interesting and comprehensive briefing of the Council's facilities, finance and services and answered a multitude of residents' questions. It was encouraging to hear the point that a review of the size of the Council's management is being carried out and any savings made used to maintain the employment of front-line staff. Mr Edwards complimented the NRA on its contribution and has asked to return next year.

### LOCAL POLICE

Once again the local police stated they were unable to attend the AGM. There is a lack of involvement from the local management and emails often go unanswered. No response has been made to the request for an article in this newsletter. However, I must mention that John Usher, our long-term local PCSO, continues to carry out his duties diligently and willingly in spite of lack of support from his superiors.

Cllr Ian Edwards stated he was very unhappy with police performance in his AGM address. MP David Simmonds made similar comments at the last AGM.

Hopefully the change of Met Commissioner will bring about some improvement.

*All views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual contributors.*

### PARKING

The new parking meters are definitely not user friendly. Frequently buttons either stick or do not register and operation is very slow. Surely the Council didn't need to change the meters solely in order to increase charges. Comment on the adverse effect of the increase in charges on our Hertfordshire residents and our businesses is made in the Traffic report on page 4. I also pointed out to Ian Edwards at the AGM that the high charges to non-Hillingdon Northwood residents was inequitable and damaging to business but the comments fell on deaf ears.

### OUR HOSPITALS

The report on page 8 details the progress on the new hospital development at Hillingdon. A planning application has been lodged with the Council with the hearing due in September. One hopes that the funding doesn't get lost in the current government trials and tribulations.

At Mount Vernon, the use of facilities by Hillingdon Hospitals continues to increase and will continue for many years to come. At the Cancer Centre, work is continuing to develop the business case for the re-provision of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre whilst the team awaits a decision from the New Hospitals Programme on funding for a new Mount Vernon Cancer Centre at Watford. In the meantime, support continues to be provided to the existing site to ensure it can deliver cancer services to patients in the short to medium term. £7.5million has been allocated to refurbish the old buildings.

### SUMMER NOISE

Like many residents, I like to sit in my garden during the warm days and evenings. However, my enjoyment is very often spoilt by noise created by inconsiderate neighbours. Do they have to use garden machinery in the evening and on Sundays, why do they have to play music at such high volume? Surely the offenders cannot be NRA members?

### CONCLUSION

Thanks to all Area Road Stewards and Road Stewards for your magnificent work delivering newsletters, collecting subs and feeding information back to the committee. Thanks to the committee members for the many hours you put in to make my job easier and thanks to Ros Plume for another great newsletter.

Welcome Cllr Henry Higgins, we'll certainly keep you busy and welcome back Cllr Richard Lewis.

Finally a big thank-you to the front-line council staff who kept our council services going so smoothly throughout the pandemic.



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## Traffic and Highways

### NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

#### Rickmansworth Road/Green Lane/Maxwell Road

##### History:

The original site visit took place on 13th March 2017 with Bob Castelij, LBH (since retired), Tony Ellis and Peter Lansdown. This was to identify the scope of the project. The draft report, officially named the Northwood Area, Traffic Study, Technical Note, dated July 2018, was received by Northwood Residents' Association at the end of November 2018.

Since then there has been an exchange of emails with Cabinet members Cllr. Keith Burrows and Cllr. John Riley, with no progress. Now the responsible Cabinet member is Cllr. Jonathan Bianco.

I understand that Transport for London (TfL) is responsible for all work in connection with traffic lights and associated equipment. It seems that LBH depend on TfL for funding of all other work on the borough's roads with the possible exception of minor safety projects. At present TfL is short of financial resources. Hence no progress for the foreseeable future.

#### PETITIONS - Rickmansworth Rd/Green Lane Junction

There are two active petitions for some form of pedestrian crossing initiative at this junction.

The first was raised over two years ago for a "PEDESTRIAN PELICAN CROSSING AT RICKMANSWORTH ROAD AND GREEN LANE". On 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Cllr. Keith Burrows held a meeting to discuss this matter, when he agreed to carry out a traffic survey to check the level of pedestrian traffic. No progress with this so far, although I understand that it may be under consideration at present.

The second is an ePetition raised by local residents on 17/05/22, running until 15/08/22, and states "We the undersigned petition Hillingdon Council to install a safe pedestrian crossing at Rickmansworth/Green Lane". With reference to the paragraph above, this would appear to be unnecessary. (To view the petition, type "epetitions" in the Search box on the LBH website, [www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk) and follow the links.)

### PARKING METERS

Parking charges in Hillingdon have recently risen - again - with a significant increase for out of borough people, who are also no longer entitled to the free 30 minutes. (Residents must use their Hillingdon First card). This will be of particular concern to Northwood residents who live in Hertfordshire, but use Northwood for their local shopping. At this difficult time, businesses will be worried about a possible reduction in footfall, which could be disastrous for Northwood.



	HillingdonFirst Cardholder	Non Cardholder
30 mins	Free	£0.50
1 hour	£0.50	£1.60
1h 30 mins	£0.70	£2.80
2 hours	£1.00	£3.80
3 hours	£1.30	£4.40
4 hours	£2.30	£5.80
9 hours	£4.00	£9.50
Over 9 hours	£6.50	£13.00

Green Lane Car Park Charges

### ULTRA LOW EMISSION ZONE (ULEZ)

It is probable that the newly extended ULEZ may soon be further extended to cover the whole of the Greater London area. If so, it is planned to bring this in at the end of August, 2023. You may need to pay a charge depending on your vehicle, but this will probably only affect petrol vehicles registered before 2005 and diesel vehicles registered before 2016.

Go to the link below and enter your registration number. It will indicate if you may need to pay.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/>

The TfL consultation for this proposal was scheduled to close on 29th July, but further information is available at [www.tfl.gov.uk/clean-air](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/clean-air).

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Peter Lansdown

## Planning Matters

There have been some 118 planning applications since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I submitted objections or comments on 38 of them, on planning grounds directed at the adverse impact on the neighbours or others affected. The majority of applications continue to be for extensions to existing properties although applications have also been submitted for a full rebuild, and for small blocks of flats.

Dealing with planning applications is something that is a one-off for most people, and I'm happy to help guide through the process any neighbours who are concerned about a planning application close by. It remains the case that, once approved, neighbours cannot appeal except on a point of process, which is very limited indeed. Therefore, all applications that might affect you, should be studied and dealt with preferably within the timescale referred to on the LBH planning portal.

LBH does notify neighbours of planning applications, but anyone can search for a planning application using the following link:

<http://planning.hillingdon.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

Just enter the first part of the address in the 'Location' box, Search, 'View' the documents, and enter any planning comments/objections by clicking/tapping the, 'Enter Comments,' box.

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Trevor Sherling

## A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

Since my last article, life has now returned to normal post-Covid. It is good to see our local economy recovering and the positive impact working from home continues to have on our high streets. The pandemic has encouraged residents to rediscover their local high streets and I know from speaking with local business owners that they are benefitting from this.

