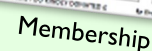
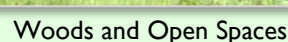
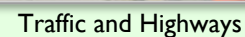
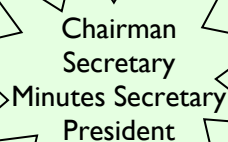
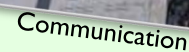
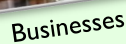




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As a member of Northwood Residents' Association you have access to a committee of hard-working volunteers, each of whom has responsibilities for specific areas. If you have a query or comment, please feel free to contact the appropriate committee member, our contact details appear on the back cover of this newsletter.



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Closure
Pages 9 and 18

Business News

As this is the last newsletter of 2023, on behalf of all our Business members I want to thank residents for continuing to shop locally. That, of course, has been made more difficult by the new ULEZ charges so the local businesses are even more grateful for your trade. As Christmas approaches, we hope you will continue to use our local retailers, cafés, and restaurants.

NORTHWOOD'S NIGHT-LIFE IS PICKING UP. Over the last few years, we have seen a marked increase in the nighttime economy of Northwood. As more cafés and restaurants open the busier the local area becomes. This helps our other businesses too. Whilst that is good news it does also bring with it more noise and disruption, especially for those who live close by. Please consider neighbours when out and about.



What will this prime site become? It looks as though we won't have to wait long to find out.

It has been interesting to see all the social media speculation regarding the new occupiers of the old *Hard 8* premises, on the corner by the traffic lights on Green Lane and Eastbury Road. At the time of writing this article (9th October) we are sure it will be a food outlet but still uncertain about the occupier.

We also have two other potential restaurant openings as both the old Santander and Barclays premises are close to agreements. Let the social media frenzy begin!

OWN A SMALL BUSINESS? COME AND JOIN US! We continue to welcome new businesses as NRA members - if you are a small local business or offer services from home please feel free to get in touch and then join us. It is incredibly good value.

Whilst shopping in Waitrose recently the store was electric with excitement, and I saw why as Dame Sharon White, Chairwoman of John Lewis walked past. The next day she announced she will be stepping down in 2025. Have you seen a famous shopper/owner in Northwood? – we would be keen to know about it.

Feel free to see who our local business members are – just go to our website and search under the **Business Members** tab. Most of our members have a click through to their individual websites or information.



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Philip Green

Traffic and Highways

POTHoles

From this October, Hillingdon Council is changing how it repairs potholes and uneven road surfaces across the Borough. By switching to a more efficient and cost-effective system, the new material will help to prolong the life of the Hillingdon's roads and is a more environmentally friendly method of repair.

The system uses a fast-setting waterproof liquid called 'Elastomac' which is quicker to install and roads can be reopened just 10 minutes after the repair. The system uses 80% less energy than traditional asphalt repairs, 85% less carbon and halves the overall costs.

I understand that the transition to a quicker and more cost-effective and sustainable repair system will enable the LBH's highways repairs team to work more efficiently, with less disruption for residents and road users, while contributing to the council's pledge to reduce its carbon footprint.

Apparently this repair system uses recycled materials and will reduce time, energy, costs and the council's carbon footprint, while also minimising disruption for road users. It will also enable smaller road repairs to be tackled quickly, before they become a bigger problem.



Elastomac in use

Traditional pothole repairs can be time-consuming and energy intensive, relying heavily on fossil fuels. The hole needs to be widened and filled with asphalt which is then compacted. Elastomac is made from 70% recycled materials, including road surface shavings and car tyres. This is poured directly into a pothole with no need to widen it, no compaction needed and there's no waste to remove as there is no excavation.

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Peter Lansdown

From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The sun is shining from a cloudless sky and the temperature is 91 degrees Fahrenheit. Florida is a wonderful place at this time of year and a great escape from the realities of the United Kingdom. However, I can't forget my responsibilities and it is time to come back to earth to write my autumn report.

THE NRA CONSTITUTION

After our last newsletter, the NRA received several communications accusing us of being a mouthpiece for the Conservative party which we totally refute. Our newsletter does not favour any religion, political party or sexual orientation. There is a rider from the editor that states that all views and opinions expressed in the newsletter are those of the individual contributors.

