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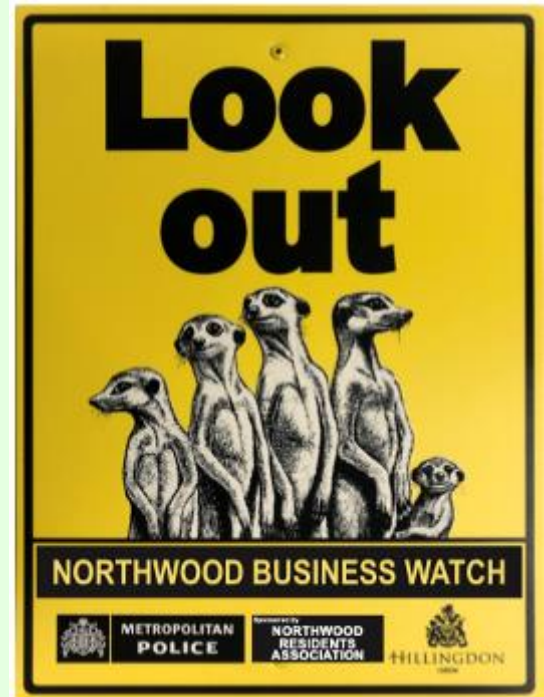
Residents' Association

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Have you spotted the new distinctive signs around the town centre?



The NRA is delighted to be part of the initiative bringing Business Watch to Northwood.

The scheme enables local businesses to share information concerning antisocial behaviour and crime very easily.

Crimes have already been reported through Business Watch including shoplifting, distraction thefts and youngsters smoking cannabis.

We hope that Northwood Business Watch will help to enhance the sense of community in the town centre.

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Business News

As usual our businesses are grateful to local residents for their continued support and use of our local shops and businesses.

The limited number of empty premises suggests that the local market is doing well.

We welcome the following **new members**:

Studio Garelle are very new members and offer bespoke architectural and interior design services. Practising design professionals for 20+ years in the high-end residential sector they design schemes to suit different styles and budgets.

We welcome **Northwood College** as new members and thank them for their support with local projects and their involvement with the NRA.

Whilst they have been trading for some while, **Marjans Café** has taken over the Village Café. New signage will be hung shortly but Marjan welcomes all clients new and old.

MoveWell in Rowland Place is a boutique, city-vibe gym on your doorstep. Offering small group fitness and 1:1 PT in a high-end, beautiful studio. Also featuring Feel Well: Wellbeing services including Massage, Physio, Sports Therapy, Reiki, Reflexology, Acupuncture and Psychotherapy.

Although now established and a welcome fixture located on the High Street, **Wyld Thyme Eatery** has now joined as a member. Owner Kate is a Michelin-trained pastry chef offering delicious desserts, pastries and savouries as well as a friendly professional service.

A stalwart on Green Lane, **Cook** has rejoined and continues to offer award-winning frozen meals and puddings, made like you would at home and delivered straight to your door.

We welcome back **Northwood Auto Services** although under new ownership. They are located at the rear of 16-18 Hallowell Road and offer car servicing and MOTs.

Parker & Hammond Opticians located on Green Lane have also rejoined. They continue to offer a full range of professional eye care services.

All the information about our Business members' services is available on our website under the **Business** tab and listed with a click-through to their individual websites or information. Please feel free to see who is a member.



BUSINESS WATCH

I am pleased to advise that Business Watch is now up and running in Northwood. We have a co-ordinated approach to dealing with thefts, Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and low-level crime. Businesses can now communicate with each other via a messaging group to warn about crime happening instantly.

This initiative is partly to ensure safe shopping for residents whilst in Northwood.

Huge thanks to all of those working in unison, Jennifer at The Three Wishes who has again stepped up to co-ordinate the messaging, the Northwood Ward Police panel especially Keith Weston who has pushed this initiative along together with Hoda Lacey who is their chairman and our NRA police liaison.

Many others are involved including our local police Safer Neighbourhood Team. Jennifer has also helped set up Pub Watch which enables restaurants and those with alcohol licenses to communicate any local issues.

We sincerely hope these initiatives will make you feel safer whilst enjoying Northwood facilities.

business@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Philip Green

Traffic and Highways

NORTHWOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

Some of you may remember that way back in 2017, as a result of pressure from the NRA, approval was given for officers to proceed with a transport study for the following roads:

- A404 Rickmansworth Road between Maxwell Road and A4180 Duck's Hill Road,
- Maxwell Road and
- B409 Green Lane

This study was carried out later that year and a detailed report with recommendations was published in 2018. In spite of pressure from the NRA, very little has happened since then, mainly due to financial constraints within the council. Recently the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Ian Edwards, asked me to forward details to him which I have done. Here is the response so far:

"The study has been revisited by officers and the intention remains to better facilitate pedestrians crossing at Rickmansworth Road j/w Green Lane. Now that TfL funding has resumed (although not to the previous level) consideration of this project is recommencing and the Director has diarised a meeting with Cllr Bianco, Cabinet Member for Highways, for early next month to progress".

ULEZ

By the time you read this the legal action brought by Hillingdon Council, along with Bexley, Bromley and Harrow and Surrey County, will have been heard and possibly a decision made.

The action has challenged the expansion in the High Court on five grounds:

1. Failure to comply with relevant statutory requirements
2. Unlawful failure to consider expected compliance rates in outer London
3. The proposed scrappage scheme was not consulted upon
4. Failure to carry out any cost benefit analysis
5. Inadequate consultation and/or apparent predetermination arising from the conduct of the consultation.

The expansion of the ULEZ area is still scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 29 August 2023.

traffichighways@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Peter Lansdown

From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

Unless I've miscalculated, this is the 42nd time I have written a report for our newsletter. I do hope that I can still pen a few words that retain your interest. Here goes.

HEALTH

With the NHS in dire straits, with doctors ignoring their Hippocratic Oath and striking, and a large backlog following Covid, it is difficult to find good news.

In Hillingdon we are fortunate to have reasonably well-functioning hospitals and some excellent GP practices. Plans are proceeding to centralise routine orthopaedic surgery at Central Middlesex Hospital. Centralisation results in best use of staff and facilities, thus increasing throughput which should result in reducing waiting lists and saving money. Some work still needs to be done on organising patient transport.

As mentioned on page 4, the go-ahead has finally been approved to build the new hospital on the Hillingdon site. Unfortunately, as reported on page 5, money hasn't been found to finance the building of a hospital to replace the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

The old Minor Injuries Unit (now called the Nurse Care Practitioner Centre) at Mount Vernon is still working to appointment only. I recently met the Chairman of the North West London Acute Hospital group and asked why the unit cannot see patients on demand. He said that he has constantly asked Board members at NHS England for authority to do this, but they replied that it wasn't their policy to operate such units. Unresponsive, out of touch, inflexible bureaucracy at NHS England is one of the reasons for the current state of the NHS. I would like to hear from you if you would support a petition for the full re-opening of the Minor Injuries Unit.

POLICE

Sir Mark Rowley was appointed Commissioner of the Met last September. So far, we have seen no evidence of improved local policing. I have had discussions about the poor service provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Team with MP David Simmonds and Leader of the Council, Ian Edwards and both have reported that they too have raised concerns about the state of policing with high-ranking officers and received promises that improvements are due soon. My concern is that any changes will be driven from the top down. Organisational change is only successful if it works upwards from the bottom.

In my last report I mentioned that our new sergeant, Gareth Blackburn, had promised higher visibility of officers. Unfortunately, this has not happened. We have an SNT contingent of two officers and a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). One officer only works part time as he is studying for a law degree and our PCSO, John Usher, has been absent through illness and then through Met bureaucracy. John returned for duty in April but has not been able to come on to active duty because his Emergency Life Saving certificate had expired whilst he was ill. Met rules allow him to return to active duty only when he has renewed his certificate. He has been waiting for two months for an appointment to renew his certificate. To date there has been no appointment available as PCSOs do not take priority over Police Officers. It is now scheduled for 17th July. We look forward to his return to Northwood.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Although the weather was inclement, we had a well-attended AGM on 20th April. Unfortunately, our planned speaker was unable to attend, and we were very lucky that David Simmonds MP was able to stand in. David gave us an informative insight into government and the work he had done lately.