**HIGH STREETS ARE CHANGING.** There has been a significant change in the high street economy. This is not necessarily a negative, but instead more reflective of how our high street culture is developing to meet the needs of those it serves. There are fewer retail outlets and many more independent cafes and restaurants, which I know are seen as positive assets to our high streets and are enjoyed by residents.

**EMPTY SHOPS AND TfL.** I do note, however, that residents in Northwood remain concerned about the number of empty shop units, owing primarily to the development of Northwood Station. Having spoken with TfL, I understand that they are progressing with repairs to several units, will be renewing various tenant leases and undertaking a full condition survey of the Northwood Station commercial and residential properties. I will follow developments in this area closely.

**LOCAL CRIME.** Also at the forefront of residents' minds is crime. While there are low levels of crime in Northwood, I know there are concerns about catalytic converter thefts, particularly those of an increasingly violent nature, and drug dealing. After meeting with the Borough Commander for the West Area in Uxbridge recently, I am told that there are ongoing operations on gangs who are behind many of these crimes, which I hope offers reassurance to constituents.

**PLATINUM JUBILEE.** Lastly, it was wonderful to see communities coming together over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend. While it wasn't possible to get round to every event, and I was sorry to miss the event in Northwood, I was pleased to attend some events across the constituency in celebration of HM Queen Elizabeth II. I hope residents managed to enjoy the festivities over the long weekend.

**MEET YOUR MP.** I will be continuing to hold surgeries at locations across the constituency and any residents wishing to meet with me should contact my office. I look forward to meeting with many more of you as we look forward to the months ahead.



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or Facebook: DavidSimmondsMP

## Metropolitan Line

SINCE I last wrote we have had plenty of issues on the Met line.

**WHEEL ISSUES.** Aside from the many cancellations due to the pandemic we then had a period of six weeks over April/May where the entire fleet of the Met line (S8 trains) needed to be checked because of a fault identified on some of the wheels. Startling really given the fleet was only introduced about a decade ago. Contrast that to the Bakerloo line trains which have been used since 1972! Given there are 58 trains on the line this caused considerable delay. Not exactly what the Government wanted when encouraging everyone (who could) to return to the office. This in itself creates controversy. If people can work from home at times, it is surely a no-brainer, not having to commute (and face delays!) whilst also benefitting the local Northwood shops and economy. I wonder how many hours of productivity are wasted on the commute to work rather than being able to WFH? However, not everyone has this 'luxury' or choice and many professions e.g. nurses and cleaners can do without this type of disruption.

**STRIKES.** And there was more disruption recently when the Underground went on strike in alignment with the national rail network. With the promise of more to come, it's really a headache for all us local commuters; even if you don't include work, the line is needed for appointments, visits and other urgent business. Being in suburbia has its many benefits of course, but it's not easy to jump in a bus or on a 'Boris bike' to get us around the City like those based there! Even now on a regular basis we are getting delays due to 'train cancellations.' It's a curious 'catch all' statement but I am told often due to lack of drivers.

**THE STATISTICS SAY IT ALL.** Looking at the latest year to date stats (for the month of May), the Met line service operated (actual service vs scheduled service) at 77.1% whereas overall performance across the network was at over 90%. We are being hard done by and they must do better, particularly if we are expected to be lured back to the expensive London coffee shops and bars!

Let's hope the strike issues can be resolved, the wheels are finally working, and we have no more pandemics. A summer of content will be most welcome.

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Gerry Pimm





## Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Your local Northwood Police Ward Panel met in June for their quarterly meeting at St John's Church, Hallowell Road.

We have an active panel that works hard to keep an eye on our crime levels, reported regularly by our Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT). The panel consists of resident volunteers who want to help our community by ensuring that Northwood crime levels remain low, our SNT, and our Hillingdon councillors.

**A FULL AGENDA.** Among the many issues we dealt with at our June meeting were: the traffic chaos around Northwood College on Maxwell Road; the noise and disturbance by inconsiderate youngsters racing on the Old High Street, Hallowell Road, and other roads; and theft from our local businesses. We were glad that NRA intervention, together with that of the police and Councillor Henry Higgins, had seen the rubbish in the alleyway at the bottom of Green Lane cleared. We will be publishing our quarterly minutes on the NRA website. What other issues would you like your ward panel to address?

Last month our secretary and one of our most active supporters, Lynette Bridger, died. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Your ward panel is only as good as the assistance we get from our residents. We note that some of you write about crimes on Nextdoor.co.uk. However, unless these are also reported to our SNT they cannot follow up. So, please ensure you ring 101 to report such crimes and, in an emergency, ring 999.

We are seeing an increase in residents signing up to OWL. The new OWL app for smart phones is an extra bonus. Please do sign up to

**www.owl.co.uk**. It will tell you what is going on around you. It has been designed for you, so please make good use of it. Please join our fight against crime in Northwood.



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*Hoda Lacey  
Chairman of Northwood Police Ward Panel  
NRA Police Liaison*



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

No report from the police this time, but here are details for the Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team.

**The Team members are:**

Sgt Althea Thomas

PC Max Christmas, PC Callum Leask, PC Janet Taylor  
and PCSO John Usher.

The Neighbourhoods Inspector is Insp Daniel Lipinski

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on

Telephone: 020 8721 2545 or 020 8246 1823

Email: **Northwood.snt@met.police.uk**

Twitter: **@MPSNorthwood**

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

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

### The Friends of Northwood Recreation Ground

celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend with a Jubilee Walk Nature Trail.

**FRIENDS OF THE REC  
Jubilee Walk Nature Trail**

The tree-lined walk on the Highland Road side of the park had information boards along the path which led eventually to the almost-forgotten oak tree planted to commemorate King George VI's coronation.



The new ponds are maturing well, with marginal plants and wild flowers around the edge. It's worth a walk across the park to see them.

If you want to become involved, please join the Friends Of Northwood Recreation Ground Facebook group or  
Email: [northwoodrecfriends@gmail.com](mailto:northwoodrecfriends@gmail.com)

### Lynette Bridger

We are sad to announce Lynette's sudden death in June. Many of you knew Lynette, an active member of our community, who had lived in Northwood since the 1970s. She and her husband served at the Northwood base and in Gibraltar. When they returned to the UK they settled in Northwood.

Lynette was involved in the PTA at Hillside School, where her children studied, then embarked on a teacher training course at Hertfordshire University. She graduated in 1994 and took up a teaching post at Bishop Winnington Ingram Primary school in Ruislip.

Following her retirement, Lynette started to volunteer with the NRA as a Road Steward, with the police as secretary of the Northwood Police Ward Panel and as Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Lynette leaves behind her husband, Ben, and children, James and Claire. Her family has set up a donation page raising funds for Cancer Research, if you would like to donate, a link to the page is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lynette-bridger>



*Hoda Lacey*

## NRA Membership

I chair the Membership sub-committee, which is a partnership of the Chief Road Steward, the Treasurer and the Membership secretary. As Chief Road Steward I co-ordinate the work of the Area Road Stewards who in turn look after the Road Stewards (RSs) in their areas.

Due to retirement and moving away, there is always a need for new RSs and I was gratified at the response to my recent email alert for new RSs.