Section 3.2 of the constitution states, *The Association shall be non-party political and shall promote equal opportunities in relation to all matters concerning the working of the Association.* Members of the Executive Committee do not hold positions in political parties and include Christians, Jews, Muslims and Hindus, and both sexes.

Our MP and two councillors are Conservatives, and the editor does her best to ensure that their articles are not political statements.

[I feel it is important to allow our elected representatives a chance to tell us what they are doing on our behalf. Editor]

PAVEMENTS

Many of the pavements in Northwood are in terrible condition. We have taken the subject up with Councillor Higgins who has pressed the need for improvement with Council Officers. They have replied that all pavements are inspected annually and any necessary repairs made. They also inspect pavements where people have reported a fault.

What Officers consider to be a fault is not publicised by them and I have sent a Freedom of Information request asking the question. I will keep you informed. If you see any pavement which you consider to be dangerous please take a photo and send it to Councillor Higgins. HHiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk

NORTHWOOD LIBRARY

Following the closure of our library, due to subsidence, Hillingdon Council has confirmed that a new replacement library will be built. In the meantime, they are looking for local premises in which to instal a temporary replacement.

POLICE

In past newsletters I have expressed my dissatisfaction with the performance of our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). At last, I have some positive news. Hillingdon now has a devoted police chief in Superintendent Anthony Bennett. We used to share the chief with two other boroughs. We also have a Chief Inspector, Ben Wright, whose role is to manage

neighbourhood policing. Hoda Lacey and I now have a line of communication to the Chief Inspector, and we can already see improvement.

In August, the Met held an open evening at Brunel University and the Deputy Commissioner, Dame Lynne Owens, gave us an outline as to how London's policing will improve. It was reassuring how open she was during the question-and-answer session.

If you are not already signed up to OWL, please do so to keep informed of SNT events/happenings in Northwood. Details are on page 7. We have to continue to challenge the Met to get the service we deserve. Do contact Hoda Lacey, our police liaison representative, if you need more information.

NORTHWOOD CENTRE

It has been established that the most successful town centres are those where cars are accepted as a necessary way of life. They have adequate free or cheap local parking, both on-street and in local car parks. Unfortunately, Hillingdon Council does not accept this fact and the high parking fees charged lead to many of our Eastbury neighbours taking their trade to Rickmansworth.

However, it is good to see that we have few vacant premises, and one or two new restaurants are imminent. Please do spend as much money as possible locally to maintain a healthy business scene.

CONCLUSION

I am very sad to report that committee member, Philip Green, has resigned. For the last 10 years he has put heart and soul into the NRA, firstly with the Police portfolio and latterly with local businesses. Thank you, Philip, you have kept us all on our toes and you will be sorely missed.

Welcome to John King who is our new membership secretary.

As ever, my heartfelt thanks go out to our Road Stewards who are the lifeline of our Association, to Committee members for the long hours they put in, to Ros Plume for again producing this newsletter, and to our local MP and councillors with whom we have a good working relationship.

Our 2024 AGM will be held at Oakland Gates Methodist Church on Thursday 18th April. I hope to see many of you there.

Stay safe and drive carefully in the winter months.



Tony Ellis
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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 March with copy deadline mid February.

Do get in touch.

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Ros Plume

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

Health Matters

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH WEST LONDON ELECTIVE ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE

The North West London Acute Provider Collaborative (comprising of the four North West London acute NHS trusts) has agreed to bring together much of the routine, inpatient orthopaedic surgery for the population of North West London in a purpose-designed, centre of excellence at Central Middlesex Hospital.

PHASED OPENING

There will be a phased opening of the North West London Elective Orthopaedic Centre (NWL EOC) from November 2023 through to February 2024, with an initial operating capacity of three theatres, increasing to five theatres by the end of February 2024.

NEW PATIENT RECORDS SYSTEM. Hillingdon Hospital Trust is about to make the move to a new electronic patient records system (Cerner EPR). This patient record system will then be in use by all four North West London acute trusts, allowing safe and where appropriate, sharing of health records seamlessly across trusts. This is an essential element of the NWL EOC (and all acute healthcare), allowing for the streamlining of inter-trust referrals across a large geographical area.

The NWL EOC will focus on 'high volume, low complexity' bone and joint procedures, including knee and hip replacements, leaving other hospitals in north west London room to focus on more complex orthopaedic procedures.