Yet again, there was no police presence. Our councillors Messrs Lewis and Higgins fielded a very lively question time. You will find the full minutes from the AGM on our website.

BUSINESS WATCH

On page 2 Philip Green makes mention of Northwood's Business Watch. My congratulations to Keith Weston, Hoda Lacey and Philip for getting this valuable service to our business members up and running.

MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATIONS

We regularly send out bulletins containing points of interest, warnings and other vital information. These only go to members for whom we have a current email address. If you are missing out, please email a message to membership@northwoodresidentco.uk.

THE GRANGE

Many residents have complained about dangerous parking outside The Grange. Subsequently I asked Cllr Lewis to investigate the legality of the marquee which is the hub of all the events. The answer from a planning officer was that the marquee had been erected illegally. As Hillingdon Council owns The Grange it will be interesting to see what transpires.

COMMITTEE

Rashmi Chauhan has resigned as treasurer owing to ill health. Thank you, Rashmi, for your total commitment to the NRA and get well soon. We are fortunate to have found a replacement very quickly. Welcome to Jan Harding who has gone straight into the deep end.

Two new members were appointed at the AGM. Vijay Kotecha is the new membership secretary and Rajen Shah looks after our IT. Welcome both.

At the AGM we were authorised to increase the size of our committee by two to sixteen.

As usual I am indebted to the committee members who devote much of their free time and keep us operating as a unit. Thank you all.

CONCLUSION

Now that the holiday season is here, please respect your neighbours and drive safely and considerately. The Met informs us that most of the drivers who are caught speeding in Northwood are Northwood residents!

My thanks to our Road Stewards who carry out their vital work so well, to our MP and councillors.

I hope all of you have a splendid summer. Remember to support our local businesses.



Tony Ellis
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Planning Matters

THERE HAVE BEEN 102 PLANNING APPLICATIONS for Northwood since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I submitted objections or comments on 27 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 there have been some submitted for a full rebuild and for small blocks of flats or townhouses.

Dealing with planning applications that affect you 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 against the decision 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.

Anyone can search for a planning application on the LBH portal using the following link to access the plans and other papers submitted by the applicant:

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

Just enter the first part of the address in the 'Location,' box, and then 'View,' the documents.

Where you are adversely affected you can submit an objection directly on the LBH Planning portal. This is easy to do after viewing the documents, by going back to the first page and entering your objection by clicking/tapping the 'Enter Comment' box.

If you have any difficulty submitting your objection, then I will be pleased to help you.

If you want to present your case personally to the Planning Committee then you can do so by producing a petition with a minimum of 20 signatures of any residents living within LB Hillingdon. That will entitle you to speak at the Committee meeting for up to 5 minutes, and it's shown live on YouTube.

I can help draft the petition.

planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Trevor Sherling

Health Matters

WEBINAR ON ELECTIVE ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE – was held on 20th June 2023.

The proposal to bring together most routine inpatient orthopaedic surgery in North West London in a new centre of excellence at Central Middlesex Hospital has been given the go-ahead by NHS North West London. This followed a 13-week public consultation involving almost 2,000 people.

Details were provided about working groups and opportunities for patient/public engagement at the Webinar.

The new Orthopaedic Centre opening is expected in November 2023.

HILLINGDON HOSPITAL

The New Hospitals Programme will be backed by £20bn of investment to 2030 - announcement from the Government.

It confirmed a continued commitment to schemes previously announced as part of the programme – including Hillingdon. They therefore remain on track to deliver the new Hillingdon Hospital for the patients, staff and local people by 2030.

Their vision is to provide a state-of-the-art hospital for the residents of Hillingdon, and beyond, which supports the very best in the delivery of healthcare. The new Hillingdon Hospital will be a digitally enhanced building which is sustainable and fit for the future. It will provide the same range of services as now, but with improvements made possible by modern, purpose-built facilities.

To view the plans and have your say visit thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment

health@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Dr Amir Lakha

Plans to redevelop Hillingdon Hospital

Plans for the new Hillingdon Hospital continue to make progress. Recently, the government announced that the New Hospitals Programme will be backed by £20bn of investment to 2030. It confirmed a continued commitment to schemes previously announced as part of the programme – including Hillingdon.

The Hillingdon Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust



Artist's impression, view of the new hospital from Royal Lane

We therefore remain on track to deliver the new Hillingdon Hospital for our patients, staff and local people by 2030.

In terms of getting the site ready to build the new hospital, we are in the middle of a comprehensive five year enabling and decant programme. The latest draft timeline indicates a cleared site for the new hospital in 2025.

Thank you to all our patients, staff, local people and partners across the local health and care system who have supported us to get to this stage. We will continue to work with you and the New Hospitals Programme on the plans while maintaining progress on our enabling and decant programme to clear the site where the new hospital will be built.

Niall Smith
Redevelopment Communications & Engagement Manager
The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

To look at the plans and have your say visit thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment

A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds



Despite widespread opposition, I am disappointed that Mayor Khan is still intent on pressing ahead with his controversial ULEZ expansion. With only a matter of weeks to go, we are reaching a critical point in our campaign to bring these plans to a standstill. I have been continuing my work with colleagues both in Westminster and across Hillingdon and Harrow Councils on behalf of the residents and local business owners who are going to be hit the hardest by this daily charge. Readers will be aware that the Judicial Review into the proposed expansion has been granted by the High Court on two grounds: the consultation process and the scrappage scheme. I am hopeful we will have a positive decision by the time this article is circulated.

Residents have also expressed concerns about what they view as a lack of police presence locally, which is something I raised with the Neighbourhood Superintendent for Hillingdon, Anthony Bennett, when I met with him at Uxbridge Police Station recently. I was encouraged by our conversation and the emphasis placed on increasing community engagement and improving the visibility of neighbourhood police. This will ensure residents feel safe, while also addressing the wider issue of rebuilding confidence and trust in the police.

On this topic, there have been discussions about the Mayor's closure of police stations across London, with Northwood and Ruislip both acting as prime examples. These closures have resulted in the loss of established local bases that residents have relied upon for safety and reassurance. There has been some welcome news, however, that following a six-year campaign led by

Conservative councillors in Hillingdon, the Mayor has reversed his decision to close Uxbridge Police Station. While this is incredibly positive, I am sceptical that it is a political move to support his candidate in the Uxbridge and South Ruislip by-election. Of course, if the Mayor is sincere, I trust that he will provide us with assurances as to the long-term plan for the station and go further to support other police stations across London threatened with closure, which I have had the opportunity to call for in Parliament.

Lastly, I have been continuing to hold my surgeries across the constituency, including at both Village Express and Cofix in Northwood. Residents who would like to speak with me should contact my office by telephoning 0203 545 2462 or by emailing david.simmonds.mp@parliament.uk.

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and on Twitter: @DSimmonds_RNP

or Facebook: DavidSimmondsMP



Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Review

A team from Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, NHS England and UCLH is continuing talks with national colleagues to secure funding to relocate the cancer centre after it was not included on the list of schemes in the Government's New Hospitals Programme. It is understood MVCC is one of a small number of high priorities for any alternative sources of funding.

It is widely accepted there is an urgent need to re-provide Mount Vernon cancer services on an acute hospital site, as the current site cannot provide the right support that the cancer services need to provide a full range of treatments and trials for patients. At present, many patients have to have their

treatment split across different hospitals, and the majority of services that are provided on the site are done so from aging buildings and facilities that are increasingly problematic to maintain.

Relocation to a site adjacent to Watford General Hospital remains the preferred long-term option, and the right one for patients.

Following the decision to keep MVCC out of the New Hospitals Programme, UCLH remains committed to helping to find a capital solution to improve MVCC for patients and staff.