**PAYING YOUR SUBS.** The question of collection of annual subs as an alternative to cash via subscription envelopes to Carter / Sharmans Chemist or gathered by RSs direct, is being addressed by a move towards electronic payment.

The first step being the option for members to contribute as early as possible in the calendar year by online payment to the NRA bank account:

**Northwood Residents Association, HSBC BANK PLC  
Sort Code 40-35-08 A/c No. 30614971**

- but do **please** use your postal address as the reference - the only way we can track subs!

## DON'T MISS OUT, REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Finally, my usual plea – do make sure our database has your correct email address if you wish to receive timely email alerts from the NRA. If you did not receive an email from us on 1st July 2022 with the subject, “NRA needs more Road Stewards to deliver Newsletters – can you help?” then either you have not registered your email address with us, or we have an incorrect one. Don't forget to check your Junk folder!

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

## From the Treasurer

### FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - 2021

Our 2021 Financial Accounts have been Independently Examined and were approved at the AGM. Many thanks to Chris Rogers for kindly providing his professional services as Honorary Independent Examiner. He has been a stalwart member of the NRA and has been providing his services to us for four decades.

We have once again achieved a surplus of Income over Expenditure, thereby maintaining our excellent record of good governance especially considering the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It should also be noted that this year, we still achieved a surplus after exceptional costs for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration and the new website and domain changes.

The residential subscriptions have remained steady since 2018. Covid-19 has left us with a new environment; it is still not easy for our Road Stewards and social distancing remains a great concern for both residents and Road Stewards. If you have not paid your subscription, then please do so at the earliest opportunity.

At the AGM, I proposed that the subscriptions remain at a minimum of £2 for residents and £10 for businesses. As stated at the AGM, many members pay £5 or more and this year several residents kindly paid £20. I am often asked why we do not raise the minimum sub to £5. There is no need to mandate this as long as many continue to pay £5 or more. Therefore logically, as the number of residents paying £5 continues to increase, the minimum will effectively become £5 in any case.

### OUR RESERVES

Our reserves remain steady as, on average, as we achieve a small surplus each year. Our cash reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 totalled £34,000.

Whilst it is prudent to keep some reserves in case of an urgent need, I'm asking you, the members, for suggestions of ways of spending some reserves on projects that will benefit the community. Our objectives are first and foremost to maintain the amenities of Northwood and encourage interest in the welfare of Northwood for the benefit of the residents.

In purely physical presence, NRA contributions are the town centre clock, the two notice boards and some of the benches, the most recent of which is the circular bench around the tree at the junction of Green Lane and Eastbury Road.

We welcome your suggestions.

We will always endeavour to ensure that Hillingdon Council meets its financial obligations; we will not spend money on items for which the council is responsible.

### ROAD STEWARDS AND COLLECTION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

A very big thank you to all the Road Stewards and to Paul Barker for their sterling and dedicated work throughout 2021 in respect of the collection of the subscriptions. Without their dedication and hard work especially during these difficult times we would not have the revenues to pay for our costs.

We will welcome any residents who wish to become Road Stewards and if you are interested in helping, please contact Paul Barker.

Finally, in this new post-Covid environment, I would kindly request that members pay their subscriptions directly into our bank account if possible. Please try to avoid paying your subscriptions in cash; it is extremely time-consuming to collate, list and thereafter bank the cash. Today, it is very easy to pay your subscription directly into our bank account using your banking app on your mobile phone. This will most certainly help the Road Stewards and make their task easier.

Please see Paul Barker's article above for details of our bank account.

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## Plans to redevelop Hillingdon Hospital



### The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Hillingdon Council has now officially received the planning application for a **New Hillingdon Hospital**.

The new state-of-the-art hospital for the residents of Hillingdon, and beyond, will have the same mix of services as currently available at Hillingdon Hospital; be built in the same location (next to the current hospital) and the current hospital will remain open during construction.

Most importantly, the new hospital will mean significant improvements in care for patients including:

- **More floor space** - A 40 per cent increase in floorspace
- **More beds** - From 484 to 489 beds on the Hillingdon Hospital site
- **More Diagnostics** - More CT scanners: from two in the current hospital to five. More MRI scanners: from two (one of which is a mobile unit) in the current hospital to three
- **More single bedrooms** - From around 28 per cent currently to over 70 per cent
- **An improved critical care department** - Next to our high dependency unit and significantly expanded to meet future demand
- **A much larger Emergency Department** - An entirely new department with significantly larger floorspace incorporating specialist services and diagnostics services together on one floor.



*A model of the proposed new hospital*

There will also be a new maternity unit with everything on one floor – including a midwife-led unit, a separate inpatient area for children and young people and, with more treatment facilities in outpatients, more people can be seen as day cases rather than needing stays in hospital.

A summary of the plans – including a scale model of what the new hospital might look like – is available to see in person at an exhibition in Uxbridge Library from now to 27 July. You can also visit the Hillingdon Council website to view the plans, comment and show your support [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/hospital-consultation](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/hospital-consultation)

Niall Smith

Communications & Engagement Manager  
The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

## Health Matters

### NHS URGENT CARE SERVICE at Mount Vernon Hospital

There is an Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner Service at Mount Vernon Hospital for minor illnesses and injuries that are urgent, but not life threatening.

The Unit is open from  
7:30am to 7:30 pm, 7 Days a Week except Christmas Day.  
First appointment begins at 8:00am and last appointment at 7:00pm.

You **MUST** have an appointment (Directive of NHS England) to attend the Unit. You have the option of phoning NHS 111 or you can call the Unit directly on **01923 844263** to obtain an appointment.

The Nurse Practitioners, who run the Unit, will ask a few questions (Triage) to ascertain whether the patient can be seen at the Unit and will be able to provide an appointment to attend. However, if they feel the injury or illness is such that, it can't be handled by the Unit, they will advise the patient to go to A&E at either Watford General Hospital, Hillingdon Hospital or Northwick Park Hospital, depending on where the patient resides.

A GP seeing a patient, who needs referral to the Unit, can phone the Unit and make an appointment on behalf of the patient.

The Urgent Care Service Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital caters for patients from North West London in general. However, they also have patients from Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

### THE PHLEBOTOMY UNIT at Mount Vernon Hospital (Blood Tests Department)

The Unit is open from 7:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

**URGENT Blood Tests** ordered by the GP (URGENT Label on the Form and Signed) and Blood Tests ordered by Doctors through the Outpatients Departments of Mount Vernon Hospital are carried out at the Phlebotomy Unit. Patients don't have to make appointments. They can just walk in, at the times mentioned above, and have the Test done. There is NO Booking System in operation at the Unit.

**Routine and regular Blood Tests**, ordered by the GP, should be carried out at the GP's Surgery. Patients must book appointments with their GP Surgery to get the blood test done and **NOT** at the Phlebotomy Unit at Mount Vernon Hospital.

### INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS (ICS)

There are currently lots of changes occurring in the local health facilities as a result of the 2022 Health & Care Act. NHS organisations over larger areas are coming together to form Integrated Care Systems. There are 40 Integrated Care Systems across England. The Integrated Care Board (ICB) will manage each ICS. They have new powers and responsibilities. The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) have now been incorporated in the ICS. Services now have to work more closely together including Health, Social Care and local authorities. Staff and the community will need to work differently. The Care Quality Commission monitors the quality of the services that are being provided by various parts of the NHS.