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Dr Amir Lakha

Plans to redevelop Hillingdon Hospital

The main news on the continued progress towards a new Hillingdon Hospital is that the Trust has selected a contractor to get the site fully ready for building work to start.



The Hillingdon Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust



The successful company is GRAHAM, which will oversee a number of projects:

- The Furze refurbishment
- The Tudor Centre extension
- On-site low voltage cable diversions
- A temporary staff car park
- Services diversion and demolitions.

The current Hillingdon Hospital will remain fully open as normal throughout the delivery of these projects, which complement other works in progress including the first phase of establishing the electrical infrastructure required for the new hospital.

All works are subject to final funding and technical approvals, but we expect the next works at Hillingdon Hospital to be the Furze refurbishment and the services diversions projects which are anticipated to start later this year.

The above projects form the last stage of the Trust's five year decant and enabling programme and subject to final approvals, we are working towards clearing space for the development of the new Hillingdon Hospital by mid-2025.

We also welcomed various candidates into and around the site during the recent Uxbridge and South Ruislip by-election campaign. What is more, both the main parties have pledged to build the new Hillingdon Hospital.

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care re-confirmed that Hillingdon remained part of their new hospitals manifesto commitment while Labour's shadow health minister pledged to deliver a new hospital within a similar timeframe during the first term of a labour government, should they win the next election.

As ever, please do visit our redevelopment webpages for more information about the new Hillingdon Hospital redevelopment at thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment-of-hillingdon-hospital

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

A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

It feels as though every article starts with a word on ULEZ, but I am aware that local opposition to the expansion of the scheme continues. As recent data suggests, there has been no effect on air quality which in my opinion further confirms that residents are being unfairly penalised by a policy that does little to tackle the actual causes of air pollution. The Mayor must do more with the clean air grant to provide meaningful alternatives to encourage the uptake of cleaner methods on travel.

WE ALL WANT CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE.

I have been arguing for a while that in addition to our proximity to Heathrow, increased traffic on residential roads and more cars idling in that traffic are contributors to poor air quality locally. I know from speaking with schools and parents that this is a particular concern during the school rush, and so I am pleased that schools have introduced initiatives like walking buses to help address this. I will be writing to others to encourage them to look at this, as I feel it could be a solution to the problem, potentially taking a lot of cars off the road or at least in the most congested central areas.

Continuing this theme, I am aware that the planning application for the old Northwood Police Station has been refused. While the wider community benefit was largely supported by residents, traffic was a huge concern. I know from personal experience how exceptionally busy this location is during peak times, and it was right that residents sought a high degree of assurance on this as part of the planning process.

Turning to other local matters, our local libraries are valuable community assets and so I was concerned to hear about the temporary closure of Northwood Library as a result of slow progressing structural issues affecting the building. Further surveys

are now required to understand the extent of the issue, but I have been assured that Hillingdon Council are continuing to monitor the situation closely.

I note that there is a petition to allow non-Hillingdon Northwood residents to buy a Hillingdon First card, given that many who may live just over the boundary regularly travel into the borough. I do see the value in this, and so I will take a look at the petition and discuss with councillors who will help to form a decision on the matter.

Lastly, my work has continued both locally and in Westminster. If you would like to keep up to date, I would encourage you to sign up to my newsletter, which you can do via my website or by getting in touch with the office via the usual channels.



David recently held a surgery at Marjan's in Northwood town centre

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Constituency: 10 Village Way, Pinner, HA5 5AF

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You can follow his work on the website:

www.davidsimmonds.org.uk

and on Twitter: @DSimmonds_RNP

or Facebook: DavidSimmondsMP

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre - building improvement works

Last year the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre (MVCC) was awarded £7.5 million to refurbish and renovate the cancer centre building, improving the space and facilities for patients, visitors and staff whilst planning for a new Cancer Centre continues. The building works started in February, are well underway and being completed in a phased approach until late summer 2024.

The works include improvements to the chemotherapy suite, outpatients department, main cancer centre building, inpatient wards (wards 10 and 11), radiotherapy wing and nuclear medicine. Across these areas an extensive range of refurbishment work is being carried out including refitting and improving our clinical rooms, kitchens, toilets and bathrooms, replacing flooring, windows and redecorating and plastering throughout. Some internal and external doors and lighting will also be replaced. Alarm, electrical, fire and water systems will also be upgraded and renovated in line with the latest regulations.