An independent clinical review concluded that MVCC needs to be managed by a specialist cancer provider and UCLH was identified as the preferred future provider. Since then, UCLH has been working with NHS England and East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust to support the delivery of high-quality cancer services from Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and to develop plans for a new MVCC on an acute site. Subject to these discussions, and some remaining due diligence work, it is the intention that UCLH would then take over running the services from East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust.

Jessamy Kinghorn
Head of Partnerships and Engagement
NHS England – East of England

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

Ros Plume

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

Dear Residents,



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

From Northwood SNT

This is the first time I'm writing for NRA and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all the residents.

I am PC Maninder Kaur Sohal, a police officer in the Metropolitan Police Service. I joined in October 2019 and worked on the Emergency Response Police team (ERPT) in Hillingdon before transferring to Northwood SNT where I am currently working.

During my time at ERPT I gained skills including dealing with domestics, theft and all other response crimes. Due to dealing with crime reactively I became confident in dealing with complex situations and undertaking multiple roles under high pressure. I also gained key skills in dealing with both suspects and victims which I have transferred to my role working as a Dedicated Ward Officer dealing with community and neighbour disputes. Community engagement is my favourite part of my job, I enjoy talking to people from different backgrounds, engaging with them at a personal level to understand their concerns and issues.

The Northwood Team maintains a policing presence through community engagements such as Crime Prevention Stalls, Drop-in Surgeries, Coffee with a Copper sessions and Walk and Talk sessions. The community engages with the team providing invaluable intelligence and support which the team greatly appreciates. († See note below)

We are glad that the Business Watch for Northwood is now up and running which is fantastic news. This will assist the team in gathering more intelligence and help prevent crime.

As a female PC, I take violence against women and girls very seriously by the team and so we are offering Walk and Talk sessions. The Walk and Talk initiative involves female officers pairing up with women from the community to go out on patrol in open spaces so that they can hear first-hand their experiences, concerns and reflections. The aim of the walkabout is to start a conversation between the public and officers about their safety concerns and what police can do, working with partners, to address them.

As the weather gets better, we advise that property windows are closed and secure when you are going out. Please do not leave any valuables in your vehicles as this only provides thieves with an incentive and please do not leave your vehicle windows open in the hot weather.

The team continues to carry out weapon sweeps at various locations in the ward. So far, no weapons or knives have been found which is always good news. Targeted patrols continue to take place in crime hot spots for ASB, Burglary, Robbery, Drug and Motor Vehicle crime. The team is considering the introduction of Street Briefings.

We would like to thank our residents for their continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

PC Maninder Kaur Sohal

† SNT community engagement sessions are publicised on the NRA notice boards and website as well as via OWL. Is this how you wish to meet our team, or would you prefer to see them out and about? Let us know. *Editor*

The Team members are:

Sgt Gareth Blackburn, PC Maninder Sohal

PC Mike Fowler and PCSO John Usher.

The Neighbourhoods Inspector is Insp Daniel Lipinski

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on

Telephone: 020 8721 2545

Email: **SNTWA-Northwood@met.police.uk**

Twitter: **@MPSNorthwood**

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

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

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Have you noticed that complaining about something is far easier than trying to fix it? Have you ever thought that "somebody should do something about that" and then put it out of your mind? Well, here's your opportunity to make a difference.

Here in Northwood, there are many community-minded individuals who not only identify a problem but step up to the mark and aim to deal with it.

The Northwood Residents' Association committee works hard on your behalf. The Northwood Police Ward Panel (NPWP) does too.

The NPWP works closely with our local Safer Neighbourhood Team to help maintain Northwood's status as a relatively low crime ward.

We need more active and dedicated people to join our panel. At our quarterly meetings in central Northwood, you will have the opportunity to talk to our SNT, councillors and others who share your interest in safeguarding our community. To qualify to join, all you need is to live or work

in Northwood and share our enthusiasm in keeping Northwood a safe place to be in.

As chairman, I also attend the quarterly meetings of the Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board at the Civic Centre. The board provides independent scrutiny to policing and they listen to the community and influence anti-crime initiatives. They also support crime prevention projects in the community.

So, even if you feel you cannot commit to joining our panel right now, do share your safety concerns with us by dropping me an email to the address below. There might be other ways you could do your bit for the community.

Northwood needs people like you!

police@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Tel: 01923 828085

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

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH is one of the largest and most successful voluntary crime prevention initiatives currently in existence countrywide. At its most basic level, Neighbourhood Watch consists of a group of like-minded neighbours getting together to help reduce crime where they live, by being alert to suspicious activity and reporting it to the police, thereby making their community safer.

Membership of Neighbourhood Watch is free – there is no subscription. Members act as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of their local community.



Neighbourhood Watch is all about looking out for each other. Neighbours uniting and acting together means that dozens of eyes and ears are able to pick up on anything happening in the neighbourhood that could cause worry or concern. It is not about being nosy or interfering, it is about being a good neighbour, caring for

your community, and reporting crime and potential problems, hence the Meerkats on the Neighbourhood Watch signs.

There is an active partnership between Northwood Neighbourhood Watch, which is part of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW), and the Northwood Police Safer Neighbourhood Team to reduce the opportunity for others to commit crime, or help solve a crime that has happened.

ONLINE WATCH LINK (OWL) is the communications platform used by the Northwood Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to communicate with Neighbourhood Watch members. The SNT posts regular updates on crime prevention, their regular community engagement events, and the monthly newsletter. The SNT also uses OWL to link to the Ward survey that provides the opportunity for residents to highlight their concerns about local crime and anti-social behaviour. If you have a CCTV system or a video doorbell, you can register these on OWL on 'CCTV Watch' which will enable the police to contact you in the event of a crime being committed in your locality, to see if any useful images have been captured.



You can join OWL either by using the QR code shown above, or by signing up on **owl.co.uk/met**

OWL has been operating in Hillingdon since 2018. In that time it has grown to over 17,500 members, of whom over 1,820 members are registered on CCTV Watch.

The role of a **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STREET COORDINATOR** is to engage with their neighbours, and encourage them to register with OWL and CCTV Watch, when installed. If you would like to volunteer to be a Street Coordinator, or establish a Neighbourhood Watch in your street, please email Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch at: **hillingdonnhw@gmail.com** and provide your details together with a contact number and you will be contacted.

NORTHWOOD BUSINESS WATCH. A recent initiative of Northwood Neighbourhood Watch has been to work in a collaborative partnership with the Northwood Residents' Association, the Safer Neighbourhood Team, and the Northwood Police Ward Panel to establish a Northwood Business Watch. This initial scheme covers businesses in the shopping area of Green Lane, Maxwell Road and Station Approach.

The aim of Northwood Business Watch is to reduce business crime and anti-social behaviour, which will help to continue to keep Northwood a safe and secure environment for residents, business owners, staff, customers, and visitors. Urgent or important information is disseminated through a messaging group.

If you need to contact the team you can email us at **hillingdonnhw@gmail.com**

Keith Weston
Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch
Deputy co-ordinator for Northwood

Scams are about! Please don't get caught!

Unfortunately, scams have become part of life and unlikely to go away. Whether they arrive by email, letter or text message, we all need to be wary. Residents have brought a couple to our attention recently:

1. **People's Postcode Lottery.** This comes in the form of a letter addressed to an individual and looks pretty convincing - until you read that "To begin your claim, contact ... for the processing and remittance of your money" when alarm bells should ring. You cannot win a lottery unless you have entered. You must be a player of People's Postcode Lottery to win a prize. Legitimate lotteries don't ask you to pay taxes, custom fees, insurance shipping, handling fees etc before you can receive your 'winings'.
2. **PayPal invoice.** This one comes by email and states that "PayPal has given its approval to your request" It gives a contact number in the USA and attaches a pdf document. If you receive a suspicious email from PayPal, please forward it to **phishing@paypal.com**

There is plenty of advice available online about avoiding scams e.g. on the Met Police site: **www.met.police.uk/littlemedia**
If in doubt, DON'T CLICK, PHONE or respond in any way.