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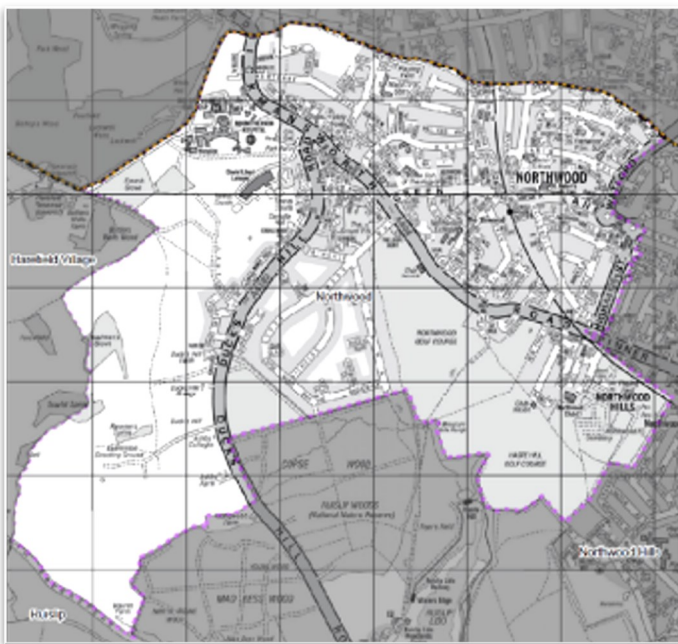
Dr Amir Lakha



## Councillors' Column

### CLLR RICHARD LEWIS

5th May was a night of mixed emotions for me. On one hand I was very sad to say goodbye to Scott Seaman-Digby and Carol Melvin as fellow ward councillors, both of whom I had served alongside representing Northwood for many years. I was truly delighted though, on the same night, to be re-elected alongside my old friend Henry Higgins. Henry was one of the two Harefield councillors but due to boundary changes and electronic communications it was decided that the number of Hillingdon councillors would reduce from 65 to 53. Locally the net effect was that Harefield went down to one councillor and both Northwood and Northwood Hills went down to two councillors each. The map below shows the new Northwood Ward boundaries.



I am delighted to have been appointed as Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee, Vice Chairman of the Finance and Corporate Services Select Committee, and most recently, as a reservist, as the Borough Advocate for the Armed Forces.

**Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:**  
Richard Lewis and Henry Higgins.

Tel: 01895 250316 - Civic Centre office (9am - 5.30pm weekdays)  
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[hhiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:hhiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk)



*Northwood's newly-elected councillors enjoy Jubilee in the Park*

### CLLR HENRY HIGGINS

I am delighted to have been elected as ward councillor, joining the Northwood family and working alongside my good friend Richard. I have been a councillor for over 20 years and have been using the facilities of Northwood for 36 years. I got married in Emmanuel Church and raised my family here and can't think of any other place I can call home. I believe I am here to serve as best I can and will do my utmost to deliver to the community.

I am thrilled to have retained my position as Planning Borough Chairman and Vice Chairman to the Major Applications Planning Committee.

**Ultra Low Emission Zone.** On another note, Mayor Khan is determined to push through ULEZ to be London-wide and I urge all residents to express their views on the expansion.

You can make your voices heard by calling 0343 222 1155 or you can email [cleanairyourview@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:cleanairyourview@tfl.gov.uk) with your response.

### We will be holding regular surgeries

on the fourth Saturday of every month  
(except December)  
at Northwood Library in Oaklands Gate HA6 3AA  
from 10.30am to 11.30am.



### Exploring the NRA Website

Have you discovered the **The Association** tab?

This drop-down menu reveals five categories of information, clicking on a category takes you to detailed entries. E.g. Clicking on **The Executive Committee** takes you to an accordion-style list of committee members. Other categories are: Minutes, Newsletter archive, Policy documents and Become a member.

[www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)

## Operation QPlat - or how to put on a community event

**FIRST** - choose your organising team. And what better combination than the seven who put on *Music in the Park* celebrating HM The Queen's 90th birthday in 2016? Here they are:



**CHAIRMAN:** Leo Mindel  
vice chairman of NHRA.

Expert in most things technical, stage manager responsible for hiring and setting up stages and sound system.



**TREASURER:** Tony Ellis  
chairman of NRA.

Responsible for keeping the books, lateral thinking, counting the bucket-shake cash and escorting the Mayor of Hillingdon on the day.



**SECRETARY:** Ros Plume  
secretary of NRA.

Experienced in keeping the team in order through subtle nagging. Responsible for admin, publicity, and Northwood business sponsors.



**SITE MANAGER:** Richard Plume BEM

Experienced project director, full-time community volunteer. Responsible for site layout, catering, marshals, car park, toilets, waste disposal ...



**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Andrew Riley BEM  
chairman of NHRA.

Expert networker and all-round good chap. Responsible for liaison with council officers and police.



**PUBLICITY:** Miles Gillman  
vice chairman of NRA.

Creative advertising guru, responsible for all design requirements: logo, posters, banners, T-shirts



**MUSICAL DIRECTOR:** Ann Purcell

Experienced in event organising in high places. Responsible for all things backstage: performers, children's entertainment, changing rooms, running order, liaising with sound engineers and compères.



**COMPÈRES:** David Yarrow  
and Lynne Halse

**NEXT** - come up with a name for the event and a logo

**THEN** - over the course of the next year, meet regularly, often over Zoom; fill in reams of paperwork; produce numerous policy documents and briefing notes; each member beavers away at their designated tasks ...

**RECRUIT** - about 70 volunteers

**AND YOU'VE GOT AN EVENT!**







## Jubilee in the Park

2nd June 2022

PHOTO: Tony Lane

**THE LOGISTICS.** We started with an empty field at 8am on the morning of the event, and locked the gate on an empty field again at 8.30pm. In between times we had delivered and put up:

- Two stages
- 46 panels of Herras fencing to provide a secure backstage area
- 40 red, white and blue covers for the fencing
- 10 gazebos, some backstage, some for meet and greet, First Aid, Control
- A small marquee for the children's entertainment
- Posts and strings to mark out the car park
- Bunting all over the place
- Two deliveries of 30 bacon sandwiches, 25 teas and 5 coffees to keep the workers fed and watered through the morning

All the equipment had been mustered at the 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood Scouting Centre, and was moved in four large van loads. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Northwood for all their assistance with loan of equipment and temporary storage.

Richard Plume



Plenty of choice of refreshments



Cuttlefish



CJ Edwards Band



And there was music!



Olde Skool



The Polka Dots



Yiewsley & West Drayton Brass Band





## Plenty of Jubilee Partying in Northwood!

### We certainly did celebrate!

A neighbour in **New Farm Lane** asked if anyone in the road was doing anything so my husband and I said we'd host a Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea. We ended up with over 35 neighbours, including some from adjoining Rickmansworth Road, and who knew afternoon tea went on until after 10pm!