Patients may find that their appointment or treatment is not being held where expected or they might hear noise or experience some disruption while our contractors are working on site. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank patients and visitors for their patience and cooperation as we make these important changes to modernise our cancer centre and improve our facilities.

To support patients and ensure they are aware of the building works, we have information posters and banners on display in the cancer centre and a message in all patient letters. We will share further updates as key stages of the works are completed.



Find out more

More information about the improvement works is available on our website.

Please go to: www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/

National discussions are continuing around funding for the relocation of the cancer centre following the review of its long term sustainability, and the local community, patients and staff will be updated once a solution is identified.

For more information on the MVCC review and future plans, visit www.mvccreview.nhs.uk



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



The team has been extremely busy lately, conducting hi-visibility patrols on Green Lane, its surrounding roads and the High Street, as well as dealing with anti-social behaviour issues that require ongoing Police intervention and presence. Northwood SNT has continued to maintain its focus on the current ward priorities of Violence Against Women and Girls, shoplifting and engagements.

The team has been involved in some great community events lately. There was an operation on Ducks Hill Road which involved the Met Police and Thames Valley Police horse mounted branches and the Horse Society. This event was to raise awareness to drivers about being cautious and to slow down when approaching horses on our roads.

We attended a local nursery to talk to the children, where the school theme was 'people that help them'; it was great to see the smiles on the children's faces when we turned up. We publish most of our planned engagements on the OWL website and on our X (Twitter) page @MPSNorthwood for your viewing.

We have increased our community engagements, by adding more of them with different locations and times to suit community needs. Our crime prevention stalls, drop-in surgeries and Coffee with a Copper venues, are a great way for the residents to meet the team to talk about any issues or concerns they may have in their neighbourhood or just to simply get some advice. You can find our engagement venues, dates and times advertised on various platforms including OWL, X and the NRA website, we also have these adverts on

The Team members are:

Sgt Gareth Blackburn, PC Maninder Sohal

PC Mike Fowler and PCSO John Usher.

The Neighbourhoods Inspector is Insp Daniel Lipinski



Good Horse Sense in Action

various notices boards around the ward, which the NRA communications officer kindly puts up for us.

The team continues to promote OWL (Online Watch Link) via our regular engagements at each and every venue. If you are not already registered on OWL then please have a look at this on **OWL.co.uk** as this will allow you to sign up to get regular updates from the team.

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on

Telephone: 020 8721 2545

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

X: **@MPSNorthwood**

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

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

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Do you know about our quarterly Residents' Survey to include your opinion about our Northwood Policing?

No, I didn't think so. You see, our local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) send a survey to all Northwood residents who are subscribed to OWL. The survey is sent on OWL, via X (Twitter), the Northwood SNT Facebook page and, soon, Nextdoor.co.uk

Despite the wide distribution of the survey, the number of your responses is disappointing. You see, your responses are collated and used for the Ward Panel to decide on SNT priorities for the coming quarter. With so few responses, it makes our job even harder.

The first priority is set by the Basic Command Unit. The panel then has freedom to choose priorities 2 and 3 in accordance with the crime figures and the results of the survey. Currently we have:

Priority 1 – Set by the Safer Neighbourhood Team to include Violence or drivers of Violence. This broad category can include all violence types and can include Gangs, Drugs, Domestic Assaults, Violence against women and vulnerable people, public space safety, alcohol fueled violence and anti-social behaviour linked violence.

The next two priorities set by you, the residents of Northwood, as collated from your responses to the quarterly survey.

Priority 2 - Theft, especially shoplifting – work with Tesco and Waitrose to improve the number of crime reports.

Priority 3 - Work with vulnerable communities and report back on what has been and can be done/achieved to reduce opportunities for crime., more engagement.

I hope those of you reading this column will get in touch with your views. Every one of you is important in shaping the Northwood police priorities. If you don't contribute, please don't complain when things don't go your way.