From the Treasurer

AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, I would like to say thank you to everyone for all their help settling me into the role of Treasurer. My particular thanks to Tony, Ros, Paul, Philip, Vijay and Rajen for their patience.

I would also like to thank the Road Stewards who currently pay subscriptions into the bank and then let me or the membership secretary have the breakdown, so we can update our database. We are planning for future subscriptions to be input via the website, which will make life a bit easier for the Road Stewards (and me) as the database will be updated automatically. This will take time so please be patient and watch this space.

If you wish to pay directly into the bank, the minimum subscription is £2 per annum but many households pay £5, £10, £20 or even more. A bargain for such useful Newsletters.

Jan introduces herself on Page 14

Here are the bank details for any member who wishes to pay from their own bank account online by BACS.

NRA bank account details:

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

I understand that the bank account name has too many letters allowed in a transfer, so just insert as many as will fit. Please remember to put your name (Initial, Surname, then first line of your postal address – e.g. J.Bloggs 3 Anywhere St) on the payment reference. It makes life a lot easier until we are completely automated.

HOW SHOULD WE SPEND OUR SURPLUS? We have funds available to spend on local projects. If anyone has a specific requirement please contact me or any member of the committee and we will discuss at the next committee meeting. We have recently helped fund the Business Watch posters and approved a grant to 6th Northwood Scouts for grounds maintenance, but we are always looking for other worthwhile projects.

Jan Harding
treasurer@northwoodresidents.co.uk

NRA Membership

We have spent the last several months migrating data from our previous (no longer “fit-for-purpose”) custom-built membership database to a new proprietary platform by membermojo.co.uk (mmjo) and are already using it to send out NRA “Alert” messages on matters of local or urgent interest.

WE NEED YOUR DETAILS. It is now more vital than ever that you keep us informed (either via your Road Steward, or by email) of your current email address as this will increasingly be your main identification, together with your full name and postal address, for the new system.

In transferring data from the old system it has been apparent that we do not have full details for many of you, so, to allow the new system to personalise data sent to you, please email a message to membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk such as:-

I am (or we are) Mr/s Paul & Averil Barker, 2 Elgin Drive, Northwood, HA6 2YR, pifbarker@me.com (and do add a second email address if you want our messages to go to both of you).

Also, a gentle reminder - do check your mailboxes frequently and move/file or delete old emails, as we often get “bounce” messages back if your mailbox has a limited capacity and is full!

For those who are unable or do not wish to go fully online, you will be supported by the Membership team.

We have a small army of Road Stewards (RSs) helping by delivering our Newsletters three times a year, and traditionally, RSs have been the main conduit between members and the committee for informing us of local problems that need NRA assistance in resolving.


COULD YOU BE A ROAD STEWARD? Understandably, several RSs feel they have reached an age where they should retire, or indeed are moving out of the area, so we are always in need of replacements. Do contact me if you can help either near where you live, or further afield if for example you are an enthusiastic dog walker! With the new mmjo system we are moving increasingly to on-line and cashless payment of subs, so you don't have to worry about handling cash if you prefer not to.


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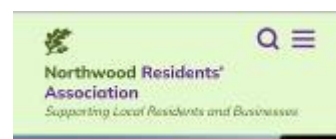
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Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer

Exploring the NRA Website



If you are unsure where to find a specific topic on the NRA website, it's always worth using the **SEARCH BOX**. Enter your keywords and click on the 

On a mobile phone, tapping on the  will open up a search box in the banner. Just enter your key words and tap Search.



www.northwoodresidents.co.uk

From Councillor Higgins

I have now been a local councillor for Northwood for just over a year and it has been an enriching experience working for the residents of Northwood. The surgery we hold on the fourth Saturday of every month has been a great success and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and helping the residents of Northwood.

The main issues that residents have expressed their concerns with me about are crime and antisocial behaviour, and ULEZ.

The person responsible for overall policing in London is the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan. He has allowed crime to rise continually every year with nighttime crime, burglaries and robberies. He has failed to take responsibility for any of these issues. I would like to reassure the residents of Northwood that the Leader of Hillingdon Council and Cabinet Member for Residents Services are working closely with the Met Commissioner to improve the policing in Hillingdon.

When this comes to print hopefully we will have an answer on the judicial review regarding ULEZ. I have been a councillor for over 20 years and not seen anything the like of which the Mayor of London is trying to put in place - a system that will financially burden and cripple businesses and commuters. This will affect everyone from your family and friends who visit to the police officers and carers who come to work in Northwood. This demonstrates the extent to which the current Mayor is out of touch with outer London.

I have now been selected as the GLA Conservative candidate for Ealing and Hillingdon and hope to oust the current GLA member for Ealing and Hillingdon, Onkar Sahota who endorsed the ULEZ policy that is so damaging to our residents.

On a happier note, Northwood Football Club has won a Chrysalis bid for improvements to their facilities. And the tennis courts in Northwood Recreation Ground, with support from the Lawn Tennis Association, have had a resurfacing transformation and look fantastic. They were re-opened by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Shehrya Ahmad-Wallana.

I look forward to continuing to meet and help the residents of Northwood.



Northwood Rec's tennis courts have been resurfaced

Northwood councillors hold 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.

Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:

Richard Lewis and Henry Higgins.

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

Email: rlewis@hillingsdon.gov.uk
hhiggins@hillingsdon.gov.uk



Join the Poppy Appeal team in Northwood

Would you like to help us organise the Poppy Appeal 2023 and support your local community during Remembrance Week?

The Royal British Legion is a champion of Remembrance and is responsible for the annual Poppy Appeal. The RBL is now looking for enthusiastic volunteer organisers to support the work of our London team in Northwood. The team works closely with local communities, businesses, churches, clubs, and schools throughout London to ensure a great experience of giving and remembering during Remembrance Week and our all-year-round fundraising events.

AS A PA ORGANISER, you will make an important contribution to RBL's work to support current serving personnel, veterans, and their families, providing expert advice and guidance for recovery and rehabilitation, through to transitioning to civilian life.

In this role, you will be able to use and develop your planning and coordination skills and your passion for building long-lasting relationships with individuals and groups. In addition, you can be confident that the time you give contributes to eradicating inequalities across our society.

We welcome applications from people from all sections of the community, irrespective of race, colour, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

Will you take part?

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, please visit our webpage at www.britishlegion.org.uk search for 'poppy appeal volunteers', submit your application or contact the Poppy Appeal Manager for your area:
Email: VCaivano@britishlegion.org.uk
Phone: 07849 701 585

There's nothing like a street party to bring communities together!



Drakes Drive and Farm End celebrate the Coronation

It was a day of celebration, the Coronation of King Charles III.

This was truly a time of living history, and in a small community on the southern perimeter of Northwood the residents could not let the day pass without note.



So, a Coronation banner was specially produced by Chris Cattle and a beautiful cake took pride of place. Marquees were erected in Farm End and colourful bunting adorned every surface. The close community that is Farm End and Drakes Drive came together contributing food and drink, music and friendship to mark the true spirit of this magnificent day.

A good time was had by all as glasses were raised to King Charles and Queen Camilla while sending our heart-felt wishes for a long and happy reign.

Lawrie Phillips

Chester Road Street Party Sunday 7th May 2023

We were very excited to have the opportunity to gather as neighbours on our street again to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Being able to close a section of our road meant that we could fully enjoy the sunshine, playing games, sharing afternoon tea and having relaxed conversations with each other. Residents from our local care home were hugely grateful to get outside and socialise and it was wonderful for some of our less mobile residents to have a party effectively come to them. The children on our street loved being able to cycle up and down and make full use of the space so freely.

We love what now feels like our annual street party and look forward to finding another reason to have one next year!