Everyone chipped in to bring food and drink - we could have catered for a few more streets!

There was a Jubilee Quiz, a random royal name generator, memorabilia on show including a programme and newspaper from the Coronation and, as you can see, Her Majesty dropped in for a cucumber sandwich!

We are fortunate to have so many lovely neighbours; many new friendships have been formed as we helped each other out and clapped for the NHS during the lockdowns. I think this will be the first of many get-togethers.

*Sue Bough*



### Jubilee Garden Party On The Green Newell Northwood Estate

On June 5th our Estate enjoyed an afternoon tea party for friends and neighbours. It was a lovely opportunity to involve the residents of Lingfield, Hawkesworth and Dormans Close. Meeting new friends within our community and celebrating our Queen's Jubilee made it a special occasion to remember. Hoping this will be continued with further opportunities to get together and make more new friends.

*Tania Swallow*



I went to our street party (**Kewferry Drive, Farm Road and Hedgeside Road**). Residents supplied food, drinks, tables and chairs. We toasted the Queen and sang the National anthem. Most enjoyable to meet every one and chat.

*Peter Belcher*



On Sunday 5th June, the families of St. Mary's Avenue celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth with a street party as we have done on previous occasions.

The street was closed to traffic at midday, tables and benches brought on to the road, and bunting stretched across the street. The party was formally declared open by Molly, our senior resident, cutting the ribbon to great applause. For the next hour residents and guests mingled, enjoying a concert by our resident musicians, and participating in various crafts and activities before being called to tables for afternoon tea.

A letter sending loyal greetings that had previously been laid before her Majesty was read out, and the opportunity was taken to pledge our continued allegiance to Her Majesty's Throne and person.

*John Ashmele*

### Message sent to Her Majesty the Queen

30 people from the congregations of **Eastcote Northwood Hills and St Johns URC Churches** met up for a celebration tea-party in The Well at St Johns Church on 2nd June. Everyone present signed a card of congratulations and thanks which was sent to Her Majesty the Queen. The scones and the cakes were much enjoyed and there was a loyal toast in cups of tea!



Being housebound I was at home all day but watched events on TV and my son and daughter-in-law brought lunch. Enjoyed all the pageantry, Church service and all TV coverage.

*Winifred MacNeill*



Being a lover of history and the expression “I Was There”, but not being too happy in big crowds I felt I had to take part in the Platinum Celebrations in London, so I ventured up to Trafalgar Square on the Thursday morning.

After finding a space on the black iron barrier just in front of Nelson’s Column - the barrier was great to hang a rucksack onto and lean on - I struck up conversations with other visitors.



We could hear the bands and cheering from Horse Guards during Trooping the Colour, but the best bit of the morning was the fantastic Fly Past and I was fortunate to be able to get some excellent photographs.

On arriving back in Northwood, I realised that, if I legged it, I would still make the “Party in the Park” in Chestnut Avenue so that was where the dog and I spent a couple of hours.

Congratulations to all concerned who organised such a lovely way for Northwood Residents to celebrate such a great occasion.

Sue Girvan  
Hallowell Road



## Hilliard Road celebrations.

We had an 'afternoon tea' on Sunday 5th June, helped along with Indian samosas and pakoras and bubbly to celebrate and toast Her Majesty the Queen.

Jill Besant



## Chester Road Street Party.

We applied to the council to get one section of our road closed. We had a lovely 'bring and share' afternoon tea, with games of volleyball and table tennis on the street. Our resident professional cake baker made an amazing Jubilee celebration cake and we even had our own small brass duo to play the National Anthem for us before toasting the Queen. Many of our residents came (including some from Seymour House Care home) and whole families enjoyed a lovely afternoon eating, playing games, meeting new people and reconnecting with old friends.

Christine Britton



## Pines Close and Kiln Way

held their Big Jubilee Lunch in the Northwood Lawn Tennis Club clubhouse on 5th June. A special guest popped in briefly (but she must have been on her way somewhere else - just a bit overdressed?)



## Jubilee Celebration in Roy Road

Taking account of the weather forecast for the Sunday, the Roy Road Jubilee Celebration took place in brilliant sunshine on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our little community to get together. Since lock-down the Roy Road WhatsApp Group has been extremely valuable but, as one neighbour wrote, it was so good to put faces to names. What was particularly good was that five houses have changed owners this year so the new neighbours (the newest having been in the road only for days!) were able to meet everyone and several who have lived in the road over forty years!

There was bunting, music, food, (lots!) drinks and great company and conversation. The general consensus was that it was a memorable event and that we should look for any opportunity to repeat the get-together regularly!

Linda Gibson





## ACTIVITIES 4YOU

St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road

### MUSIC

Our **FREE** Tuesday concerts continue to run throughout the year including the summer months. Join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Tea/coffee at 10.30am followed by a half hour concert at 11.30am.

*Some of the following activities may pause over August but we welcome new members to join us from September onwards. All activities are drop-in so feel free to come along and give them a try:*

### SQUARES R US

Tuesday afternoons, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

This friendly group knit squares to make 'happy blankets' for those they are supporting.

### ART 4 FUN

First and third Wednesday each month, 10.30am-12.30pm, **£5**

### CREATIVE WRITING GROUP ON ZOOM

First and third Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, **free**

### LAUGHTER YOGA AND RELAXATION ON ZOOM, 9.30am Wednesdays, **free**



For further information please contact the church office:

Telephone: 01923 829166

email: [stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com](mailto:stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com)



## Northwood District Guides - Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, leaders and families from Northwood District spent a memorable evening at Willow Tree Centre, Ruislip to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee alongside our other guiding family members from Middlesex North West.



L to R Marian Brown, Jane Anderson, Jenni Maidment

The evening began with a good old-fashioned campfire sing song as well as opportunities to toast marshmallows and make tasty smores. The formal part of the proceedings began just after 9.30pm when Jenni Maidment (County Commissioner and Northwood District Guide Leader) made a speech and thanked the Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon and his wife for attending. This was followed by Jane Anderson (Leader with 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Northwood Brownies) playing the fanfare 'Majesty' on her trumpet. At 9.45pm, at the same time as everyone else throughout the country, the Beacon was lit by Jenni and ably assisted by competition winner Jasmine from 1<sup>st</sup> Headstone Rainbows.

All participants were presented with a certificate to mark their contribution to the historic event then both Jenni and Marian (Assistant County Commissioner) visited each unit to present the helpers with a personally engraved medal.

If you would like to arrange a trial session for your daughter at one of our units or join us as a volunteer, please contact Jenni at [northwooddistrictguides@outlook.com](mailto:northwooddistrictguides@outlook.com)

A party of us from the **English Language Café**, held weekly at Emmanuel Church and open to all comers, celebrated with a trip to London. After the Monument which recalls the Great Fire of 1666 when Charles II was king, we walked to the Bank of England and took the Docklands Light Railway where the children noted that the trains had no drivers. We flew over the Thames in the cable car, coming down near the O2 Centre.

Later we embarked on a Thames Clipper from North Greenwich to Westminster. A great day out for eighteen, including recent arrivals from Kazakhstan, Hong Kong and Ukraine. Five children came with their parents.