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Tel: 01923 828085

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

Northwood Neighbourhood Watch

Northwood Neighbourhood Watch, in common with Neighbourhood Watches throughout the country, is made up of like-minded neighbours who volunteer to work together to help reduce crime and the fear of crime by being alert to suspicious activity and reporting it to the police, thereby making their community safer. If you would like to join Northwood Neighbourhood Watch, or volunteer to be a Street Coordinator, please email Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch at: hillingdonnhw@gmail.com

Membership of Northwood Neighbourhood Watch is free – there is no subscription.

Neighbourhood Watch members are not encouraged to engage with criminals, merely to make a note of what is happening, record the incident if it is safe to do so and, where possible, provide CCTV or other images of the incident to the Police.

Online Watch Link (OWL) is the communications platform used by the Northwood Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to communicate with Neighbourhood Watch members on crime prevention and their regular community engagement events, such as 'weapons sweeps' when isolated areas are searched to recover discarded weapons or other evidence of criminal activity. To date, weapons sweeps in Northwood have not uncovered any evidence of criminality, which is reassuring.



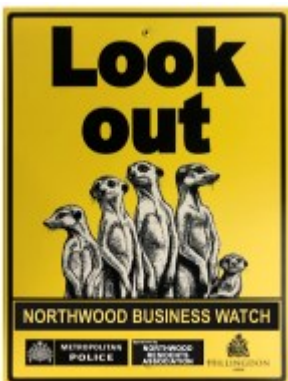
Don't miss out on local policing matters, join OWL today!

The SNT uses OWL to publish their monthly newsletter and advertise the Ward survey that allows residents to highlight concerns about local crime and anti-social behaviour. CCTV systems and video doorbells can be registered on OWL under 'CCTV Watch'. This will assist the police in the aftermath of a crime being committed in your locality, to see if any useful images have been captured.

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

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



Northwood Business Watch

Northwood Business Watch was created in April 2023, following a meeting at the Three Wishes Public House in Green Lane, between representatives of the Northwood Business Community, Northwood Residents' Association, Northwood Police Ward Panel and Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch. The initiative is supported by the

Northwood Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and Hillingdon Councillor Henry Higgins.

The purpose of the initiative was to create a community-driven programme that preserves the existing safe environment by reducing the opportunities for criminality and other anti-social behaviour through sharing real-time information.

The location chosen for the initial Business Watch was the commercial area around Green Lane, Maxwell Road and Station Approach. Criminal activities and the associated fear of crime were starting to pose an increased level of concern for businesses and their customers.

Currently there are 75 businesses and 81 individuals signed up to Northwood Business Watch. Some businesses have more than one staff member signed up to the WhatsApp group, which is used to communicate with members and is coordinated by me.

All businesses are encouraged to join the Northwood Residents' Association as a Business Member, which, in the

absence of a Chamber of Commerce, fulfils that role. They are also encouraged to join OWL, the communication group for Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch and Hillingdon Police.

The Northwood Business Watch WhatsApp group shares information on suspicious individuals, active crimes and other anti-social behaviour. Where available, images of individuals involved in crimes are posted on the WhatsApp group. Advice on Crime Prevention and related issues are also shared.

When a crime has occurred, Northwood Business Watch members are encouraged to report the matter to the Police via the 999, or 101 systems, or online at www.met.police.uk. In addition, the Business Watch Coordinator emails the Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team to alert them to the incident.

The area covered by Northwood Business Watch is delineated by the standard yellow 'Neighbourhood Watch' signs, (donated by Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch), with the addition of 'Northwood Business Watch' stickers, (sponsored by Northwood Residents' Association).

There are plans to incorporate businesses in Northwood High Street into the Northwood Business Watch WhatsApp group, and businesses in Northwood Hills are planning to introduce their own version of Business Watch.

Jennifer O'Dwyer
Northwood Business Watch Coordinator
Licensee of the Three Wishes Public House,
Green Lane, Northwood

From the Treasurer

It has now been a few months since I became Treasurer of the NRA and I would like to thank everyone for all their help in settling me into the position.

THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM IS COMPLETE. We now have a wonderful Membership Secretary, John King, who is a great support with the database. We are slowly getting to grips with the information, and I hope that all the Road Stewards can now access their own data. If you have problems, then please contact the Chief Road Steward or the Membership Secretary if you need more help. If you have monies, then please pass to John King who will ensure it gets into the bank. If there is any information you need from us, then please don't hesitate to ask.