Christine Britton



Dene Road Coronation Street Party Lunch

Dene Road residents enjoyed themselves in the Coronation celebrations, closing the road for a Street Party lunch on the Sunday. Bunting was decked across the road and a cut-out of King Charles III made a good photo opportunity.



Dene Road's Coronation Lime Tree

The sun shone on over 150 people who brought an incredible variety of food for everyone to share. Hot dogs and steakburgers sizzled on a BBQ. The food was laid out on a long table under the organising eyes of Nicola and Manjit.

Childrens entertainment was run by Elana and Sheena whilst Naeha compered a Coronation Quiz with Coronation music laid on by Tara. Sandesh scored a hit with the young, running football coaching and a penalty shoot-out competition.

The party goers made a collection to buy a Coronation Tree and a small-leaved Lime tree has been planted outside the Sunshine House School to add to the imposing avenue of Dene Road Lime trees which keep Dene Road's environment special.

The party was a unique opportunity to meet and greet neighbours and few wanted to leave the party which overran and closed around 6.00pm.

Michael Pares



Roy Road Street Party – Sunday 7TH May



Who knew that Roy Road had its very own Piper, who started our celebrations in full Highland dress by marching the length of the street, piping everyone out of their homes! Tables, chairs, gazebos and bunting lined the road, which the council closed for us. We had live music; a Cake competition, which



PHOTO: Thomas Ramage

would have impressed the GBBO judges; games were played on the street, which the little children loved; we had a photographer; Camilla and Charles were honoured (cardboard) guests. But the best surprise was a visit from Mayor of Hillingdon, Becky Haggard, in full regalia, with her Consort, who gave their time, chatting to all and who made it such a special day for all of us in Roy Road and our guests.

Hazel Paterson

The Easy Street Big Band is based in Northwood Hills and made up entirely of local musicians, featuring a classic line up of five saxes, four trumpets, four trombones, piano, bass and drums.

Our extensive repertoire covers a range of swing and dance band arrangements from the 1930s to the present day, from well-known bands, arrangers and composers including, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, Sammy Nestico, and Neal Hefti, through to Burt Bacharach, Henry Mancini, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire and many more.

Throughout the year we love to support as many local community events and initiatives as possible, regularly playing in Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Pinner, Northwood, Moor Park, and Watford, as well as venues further afield such as Henley-On-Thames. We cover everything from bandstands, fêtes, open days, private functions and fund raisers, supporting local schools, Scout groups, hospitals, businesses, and civic events.



To book the Easy Street Big Band, please get in touch using our email address ESBigBand@gmail.com. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Our next gig is at Cassiobury Park Bandstand on the afternoon of 6th August 2023.

We Popped-Up on 15th April!



Next NRA Pop-Up event will be on Saturday 16th September from 11am to 1pm next to the War Memorial.

We will be joined by Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch and Northwood Lions Club will be raising funds for local causes.

Do come along to say 'Hello'.

At the Woodland Centre, Ruislip Lido

BAT WALK

Friday 1st September

Starting at 7.45pm, finishing approx 9.15pm

weather permitting

Meeting at the Woodland Centre, next to the cafe by the beach at Ruislip Lido.

If it rains within 2 hrs of the start time the walk won't take place as the bats will not come out

Lido Car Park closes at 8pm, please use alternative parking

Please bring a torch

Booking essential contact Lucy : 07961 157215

Suggested donation of £2.50 for the use of Ruislip Woods Trust bat detectors.

Thirty-One Years of the Sobell Bridge Club

The Sobell Bridge Club is a dedicated fundraiser for Michael Sobell House and a welcoming and inclusive community group always looking for new members.

First founded in 1992 by Stanley Nicholls, the Sobell Bridge Club is open to everyone. "It's a very wholesome club," Chairman Peter Cobden mused, "we've worked hard to make sure that it's friendly. You don't have to be a good bridge player to join us. I always make a point of ensuring that the Director on the day introduces new club members so that everyone can offer them a little more support during the evening."

Since the beginning the Club has been an invaluable space of social support and a dedicated fundraiser for Michael Sobell House, having donated over £900,000 during their 31 years, including a building fund for the Michael Sobell Centre.

Peter reflected on the House's importance, "I think it must be very comforting for people who need support, and their families, to know that they can come and be very well looked after. We never forget why we come together and play bridge. The House is always a part of what we do."

The Sobell Bridge Club meets face-to-face every Thursday evening, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday evening.

If you would like more information about the Club, please get in touch by email: info@sobell-bridge.org.uk.



Have you heard about Mount Vernon Cancer Centre's ground breaking initiative (pun intended) to develop beautiful spaces to support the health and wellbeing AND improve sustainability?

If you would you like to find out more, join us on **Saturday 30th September** for a fun-filled outdoor event to celebrate the autumn equinox, discover the history of green space at the Mount Vernon site and our plans for the future

- ✿ Family friendly competitions and give-a-ways
- ✿ History and tour including ancient woodland and wildflower meadow
- ✿ Our green space project is just one of the many initiatives funded by our charity. Learn about the amazing difference the charity has made and how you can be involved
- ✿ Keen to make a difference? There are a multitude of ways you can get involved: adopt a tree, flexible volunteering including for companies, D of E, volunteer complementary therapists and many other ways to support the centre and our patients
- ✿ Meet our Nature Recovery Ranger. Hear about plans for our community forest garden permaculture, regenerative approaches to building harmonious relationships with nature and biodiversity
- ✿ Experience yoga and plenty of other activities whilst enjoying the outdoors
- ✿ Refreshments

I am to 3pm, Saturday 30th September
Look forward to seeing you there!
Call 020 3826 2555 for more information

A Safer Neighbourhood - Can You Help?

When out walking my dog in early summer all too often I come across home frontages where hedges and foliage restrict use of pavements.



Cutting back overgrown hedges in front gardens is either a personal responsibility or a landlord responsibility and in either situation if a gardening contractor is employed that contractor may need briefing to do the job.

Check out this picture of an overgrown hedge - if this is yours or you have one in a similar state, now that the bird nesting season is over, please do the right thing and get cutting!

Where trees line our pavements, though it is a council responsibility to trim the foliage, a concern now is the low-hanging foliage and growth



from the base of a tree. In the picture above, you can see you can barely walk underneath this tree.

If this is outside your apartment or house or is similar to one outside your property, then a helping hand to open up the pavement passageway would be appreciated by pedestrians. Yes, I know the council should do this but their workforce can't be everywhere all of the time so you could be a good neighbour and help out or organise your gardener to do so. Is that too much to ask?

Let's all enjoy the summer.

environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Andrew Egan



In May, Rabbi Aaron Goldstein, a Senior Rabbi at The Ark Synagogue, travelled a total of 30 hours to meet Ark twin communities in Lviv and Lutsk, Ukraine in person.

Rabbi Aaron was told of the impact of the Ark's weekly online connections to morale. This was sorely needed as they heard of the trauma living

with relatives and friends fighting and being killed, a winter of blackouts, cold and air strikes and warnings.

The communities were swelled by refugees, now homeless, from Donetsk, Luhansk and Mariupol. From Mariupol, we heard from Dennis who spoke of his mother and his bombed-out apartment block, living for weeks in the basement in -10 degrees, dodging snipers to get firewood and water; an evacuation route whilst the Theatre was bombed and the mental torture of moving through nearly 20 Russian checkpoints.

The financial support that The Ark congregants donated has enabled support for the refugees and members to purchase medicine and even a course of chemotherapy.

The presence of Rabbi Aaron was met with joy and tears, especially when they left with the words, "L'shanah ha'ba-ah b'Lutsk u'Lviv - To next year in Lutsk and Lviv."



Rabbi Aaron welcomed by a Ukrainian family

For more information about this or any of the other Ark Synagogue events, many of which are open to all local residents, see arksynagogue.org or email rabbiaaron@arksynagogue.org

Beautiful Rehabilitation Garden Planned for Hillingdon Hospital

A current major project for Hillingdon Hospitals Charity is to raise funds to provide a Rehabilitation Garden for patients on Alderbourne, Daniel's and the Stroke Ward.