Roger Kojecky

Email: [languagecafe@ecn.org.uk](mailto:languagecafe@ecn.org.uk)





## Northwood Methodist Church

We are a warm-hearted family of faith and we have Jesus at the centre of our worship. We have a service each Sunday at 10.30am and once a month this includes Holy communion. All are welcome to join us on any Sunday.

Our Harvest Festival and parade service is on October 2nd when everyone attending is encouraged to bring gifts of "store cupboard" food for Hillingdon food bank.

On October 23rd we will meet at 9.15am for Breakfast Praise, a chance to sing familiar and new hymns followed by a light breakfast.

Our "In Loving Memory" service, when there's an opportunity to remember family and friends who are no longer with us will be on Sunday October 30th at 4pm.

Everyone is very welcome to come along to any or all of these services.

**"Little Acorns", a group for toddlers and their carers meets every Monday at 9.30am during term time.**

**The Oasis lounge**, at the moment, is open on "craft market" Saturdays at 10am for coffee, tea, homemade cakes, breakfast and light lunches.

For more information about the church and our Bible study groups please contact our minister, Rev. Andrew Pottage. For hire of premises please contact the church administrator. Thankyou.



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*Our churchyard needs some TLC*

### Some forthcoming events:

#### **Picnic, Pimms and Hymns - Sunday 4 September**

Exactly what it says, you are invited to bring your own picnic, sense of fun and good voices... favourite hymns sung on request! On the Vicarage Lawn after our 10am service until about 2pm.

#### **Animal Blessing Service - Sunday 11 September, 12pm**

This is an opportunity to give thanks for them and to reflect on our part in caring for our planet and all the animals around us. Where: Outside on the Vicarage Lawn. Please do bring your animals with you if they are happy to travel (all animals must be tethered or enclosed). If you are able to bring a camping seat or similar, that will be helpful.



**Are you Passionate about Pruning?**

**Do you Relish a Rake?**

**Are you Fearsome with a Fork?**

**We need you!**

**Join us every First Saturday of the Month  
(6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct)**

**10am - 12noon** for fun, fellowship  
(and some elbow grease)  
to help us get our churchyard looking loved.

Please bring your own gloves and hand-tools  
(forks, cutters, pruning saws).

**Refreshments (Donuts and Coffee) provided!**

For more information visit [www.htnorthwood.co.uk](http://www.htnorthwood.co.uk)  
Holy Trinity Church, Gateway Close,  
Northwood HA6 2RP  
Tel: 01923 822990

## Members, this is your newsletter!

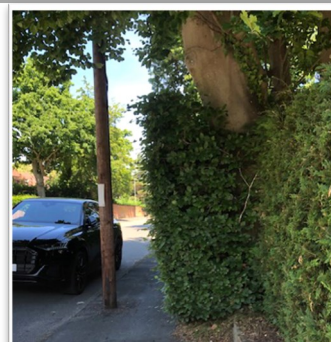
I am always eager to receive comments, articles and suggestions for topics that you would like us to cover. The next issue will be published in November with copy deadline mid October.

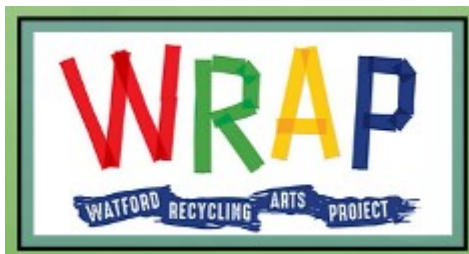
Do get in touch.

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

Ros Plume

If hedge or tree foliage from your property is growing out into or onto pavements, now is the time for prompt cutting-back attention. This example shows how restricted the pavement can be for walkers to get past.





Hello from WRAP, your local scrap-store. Recent visitors may have noticed we have been having a bit of a change round, this is to accommodate an increase in donations recently. As visitor numbers pick up again, we are working VERY hard to make as much as possible available to our members. With programmes like the Great British Sewing Bee stimulating the re-use of textiles, people are very keen to utilise whatever they can to make interesting and new items.

We have also been working hard behind the scenes to make space to receive these items. So all in all, a lot more shelf space and we still have a way to go to make the warehouse itself as usable as possible.

If you haven't been for a while, do come in and have a look around, there is an amazing selection of items (not just fabric!) to stimulate your creativity. If you are yet to find us, we are based in Ryefield Crescent, down the slope to the rear of the shops in the old DIY store units, the sign for which can be seen from Joel Street. See you soon!

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## Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society ....

The Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society is delighted to be resuming live meetings in September. It will have illustrated lectures on the third Tuesday of each month, at St Martins Church Hall, Ruislip starting promptly at 8pm. We expect also to live stream the meetings for those who wish to participate from home.

20 September: **From Scythes to Suburbia:**

*The Socio-Economic Impacts of the coming of the Railways to the Chilterns*, Dr Rudi Newman

18 October: **The Manor of the More**, Heather Falvey

15 November: **The British East India Company**, Linda Hampson

20 December: **Research Group presentations**

For further information, please contact:  
**membership@RNELHS.uk**  
or visit **www.RNELHS.org.uk**

## Ruislip Woods News



NRA committee member, Peter Lansdown presents pruning saws to Cllr Becky Haggar, Mayor of Hillingdon 27 June 2022

The newly refurbished **Woodland Centre**, next to the café on the Lido beach, now has two helpers to run a programme of events throughout the summer. The first of which you can see in the flyer.

There are also a number of new exhibits to inform and educate the public about our woods. Do drop in if you are passing.

**Free Family Fun**  
At the Woodland Centre, Ruislip Lido  
**Mon 25th-Fri 29th July**  
**Mon 1st-Fri 5th August**  
**Daily 11-3pm**  
Kick start your summer holidays with arts, crafts, woodland activities and walks.  
For further info:  
Diana 07736 974497 or Lucy 07961 157215

### NRA funds tools for volunteers.

It was our pleasure to donate two pruning saws for use by the Ruislip Woods volunteers who work alongside the Green Spaces council Rangers.

Interested in joining the team? The Hillingdon Council website says: *Volunteers are one of our most valuable resources. The time individuals can spare, no matter how little, enables us to achieve far more than could otherwise be managed. You will also have the opportunity to broaden your knowledge, learn new skills and make new friends.*

To find out more, go to <https://hillingdon.gov.uk/> type 'volunteer' into the search box and follow the links.

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

Miles Gillman





## News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

With the British weather being as variable as ever, this spring/summer has produced

more unusual horticultural changes; some plants flowering early, challenging germination times for seed etc.

One thing that has not changed is the keenness of our gardening members and the programme of events that the Society arranges. We held a successful plant sale in the spring and by the time you read this, visits to Nymans, Sussex Prairie Gardens, Great Dixter and Pashley Manor will have taken place. We have one more visit in the calendar, namely, to Oxford Botanic and Waterperry Gardens. This takes place on Saturday 10 September. There are a few places still available so please contact Sue Mansfield, [mansfieldsr@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mansfieldsr@blueyonder.co.uk), 01923 829939 if you would like to join us.