Just in the last month or so I have noticed that some residents are paying their subscription more than once. This is via envelopes and occasionally by BACS transfer. All the details are on the database so Road Stewards, please check if some of your residents are doing this.

Our accounts are from January 1st to December 31st so I would be grateful if any subscriptions for 2023 get to us as soon as possible. I realise that 2024 will be very busy and I rely on your help. So, thank you in advance.

NRA bank account details:

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

Jan Harding
treasurer@northwoodresidents.co.uk

NRA Membership

We have welcomed John King as our new Membership Secretary since our last Newsletter, with Vijay Kotecha now concentrating on the role of NRA Membership Database Manager, in fully empowering a new proprietary software suite to move ever closer to automated collection and recording of annual subscriptions.

Many thanks to the increasing number of you who have been using direct BACS payments to our account with HSBC – BUT do remember to put as much of your name and postal address as space allows for the reference when doing so – otherwise Jan Harding our treasurer cannot record your contributions appropriately.

This is all part of the move towards cashless payments which the NRA is embracing, so do help us to personalise our service to you by letting your Road Steward know your full names and correct email addresses.

Alternatively, 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, pafbarker@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!

chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk
or **pafbarker@me.com**
Tel: 01923 821036

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

Planning Matters

THERE HAVE BEEN 47 PLANNING APPLICATIONS since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I submitted objections or comments on five 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, with just a limited number for demolition of the whole building and erection of a new build.

Dealing with planning applications that affect you is something that is a one-off for most, and I'm happy to help guide through the process any neighbours or others affected who are concerned about a planning application close by. It remains the case that, once approved, only the applicant can 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.

SEARCH FOR AN APPLICATION. It is easy to 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.

WISH TO OBJECT? Where you are adversely affected you can submit an objection directly onto the LBH Planning portal. This is easy to do after viewing the documents, by going back to the first page and entering the objection by pressing the 'Enter Comment' box.

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

PERHAPS A PETITION WOULD HELP? 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 five minutes, and it's shown live on YouTube. I can help draft the petition.

planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Trevor Sherling

From Councillor Richard Lewis

Following the horrific events in Israel, I have been in touch with both Northwood synagogues, offering our deepest sympathy and support. Hillingdon of course stands fast with Israel in its fight against the barbarism of Hamas. We will always support our Jewish community in the fight against antisemitism. It is absolutely vital that as this situation continues to evolve, that we stand united in our fight against all forms of terrorism and racism.

NORTHWOOD LIBRARY CLOSED. As you will have seen, Northwood Library has suffered from subsidence due to land slippage and for health and safety reasons has had to close. I have spoken to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Edwards at length and he assures me that Hillingdon is fully committed to building a new library in Northwood and that in the meanwhile, there will be an alternative interim facility created to fill the void, possibly putting a temporary library into one of the empty shops in Green Lane or in the High Street.

HILLINGDON IN BLOOM. We have been looking at flower troughs and hanging baskets across the borough and whilst the troughs are sadly likely to disappear, we will be continuing with the hanging baskets.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER. And once again Hillingdon will be funding Christmas decorations in Northwood which always helps to bring some Christmas joy and cheer in the dark winter months.

[The tree and lights are organised by NRA with most of the funding coming from LBH. Editor]

Both Henry and I continue to offer help to all residents mainly around anti-social behaviour, crime, refuse collections, planning matters and of course, traffic issues. To get in touch with me, in the first instance, please simply email me at rlewis@hillingdon.gov.uk and I will try my hardest to represent you.

My thanks as always to the Northwood Residents' Association for all the excellent work they do in collectively representing its members and the community at large on a wide range of issues.

My very best wishes to all in Northwood for a very happy Diwali, Chanukah, Christmas and New Year.

Richard

Cllr Richard Lewis

Northwood Ward Councillor and Borough Advocate for the Armed Forces



Cllrs Lewis and Higgins

Northwood councillors hold regular surgeries

on the fourth Saturday of every month
(except December)

at **Northwood Hills Library** from 10.30am to 11.30am
until further notice.

Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:

Richard Lewis and Henry Higgins.