TOM STUART-SMITH and Max Harriman are creating a design for the rehab garden. We are very fortunate to have Tom and Max on board; Tom's usual projects consist of creating gardens for the Royal Household (he created a garden at Windsor Castle), Wisley, the Chelsea Flower Show, and RHS gardens among other national and international commissions. Max designed the Horatio's garden at Stanmore.



Tom in the middle of Hillingdon Hospital charity staff Shirley and Director David

Once we have the design we will also have an estimate of the total cost. As soon as we have raised enough funds, we will commission the build. We really hope to buy one of these pods to enable patients to use the garden all year round and have some private space, but the pods alone cost £50k. There will be naming rights on the Pod in exchange for a donation.

If you would like to donate to this project, the smallest amount will be much appreciated, please email Shirley on Shirley.clipp@nhs.net



This pod is an all weather room that patients can make use of all year round, and still be in the garden. They can meet in here with fellow patients or family members. It has heating and lighting, and automatic doors.

Northwood & District Community Association (NADCA)



Lots of cake at the Coronation Lunch

Like everyone, NADCA has had to deal with the cost-of-living increase. As most of our activities take place in hired halls, we have had to cope with increased costs. However, we have managed to keep all our classes as affordable as possible, with 'pay as you go' and half-termly options available.

All our activities, which are aimed at the over 50s - keep fit, yoga, short mat bowls, badminton, table tennis, rambling and card/board games, are running smoothly and well attended.

We held a Coronation Lunch, attended by 36 people, organised and catered for by our indefatigable Social Secretary, Pat Dunhill.

A further lunch party is planned for the 22nd July.

New members are always made welcome.

If you would like further information, contact me on 07748 066 622

Patti Dib



Meet the New NRA Treasurer - Welcome to Jan Harding

I have lived in Northwood since November 2016 and became a member of NRA soon afterwards. I was always very impressed with the newsletter and am happy to join as your new Treasurer.

My husband and family lived in Ealing and Hanwell since 1974 but I moved to Northwood after my husband died suddenly in 2015. I sold the large family home and decided I needed a change so moved here to be nearer to my family

I have had a few jobs in my life: laboratory assistant, bank clerk, computer operator, computer programmer and latterly a Head Office Accountant with a printing company in London.

When the children were old enough I went to University in Ealing at the age of 40 and got a degree in Accounting Studies which led me to the accounting job.

In 2003 I retired and we went to live in Bangkok for four years and had a wonderful time.

I was also the treasurer for the Bangkok Women's Group which introduced us to the rather privileged ex-pat life and we made many friends. I am still in contact with them today via Facebook and other Social Media as they are all over the world now.

My life in Northwood has been quiet and I have made wonderful friends at both David Lloyd Club and U3A. I host a U3A Maths Group every month although we spend as much time chatting and eating cake as we do discussing maths problems! We have just started a film group as well.

St Matthew's RC Church

At St Matthew's we are busy planning a year of events to mark the centenary of the church in Hallowell Road where the foundation stone was laid on 13th October 1923. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, is coming to celebrate a special mass on 21st October. He will be joined by all those former parish priests still living, along with Fr Tom Montgomery, the current and 11th incumbent.

Both St Matthew's and Northwood have changed enormously since those early days when the advent of the Metropolitan Line led to rapid suburban expansion. A commemorative booklet will tell some of that story as we remember those who have gone before us. November will see some of the current parish community embarking on a special pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi whilst in January 2024 we are looking forward to hosting the inter-denominational service for the Week of Christian Unity. In

June 2024 we hope the wider Northwood community will be interested to join us in a Flower Festival, currently in the planning stages. Watch this space!

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Email: northwood@rcdow.org.uk

With new hymn books on order, the centenary year promises to be a thoroughly joyful occasion celebrating both the past and the present and looking forward to the future hopefully.



Hello from Northwood Choral Society

This year has seen us perform many favourites including Fauré's Requiem, Rutter's Requiem, Handel's Messiah and a potted concert performance of G&S Princess Ida.

We are a friendly group of singers who enjoy making music together. Our choral director Julie Bale is a renowned singing teacher and conductor, whose dedication to the choir with an emphasis on vocal and performance technique, allows every member to grow and flourish, giving members the confidence and opportunities to perform as soloists for some of the choir's performances.

We are currently welcoming new members in all sections. We rehearse on Sunday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at St. John's Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood.

If you would like to join us or support us in anyway, please contact us via our website:

www.northwoodchoralsociety.com

or by emailing northwoodchoralsociety@gmail.com

We have a VIP membership for anyone who would like to support us throughout the year. Details of this can also be found on the website.

Our Autumn term starts on Sunday 24th September and our first performance is at St John's Church, Hallowell Road on Saturday 9th December 6pm.



2023 marks the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the current building. To celebrate we have been inviting back previous ministers to lead worship on various Sundays during the year. The climax of our celebration was over the weekend of June 24th/25th when we had a barbecue for church members and invited guests on the Saturday and a special service on the Sunday afternoon, when the Mayor of Hillingdon was in attendance, followed by a lovely tea.

On July 9th we said goodbye to Rev. Andrew Pottage and his family. They are moving to Dorset to take up a ministerial appointment there. We will be welcoming our new minister, Rev. Audrey Browne, in September.

On Sunday September 17th at 9.15am we have our next "Breakfast Praise", a chance to sing hymns old and new followed by a light breakfast before the 10.30am service.

Our next "Messy church" is on Saturday September 23rd at 4pm - a time of crafts, a short service and a meal, suitable for children between the ages of 2 and 11 accompanied by an adult.

Our Harvest Festival is the following day at 10.30am when we ask people to bring non perishable food items for Hillingdon food bank.

This year's In Loving Memory service is on Sunday October 29th at 4pm when we remember family and friends who are no longer with us.

We welcome everyone to any or all of these services.

For more information about our Church and form of Christian worship please contact our minister, Rev Audrey Browne, from September. For hire of premises please contact the church office.

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Email: nmc@totalise.co.uk
www.northwoodmethodistchurch.org
Minister: Rev. Audrey Browne
Tel: 01923 821034



ACTIVITIES 4 YOU

St John's United Reformed Church
Hallowell Road

SQUARE R US

Tuesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm, **free**

Every Tuesday our friendly group of knitters get together at St John's to knit squares which will be joined together to make 'happy blankets'. The blankets are gifted to those who are experiencing difficult times. Squares R Us was the idea of Northwood resident Dyana Nathan. In May, Dyana and our lovely volunteer, Sarah, delivered 30 beautiful blankets to the



Nightingale Cancer Support Centre in Enfield - much to the delight of everyone there!

Please help keep this wonderful project going by donating any unused wool you may have at home.

ART 4 FUN

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm, **£5**
Art classes for all abilities led by Lucy Lardner.

MUSIC

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Tea/coffee at 10.30am followed by a **free** half hour concert at 11.30am. Everyone welcome, no need to pre-book.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP ON ZOOM

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



Everyone welcome, for more information contact :

Telephone: **01923 829166**
email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com



Northwood District Guides

Girlguiding Northwood is alive and kicking! The leaders have as usual provided a wide and varied programme for their girls. Rainbows have been exploring Canada and created passports, packed bags, ate pancakes, made beaver puppets and sung Canadian songs.

Brownies have also been busy. 1st Northwood went to look for local landmarks for their Local History Badge, Oaklands Gate had a successful 'bring a friend' evening and cinema night with popcorn and 6th Northwood have been tie dying t-shirts and painted plant pots, planted them, then gave them away as a random act of kindness.

Guide leaders took 39 girls away for a weekend camp to Phasels Wood where they participated in abseiling, rifle shooting and followed a night line. They also cooked their meals on an open fire and created amazing performances for their last night campfire. They have been encouraged to look after themselves and others while working towards their Mindfulness badge.