Members recently enjoyed a visit to Sussex Prairie Garden and Nymans



Our speaker evenings start on Monday 19 September with the first one being titled "Three Great Gardeners in Their Own Words". On Monday 17 October we look forward to hearing about "Great British Gardens".

The talks take place at Eastbury Farm School at 7.45 for 8.00pm. Visitors are welcome – but why not join on the night for a mere £5 per annum!

We always welcome new members, please contact Tim Ellison, Membership Secretary on 01923 822162 or email: [ehs.members@gmail.com](mailto:ehs.members@gmail.com)



## Northwood Area Women's Club

**We are Northwood Area Women's Club** - a social club that brings women together. We are a local non-profit making organisation that welcomes women of all ages and nationalities. We hold our monthly General Meetings in St John's United Reform Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood and you are very welcome to attend your first visit as our guest.

**The first meeting of our 2022/23 year is on Thursday 8th September.**

Our current activities include Guided Walks and Tours, Mahjong, Walkers and Strollers, Book Groups, Knitting & Stitching, Ladies Who Lunch, Fitsteps, Italian Conversation and Cinema Visits. Depending upon the current interests of club members, these may change.

The annual subscription is £40 for 2022/23 and for members joining from January 2023 onwards is £25.



Some of the Walking Group on the Thames Path

For more about NAWC visit:  
[www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk](http://www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk)  
Email: [info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk](mailto:info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk)

Rosemary Mastin  
President

## Michael Sobell Hospice Charity

### Are you having a summer clear out?

The Michael Sobell Hospice charity shops in Northwood and Eastcote are always looking for donations of pre-loved clothes, shoes, bags, bric-a-brac and books. If you have items to spare, we'd love to see you at our shop in Northwood (HA6 3AE) or Eastcote (HA5 1QR). We are also currently collecting donations at our fundraising office next door to the hospice building (HA6 2RN). Thank you so much for anything you can give.



MSH shop in Green Lane, Northwood

The Michael Sobell Hospice inpatient unit in Northwood provides free specialist palliative and end-of-life care services to people living in the London Borough of Hillingdon. Our specialist teams work to ensure that people in our community experience a journey towards the end of their life that is comfortable, peaceful, and free from worry and pain. The hospice care we provide isn't just about people experiencing a 'good death'. We also provide relief from challenging symptoms for people living with an advancing illness, so they can continue to live life in a way that feels meaningful to them.

Every generous donation we receive to our shops supports our teams in delivering this essential care and support.

For more information visit:  
[www.michaelsobellhospice.org](http://www.michaelsobellhospice.org)  
or call the Fundraising Team on 020 3909 0446





## Northwood Residents' Association AGM 9th June 2022 at Northwood Methodist Church

Chairman Tony Ellis presented his report for the months since our last AGM in September 2021. He asked for volunteers to join the committee, as many of the present members have been in post for many years – this coming year will make 14 years for the Chairman himself.

This year our guest speaker was Cllr Ian Edwards, Leader of Hillingdon Council, an extremely interesting speaker whose main theme was the way in which the council is striving to keep Hillingdon a low-cost authority. He answered a variety of questions from the floor.

The formal business followed. Treasurer Rashmi Chauhan

presented the Annual Accounts for 2021, which were approved. Subscription rates remain unchanged at a minimum of £2 per household and £10 per business.

President, officers and committee members were all re-elected, see details on the back cover of this newsletter.

Robert Sisk, manager of Northwood Library, introduced us to some of the many and varied resources available at the library.

Finally, Cllrs Lewis and Higgins answered questions from the floor.

**A full report of the AGM is available to view on the NRA website.** If you cannot access the internet and would like a printed copy, please contact me.

Ros Plume,  
Secretary  
01923 827409

## There's more to your library than you think!

I recently joined Hillingdon libraries as the new manager for Northwood library. If you attended the NRA AGM you will have seen me talk about the many events and resources that we run at the library.

Over the next few issues of the Northwood Resident's Association newsletter, I will highlight some of the many resources we have available, and you may not know about.

**GET TO GRIPS WITH IT.** One of the many popular services we offer is free 1:1 IT sessions offering support with online resources, personal devices and emails. This is also a great way to find out about the various online resources that we have.

For example, we have **BorrowBox**, this is an app for Apple or Android devices or a desktop-based application that allows you to access Hillingdon libraries' 1000's of e-audio books and e-books which are totally free to download. You can borrow up to 5 e-books and 5 e-audio books for 21 days and renew them twice. The collection is constantly being updated and you will be pleased to know that you will never get a fine for late return.

**'REAL' BOOKS ARE STILL VITALLY IMPORTANT!** We also have a vast selection of physical books which is being updated fortnightly with the latest titles. So, grab a book this summer, sit in your garden or a local park and enjoy a good read.



Northwood Library, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AB  
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Web: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries)

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries)

**Open:** Monday to Friday 09:30am - 5pm, to 7pm on Tuesday  
Saturday 09:30 - 4pm

I have a fantastic, experienced team of staff at the library, so do come and visit us over the Summer and remember we hold free recycling bags and food caddy bags for holders of Hillingdon First cards.

Enjoy a Summer of reading!

Robert Sisk  
Northwood Library Manager

To find out more about BorrowBox, please visit the **Hillingdon.gov.uk** website, select libraries (under services) > select access our digital library > select reading.

To book a session please call 01895-558262 or pop in the next time you are in the town.

## Northwood & District u3a Welcomes New Members

Northwood and District u3a is enjoying a revival of real activities after a long period spent in front of computer screens.

Our members are now out walking again, or visiting places of interest, and taking photos, while other groups are playing sports, having discussions, learning languages and listening to music.

Currently, we have over seven hundred members living in this area, and around sixty interest groups, and we welcome new members. Members can be anyone no longer in full-time employment, who are tempted by our slogan 'Live, Learn, Laugh'

**How do I contact u3a?** Full details are on our website: [u3asites.org.uk/northwood/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/northwood/home) or you can come to one of our talks and meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and see for yourself. **10:30 am at Fairfield Church Hall. HA6 1PD**

**We look forward to meeting you!**

Alan Lester  
Vice Chairman  
Northwood & District u3a



Our charity exists to reduce isolation and increase both mental and physical wellbeing in the local older population. We are delighted that nearly all face-to-face activities have now resumed and members are

enjoying each other's company once more, whether sharing a meal, a Lido walk, exercising, or taking part in crafts, quizzes and games.

There is intergenerational contact with local schoolchildren via Zoom and MHA's Digital Communities also offers a wide programme online to cater for a variety of interests as well as for those who feel unable to go out.

We hosted an information stall at Northwood's celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with cupcakes given to those who visited the stall. Thank you to all those who came to chat to us about what we do.

### We are currently desperate for volunteer drivers!

Many of our members feel unsafe using taxis or public transport and recently some were unable to attend an activity due to insufficient drivers. If you have an hour or two to spare even only occasionally and feel this is something you could help with, please get in touch. A generous mileage allowance is paid to those who need it.