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

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



The council is committed to giving us a continuous library service, whether at Northwood Hills library or in other alternative Northwood premises.



Remembrance Sunday Parade

The parade will take place at
Northwood War Memorial
on Sunday 12th November 2023
from 10.30am

The service itself will start at 10.50am
with the two minute silence at 11am.

Please refer to the NRA website and notice boards
for any updates to the arrangements.



Sponsor a tree outside your home

Hillingdon Council is encouraging residents to consider sponsoring a tree for their road in time for the winter planting season. They say, "As part of the council's ongoing partnership with the national charity **Trees for Streets**, residents can apply to get a tree planted outside their home or in a local school, favourite park or green space.

"Residents have the option to club together for a tree to be planted and share the costs or use Trees for Streets' new crowd-funding feature which allows local groups to pool resources and can help raise funds to plant multiple trees. They can also sponsor a 'celebration' tree, marking a special happy occasion, to be planted in one of the borough's parks or green spaces."

Cllr Eddie Lavery, Hillingdon Council's Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, said: "We're committed to creating a green and sustainable borough and brilliant schemes like this one help residents to play their part too.

"The benefits of trees to local streets are multiple, providing shade, absorbing pollution while providing oxygen, creating homes for wildlife and greenery is also proven to have mental health benefits.

"We already have a pleasing number of sponsorships lined up for the winter planting season but don't want anybody to miss out, so please keep them coming in."

More than 135 trees were planted across the borough during the 2022/23 season, featuring a range of popular species including lime, maple, birch and cherry.

For more information about the scheme or to request for a tree to be planted visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/sponsor-a-tree.

Applications for this year's planting window need to be submitted before the closing date on 4 December 2023.

Note: If you would like to sponsor a tree but don't have internet access, you can use the computers at Hillingdon libraries.



Northwood & District u3a

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.

During the summer months there have been walking groups, visits to interesting places, guided walks, sports, and outings. Now that winter's coming, visits are planned to the National Portrait Gallery, to the Speaker's House, and several Theatres.

Other groups are meeting regularly, if less physically active: Discussions, Play Reading, Art, Knitting, History and

Geography, Transport, Chess and other board games. There is something to interest almost anyone.

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 Jean, our Publicity Officer.

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

Alan Lester
Vice chairman, Northwood u3a



We Popped-Up on 16th September!

This time we were joined by MHA Communities West London (formerly Northwood Live at Home), Northwood Lions Club, Cllr Henry Higgins, and various local police officers. Thank you to all who took the time to stop for a chat and to buy plants and books from the Lions who were raising funds for local causes.

Next NRA Pop-Up event will be on

Thursday 14th December at 6pm

when we will be serving mince pies and mulled wine at **Carols@Costa**, next to the War Memorial.

Do come along to say 'Hello' and join in the festive singsong.

Remember, remember the 5th of November ...

A reminder of the rules for when you can let off fireworks. It is prohibited to use fireworks at night (**after 11pm and until 7am**), with extensions on the following days:

- until 1am on the night of the Chinese New Year
- until 1am on the night of Diwali
- until 1am on New Year's Eve
- until midnight on 5th November



DAMS, ICEBERGS & SPIES

JOIN US FOR A WALK FOCUSING ON THE FASCINATING HISTORY AROUND RUISLIP LIDO.

FRI 10TH NOVEMBER, 10 - 11.30AM
STARTING AT THE WOODLAND CENTRE, NEXT TO THE CAFE.
FINISHING AT THE MAIN CAR PARK.

It may be muddy please wear suitable shoes
To book your free place please contact: Lucy 07961 157215

Christmas Craft Market & Santa's Grotto

Saturday 2nd December,

10am – 3pm

Methodist Church Hall

Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA

Free Admission

Each year it gets harder to find the perfect Christmas gift or sometimes you are just looking for something a bit different. Northwood Craft Market offers the perfect solution. All items are not just beautifully handmade but are also unique, offering a more personal gift that you won't find in the shops. Our crafters all have one thing in common - they love what they do! This love is shown in the quality of every single item.

Not only do we offer some fantastic shopping, but the church café is also open with an array of delicious refreshments, cakes and treats.