Guides abseiling at Phasels Wood

Girlguiding Northwood prides itself in the knowledge that they combine an important mixture of traditional and modern skills in their termly programmes. Should you wish to join our friendly team, please contact our District Commissioner Hannah on northwooddistrictguides@outlook.com for further information.

Ruislip Woods News: New Website for Ruislip Woods

The Ruislip Woods Trust which oversees the Ruislip Woods has revamped their website.

There you will find information about the work of the Trust in the woods. This includes downloadable Trail Guides, information about Bat Walks and activities in the Woodland Centre.

Do find out more about this wonderful natural resource right on our doorstep at <http://www.ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk/>



WE'LL MISS THE COWS! For those who walk regularly over Poors Field you will have noticed that there are no cows there this year. This is in response to the very dry and hot weather last year. Due to those conditions and the grass dying the cows broke through the fencing onto the lush pastures of the Haste Hill Golf Course. They also ate up many of the rare plant species including wild orchids. This year it was decided to have a fallow season to give the plants a period to recover and for the fences to be repaired. We look forward to the cows returning next year.

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 Stevington Manor, Hidcote & Kiftsgate Court and Hampton Court Flower Show will have taken place. We have one more visit on the calendar, namely, to Polesdon Lacey and Savill Garden. This takes place on Saturday 2nd September. There are a few places still available so please contact Sue Mansfield if you would like to join us: sueman145@gmail.com, Tel: 01923 829939.



For the first time since 2019 we held a "live" Summer Show with some really spectacular entries. Over 60 people enjoyed lovely tea and cakes in the afternoon when they visited the show.

Our next season of speaker evenings starts on Monday 18th September. These take place at Eastbury Farm School at 7.45pm 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 our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or email: ehs.members@gmail.com

We are celebrating our One-Year-Anniversary this month!



Fauna
A NEW BREED OF VETERINARY CARE



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HA6 2QB



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The year has flown by, and we have loved every minute of it!

We wanted to say a big thank you to all of you who have visited us over the last 12 months. We have been overwhelmed with the local support and by how many of you that have trusted us with your beloved pets.

We have welcomed over 700 pets into the Fauna Family already and look forward to meeting lots more over the years to come.

Please do pop in to meet us; we would be happy to give you a tour of our purpose-built, family run veterinary practice with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

All Our Best, Dr Punit & Priya

Welcome to **Holy Trinity** Church of England Primary School 'Rooted, Grow, Flourish'



Living and learning together as part of the family of God; we seek to inspire every person to be deeply rooted in the values of the Christian faith and to experience being connected in a loving community- to grow, flourish and bear much fruit.

We have now had our report from our successful OFSTED inspection which was held on 4th and 5th May. The fantastic work we do here at Holy Trinity was highlighted throughout and we are proud to share some of the highlights with you all.

"Pupils are enthusiastic about school and motivated to learn. Leaders encourage pupils to be friendly, forgiving, and to believe in themselves. One parent or carer, whose comment was typical of many, said: 'The staff work tirelessly for the good of the children. The children are happy and engaged in learning.'"

"Leaders prioritise reading. They make sure that pupils have access to a wide range of reading books. Children start to learn to read from their first class in Reception. This is reflected in the strong outcomes for pupils by the end of Year 6"

"Leaders have high expectations of pupils' behaviour and pupils are keen to learn. Teachers uphold these expectations in class. When teachers correct pupils' behaviour, pupils respond quickly and positively."

Call 01923 822529

or visit our website to book a tour today!

www.holytrinitynorthwood.org

Events

at St Helen's School

CULTURE.
LEISURE.
COMMUNITY.



It has been just over a year since St Helen's School in Northwood first invited the community to enjoy an event at our inspiring and inviting facilities. These events have continued to grow steadily in profile and attendance thanks to our focus on creating an environment that is welcoming to a wide range of audiences from across the local community.

The revenue derived from these events allows St Helen's to support our ambitious bursary and scholarship programme, which in turn, enhances our commitment to widening access to exceptional education to all prospective pupils, irrespective of financial means or social circumstances.

The most recent event, which took place in June 2023, was a Book Club event where Steve Jones and Holly Smale spent an evening sharing their good-humoured stories. These delighted and entertained the audience with the authors sharing their inspirations, interesting reading preferences and the writing habits they had developed over the years.

The cultural hub at St Helen's School is open to everyone, and we'd love you to join us at one of our future events.

To sign up to event news and to find out about our upcoming events, please visit:

www.sthelens.enterprises

For enquiries contact: events@sthelens.london

Follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter): [@StHelensHub](https://www.instagram.com/StHelensHub)



Northwood Lions Club

When caring people join together, roll their sleeves up and take action to make their community better - That's Lions! Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so that they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

THE NUMBERS

100+ YEARS * 1.4m LIONS * 50k LIONS CLUBS
200+ COUNTRIES & REGIONS SERVED WORLDWIDE

Northwood Lions Club President, Susan Carr, attended the **Lions Club International Convention** in Montreal last July. Attended by over 7,000 Lions from all over the world it was an amazing experience which included a parade through the city with many Lions dressed in national costume. The event is held in a different country each year, 7-11 July 2023 will be in Boston, USA followed by Melbourne, Australia the following year.

Come and meet us at these events

- * Pinner Rotary Village Show – Saturday 9th September
- * Northwood Residents' Association Pop-Up event Saturday 16th September

INTERNATIONAL LIONS - WHO ARE WE?



Lions President Susan Carr and friends!

NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8pm at Holy Trinity Church Parish Rooms, Rickmansworth Road, HA6 2RH. Please contact Robert Green for information about the club and membership on 07860 324395 or visit our website www.northwoodlions.org.uk

Susan Carr,
President, Northwood Lions Club

There's more to your library than you think!

READY, SET, READ!

Hillingdon Council is inviting children aged 4 to 11-years old to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge which launched on Saturday 8th July and finishes on 16th September. This year's theme, Ready, Set, Read! It celebrates sports, games and pastimes.

Registering is easy, simply visit your local library to sign up. Once registered, you will be given a folder to record your reading journey. To complete the challenge, you will need to borrow books at least four times during the summer holidays. You can claim rewards, including stickers, a bookmark, door hanger, certificate and a medal as you progress.

All library books count towards the challenge, so you can enjoy picture books, storybooks, joke books, poetry books, and books full of facts. Audiobooks are included too, so if you prefer listening to library books, you won't miss out.

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, said, "In the last year, our libraries have hosted a wonderful variety of classes, activities and events. The Summer Reading Challenge is always one of our most popular activities for young people. Not only is it a great, free way to keep children entertained during the long summer holidays, but it could also help pave the way for a lifelong love of reading."

Libraries across the borough, including Northwood, will be hosting activities and events throughout the summer. Places may be limited, so book early.

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In this issue I would like to talk about our biggest event of the year, the **Summer Reading Challenge**.

To find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge, visit discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/summer-reading

Staying with this year's theme of sports and hobbies, the council is inviting children aged 4 to 11 and their families to its free **Summer Games on Thursday 17th August**, from 10am to 4pm, at the Great Barn, Manor Farm, Ruislip. The summer festivities will include craft activities, story time sessions, a mini circuits challenge in association with Better Leisure, recycled bottle bowling and a treasure hunt.



TWO LATE OPENING NIGHTS

At a recent council meeting the Cabinet approved new permanent opening hours for the library service with branches grouped into four tiers. Northwood is in Tier 2 which will mean lunchtime opening and two late nights (7pm) per week. This is likely to take effect in the Winter and I will update you on this in the next NRA newsletter.

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

Enjoy a Summer of reading.

Robert Sisk, Northwood Library Manager

Summer Reading Challenge is run in partnership with The Reading Agency and Youth Sport.



We have continued to celebrate our 25th Anniversary of supporting older people in our community.

On 29th March we held a **Celebration Lunch** at London School of Theology, catered by the College and served by our loyal volunteers. The hall was packed with members, volunteers and staff. Some of the College's students as well as pupils from Eastbury Farm School provided musical entertainment. Managers Angela Flux and Julie Nevitt highlighted the achievements of the charity during its first quarter century and thanked all those involved.