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Jo Wild, Volunteer

## Northwood Lions Club



### Northwood Saturday Market ('The Lions Den')

Olive Fairclough and her brilliant team of volunteers, who have been running the Saturday Market for the past fifty years, announce with deep sadness and regret that we will not be reopening. Following more than two years of forced closure during the pandemic, we have encountered various insurmountable problems that mean we cannot continue. So, after much soul searching we have decided to call it a day.

We want to thank all our loyal customers, many of whom have been visiting the Market all their lives, for the wonderful support they've shown us over the years, enabling us to raise more than £300,000 - all of which has gone to local good causes. We'll miss you all - for your company, your wisdom, inspiration and good humour.

We continue to raise money for local causes, look out for us at various supermarkets with our tin-shakes. And be sure to visit our stand at the Pinner Village Show on Saturday 10th September.

For membership enquiries, we can be contacted via Facebook, or call Robert on **07860 324395**

Visit: **www.northwoodlions.org.uk**

Robert Green



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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
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## Northwood Bowling Club

The bowling season started on April 23rd with the opening day game well-attended by the members, all pleased to be back on the green after a long winter.

Then we had our Open Day on Sunday May 8th. This was a very successful day when we had a record number of new people trying the game, many for the first time. Some have since joined the club and some are completing our coaching course.

The highlight of the season so far was on June 2nd when Northwood celebrated Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. We decorated the club with bunting and flags and the theme for the bowlers was to be dressed in red, white and blue. Whilst we played, we had the music from the park to accompany us.

Whether you are an absolute beginner or an experienced bowler wishing to change clubs, please contact us via our website:

**[www.northwoodbowling.co.uk](http://www.northwoodbowling.co.uk)** or phone Paul on 01923 835607.

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*Jubilee Tea in the clubhouse*



## NORTHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

Northwood F.C. is eagerly anticipating the start of the new season which begins with an FA Cup Extra

Preliminary Round tie on 6th August followed by the start of the Isthmian League South Central campaign on 13th August.

Excitement is high following the remarkable turnaround last season following the November appointment of Director of Football Steve Ringrose and Head Coach Ben Bukowski which saw a newly assembled team climb from bottom place in

the league to the safety of mid-table.

The Woods Super Season Ticket offer is back for the new season where for just £49 you can enjoy all the Isthmian League games plus Isthmian Youth League games at Northwood Park Stadium. You can also enjoy a year's social membership to the excellent clubhouse facility.

Off the pitch the club continues to thrive and we are always looking to add to our growing band of volunteers who help out both on matchdays and with general tasks around the clubhouse and ground – please email **[NFC.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:NFC.enquiries@gmail.com)** to register your interest.



Looking forward to seeing you.  
Up the Woods!

You can find more details on the Season Ticket offer and keep up to date with all the fixtures and news at the club via **[www.northwoodfc.com](http://www.northwoodfc.com)** and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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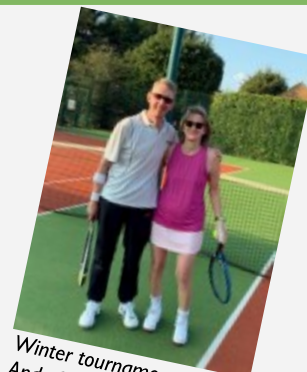
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## Northwood & District Community Association

Just to remind/inform readers that NADCA (The Northwood and District Community Association) is once again up and running. A minimal membership fee gives you access to a number of different activities.

**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL.** There are keep fit classes for the over 50s, held on Monday and Tuesday mornings at Emmanuel Church Hall. Without the hassle of gym membership, these classes provide a combination of cardio, Pilates, yoga and strength-building exercises from a qualified instructor. The programme is designed to increase joint and muscle strength.

There are also twice-weekly Iyengar yoga classes, again taught by a highly qualified teacher, who caters for all abilities. These classes take place on Tuesday and Friday mornings in Oaklands Gate Church Hall in Northwood.

In addition to these activities, the Association has table tennis, mat bowls (in the winter months), bridge and board games, badminton, etc. Most activities are on a very reasonable pay-as-you-go basis.

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#### Bridge Drive at Moor Park Golf Club

On Tuesday 11 October, 11am we will be holding a Bridge Drive at Moor Park Golf Club. Entry is £25 per person, this includes lunch with prizes. Format will be Chicago Bridge.

#### Thames Moonlight 10 or the Chiltern Challenge

If you fancy taking on a challenge, you can now book for the Thames Moonlight 10 on Friday 9 September or the Chiltern Challenge on Saturday 24 September.

#### Ukes Against Cancer

On Saturday 20 November, 7pm Berkhamsted Civic Centre.

**Challenge of a lifetime** – if you fancy finding out more, please get in contact. It may be a trek, a hike, run 10k, half marathon or even a marathon! cycle ride or even a skydive.

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We begin the new season with 'Holland & the Dutch Masters', a five-day tour to The Netherlands departing 12 September 2022 and our first daytime lecture will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, titled 'Venice: from Canaletto to Monet'.

**JOIN US:** Become a member for the year and enjoy nine lectures for just £45, or choose Joint Membership at £84 for two at the same address. Why not come along to a lecture and try us out? We invite a £10 donation from visitors and guests at monthly meetings. Other events are individually priced.

**WHERE WE MEET:** Our monthly lectures take place at Winston Churchill Hall in Ruislip. We meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.15am for complimentary tea/coffee. Lectures start promptly at 10.50am and finish around noon. Evening meetings, and Days of Special Interest are held at Moor Park Mansion.

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The Group would be very pleased to welcome new members and should you wish to learn more of our activities please contact Mike Paddy on 07568495584.



**SOUTH OXHEY CHOIR - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.** The Choir was invited to attend the Three Rivers District Council Beacon Lighting ceremony on Thursday 2nd June, with a limited number of choir members singing the Commonwealth Universal song "A Life with Grace" plus a few of our most popular ones, on a dry night too.

Want to know more about us?  
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Want to know what's on in Northwood?  
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[www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)

## Harrow Choral Society's Fond Farewell and an Exciting New Chapter

Harrow Choral Society's Summer concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> July marked the end of an era for the classical choir as it bade farewell to Music Director Simon Williams, its conductor for 30 years. His tenure has seen numerous innovations including Away Days and tours in the UK and abroad as well as the development of the Harrow Choral Academy which supports both new and experienced members in improving/developing their vocal skills. After the concert at St Alban's Church, North Harrow, where the choir holds its regular Monday evening rehearsals, members and friends old and new gathered to show their appreciation of Simon's considerable achievements.

This Summer has also seen the appointment of a new conductor, Sam Evans, who will take over the baton from September. A former choral scholar of King's College, Cambridge, Sam studied at the Royal Academy of Music as well as the Royal College of Music International



To introduce Sam to the wider choral community, Harrow Choral Society invites you to attend an Open Workshop on Saturday 3rd September from 10am to 3pm at St Alban's Church Hall, North Harrow HA2 7PF. Music will be provided and will include pieces by Elgar, Haydn, Brahms, Finzi and Charles Wood. Guests £10, members £5. All further details are on our website [www.harrowchoral.org.uk](http://www.harrowchoral.org.uk)

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