The King's Coronation was also celebrated with several events for our members. Some participants even got to "meet" the royal couple!

MHA Communities West London

(formerly Northwood Live at Home)

On Sunday 11th June **MHA Sunday** was marked in Northwood Methodist Church as part of its centenary celebrations. Following the service people from the Scheme and the Church joined together for a lunch with Rev Dr David Dickinson. David was instrumental in founding our local Scheme and spoke of the importance of older people being respected for who they are and valued for the experience and wisdom they have acquired throughout their long lives.

Some of our members have been taking part in a **Social History Project** with Year 9 Northwood College girls coming to six of our regular activities in May and June to interview them about their lives. So, if you know anyone locally whose life would be enhanced through increased social connectivity do point them in our direction. We are open to any older person in the community, regardless of faith or ethnicity. Our members are now looking forward to our summer programme, which includes a number of outings.

During **National Volunteers Week** a thank you event was arranged for all our volunteers. Sandra Morgan was awarded the **Roger Mansfield Volunteer of the Year** award for her eight years of weekly helping. The efforts of all the volunteers who support us through driving, serving meals, helping at activities and befriending were recognised. Please get in touch if you feel this is something you'd like to be involved in.

Please contact the office on **01923 842494**

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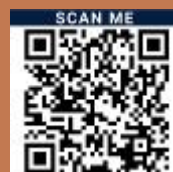
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6th Northwood Scouts

meet in Oaklands Gate, Northwood

Summer is here and we are looking forward to our summer camp and other outdoor activities. The Beavers are making model junk boats from recycled materials to race along the River

Chess. Cubs have been outside taking photos of nature to make a collage to decorate our headquarters and the Scouts passed their expedition challenge badge by completing an overnight hike in the Chilterns. We all enjoyed a family weekend camp in June with many new activities to do as well as old favourites. The age at camp ranged from 1½ to over 60 so everyone was included.

As always, we have a long waiting list of young people eager to join but need more leaders to help in the Group. If you would like to join either as an adult helper or to go onto our waiting list follow the 'join' on our website or email Paul Catchpole.

Website: www.6nscouts.org.uk

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A drone's view of one of the many activities at the recent District Family Camp



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As your local Cricket Club based in Northwood Recreation Ground, we are pleased to announce that this year we are celebrating our 50th Anniversary and as such we will be hosting several events in recognition.

A golf challenge match will take place on 28th July at nearby Haste Hill Golf Club when current and past members will play and compete for several awards / prizes.

On Sunday 30th July a 6-a-side tournament will be held with teams from neighbouring cricket clubs taking part.

This will be followed by a couple of mid-week cricket matches on 1st/2nd August.

Events will culminate with a testimonial cricket match being held on the 6th August in recognition of three NTCC past stalwarts with a BBQ afterwards in the evening. It is hoped that a lot of past members will attend the events.

Notwithstanding the 50th Anniversary events, NTCC continues to field four Saturday senior teams in the Saracens Hertfordshire League and as such are continually looking for new players.

In addition, our Junior section continues to flourish, and we are always looking to take on children in the 7-12 age group.



If you are interested in joining us, please use these contact details.

Senior cricket – Krunal Patel (1st XI Captain),
tel: 07737 433 413, krunald_patel@hotmail.com

Secretary and Junior Cricket contact - Jack Daly,
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It's been a hugely busy year so far for Northwood u3a.

We have enjoyed guided tours of the Royal Institute, the Grand Order of Water Rats and Brooklands Museum. We have had several theatre visits, walks around London, and monthly talks on a wide range of subjects. Our Ukelele group has performed at various care homes. Walking groups have covered many scenic routes and others have been playing chess, knitting, and creating art works.

Learning groups are studying history and languages. And 40 members went for a week's holiday in Northumberland.

So, what is u3a? Where and when do we meet? Who are our members?

u3a is a world-wide organisation, with local groups run by volunteers, to provide a social, entertaining and educational place where active retired people can meet and join in a range of activities and events.

Northwood & District u3a is fortunate in having Fairfield Church to house our larger meetings, while smaller groups like Opera Appreciation and Book-Reading meet in members' homes.

Our members are generally retired people living locally, who have the time and enthusiasm to get involved, and in many cases, to form new groups to share their knowledge and interests.

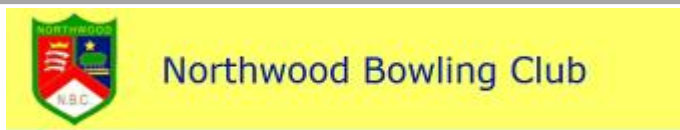
There is a lot more information on our website (Google *Northwood u3a*), but if you are not online, phone 020 8868 0860 and speak to our Publicity Officer.

We currently have close to 700 members, and hope to welcome you to our u3a.

Alan Lester
Vice chairman, Northwood u3a



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Northwood Classical Music Group

Continuing our exploration of "Music Against the Background of its Time" we looked at the growth of nationalistic feeling expressed in music. The second half of the 19th century saw the development of a distinct Russian style, for example, expressed in pieces by Glinka, Musorgsky, Balakirev and others. Our sessions were backed up as always by the remarkable knowledge of our leader, Alan Mills, not only of the music itself but of the history of that period.

The evolution of a Spanish style was illustrated by composers such as Chueca, Granados and de Falla; the lighter French patriotism was represented by Chabrier, Saint-Saens and Delibes, backed up by Alan with photos and incidents taken from their lives.

Finally, in a broader interpretation of Nationalism, we looked at the inspiration that Shakespeare has given to a wide range of composers, from Arne, to Schubert, to Shostakovich and to Sullivan.

Next term starts on 6th September when Alan will introduce the Group to music and illustrative historical anecdotes inspired by "Myths, Legends and other Narratives". We look forward to further stimulating sessions.

New members are always welcome.

Meetings take place at Northwood Methodist Church at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesdays.
For more information, please contact Mike Paddy on **07568 495 584**.



Harrow Choral Society Celebrates a Successful Season with New MD

Our Summer concert on 1st July, marked the end of a successful season with new Music Director, Sam Evans. And in addition to his inspiring work with the choir, HCS has good reason to feel proud of its conductor.

Alongside his conducting role Sam enjoys a high-profile career as a baritone soloist and has sung with Sir John Eliot Gardiner's Monteverdi Choir for 20 years. The Monteverdi Choir was chosen to perform in Westminster Abbey before the Coronation service and HCS members were delighted to see Sam on TV singing music by Bruckner and Bach.

Sam made national headlines in March when he successfully campaigned to prevent the BBC disbanding its world-famous chamber choir, the BBC Singers. Over 140,000 people signed a petition to save the Singers and Sam encouraged choirs across the country, including HCS, to video themselves sending this message for the BBC: "Don't scrap the BBC Singers!"

The choir is now looking forward to the new season and its Autumn concert at St Alban's Church, North Harrow on Saturday, 21st October.

www.harrowchoral.org.uk

Sam's contribution to music-making in this country was recognised this year when he was made an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music.



Sam Evans (bottom right) sings before the Coronation service with the Monteverdi Choir



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For more information, take a look at our website:

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Market.

Ruislip - Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

Affiliated to NAFAS, the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies

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Venue: Fairfield Church Hall, Windsor Close, Northwood Hills, HA6 1PD

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Visitor ticket: £10 at the door

Tuesday 5th September - Lee Berrill, "Remember When"

Tuesday 3rd October - Lauraine Saunders, "All Kinds of Everything"

Tuesday 7th November - Gill McGregor, "Festive Flowers with a Twist"

Tuesday 5th December - Theresa Rodrigues, "No Humbugs Allowed"

The evening includes interval refreshments, sales table and flower raffle.



Contact Yvonne on:
01923 823897
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Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

The Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month from September to April at St Martins Church Hall, Ruislip starting promptly at 8pm.

19 September **The History of Pinewood Studios**, Mike Payne

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