There'll be a children's hands-on craft table and our Christmas Market wouldn't be complete without a visit from a special someone! Our popular "Magical Santa's Grotto" includes lots of magic and illusions leaving the children (and adults) speechless and amazed. We always receive such rave reviews on our grotto. Last year one little boy was just "mesmerised by Santa's tricks and hasn't stopped trying to re-create the magic himself." His mother recalled how he enjoyed chatting to Santa so much "he even asked if he could become his Elf so he can learn to do magic like him!"

For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

Like us on Facebook; Follow us on Twitter @CraftNorthwood1

& Instagram @northwood_craftmarket

Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk



With so much to see and do, make sure you put the date in your diary, so you don't miss out. We look forward to seeing you there!

Digital Wellbeing Hub Launched

A Wellbeing Hub has been developed to empower Hillingdon residents and improve overall feelings of wellbeing. It has been launched to coincide with this year's Hospice Care Week and World Hospice and Palliative Care Day.

The Wellbeing Hub has been developed in partnership between Harlington Hospice and MyWishes.

HOW IT WORKS. The new 'Wellbeing Hub' is available for all Hillingdon residents at www.MyWishes.co.uk; it hosts newly created content to better engage with the local community. By integrating modern hospice wellbeing content alongside more generalised wellbeing content it is hoped that a symbiotic bridge between the two areas will be created. It is also hoped that by providing the general public with engaging hospice wellbeing content prior to the need for receiving care, the transition to hospice care will be easier and less daunting in the future.

Accessibility and user-friendliness were key focus areas when developing the hub and accessing the site is very straightforward and only takes users a few minutes to register. When registering, a Hillingdon postcode needs to be added in order to access Hillingdon specific content. The resident then needs to select the 'My Wellbeing' tab from the menu on the left hand side, which brings them to the wellbeing hub and its resources.



Michael Sobell House at Mount Vernon Hospital

For more information, please visit www.harlingtonhospice.org

About MyWishes: Planning for the future and areas relating to future care can be confusing and challenging. MyWishes makes planning personalised and relevant to each person's unique personal circumstance. MyWishes is a free for everyone in the UK.

For more information please visit: www.MyWishes.co.uk



Christmas at Holy Trinity

Christingle Service - Sunday 3 December, 10am
All age service supporting the Children's Society

Blue Christmas – Sunday 10 December, 4pm
A beautiful, reflective service in church and online, offering solidarity and hope to all who find the Christmas season difficult.

Costa Carols - Thursday 14 December, 6pm
Carol singing outside Costa Coffee, Northwood with NRA.

Carol Service by Candlelight - Sunday 17 December, 6pm
A service of traditional carols and readings, lead by the HTN Choir.

Children's Nativity - Sunday 24 December, 4pm
A special children's nativity with well-known carols.

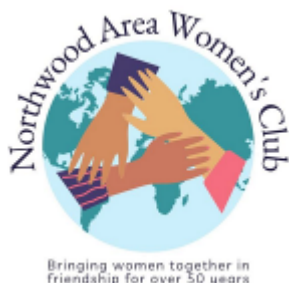
Midnight Holy Communion - Sunday 24 December, 11pm
Traditional, atmospheric service.

Traditional Holy Communion - Christmas Day, 8am
A quiet beginning to Christmas Day.



Parish Eucharist for Christmas - Christmas Day, 10am
An all-age celebration for Christmas morning, including communion.

For more information visit www.htnorthwood.co.uk
Holy Trinity Church, Gateway Close,
Northwood HA6 2RP
Tel: 01923 822990



Northwood Area Women's Club

Looking to try something new? A warm welcome awaits you at the Northwood Area Women's Club. If you are a resident in Northwood or the surrounding areas on a temporary or permanent basis, you are invited to join us for friendship and fun.

There is a lot to both interest and entertain you in our wonderful varied programme of meetings, outings, events and interest groups. Started by a group of American women living in and around Northwood, the Club has been running for over 50 years and is still going strong. We have around 100 members each year and have recently had quite a few new members. We are always looking for women of all ages and nationalities to join us.

Every year we choose a local charity to support and our charity for 2023/24 is 6th Northwood Scout Group.

We invite you to join us as a guest at any general meeting or event to learn about the club. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at St John's United Reformed Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DN from 9.30am until Midday.



Members enjoyed a theatre outing in October

For more information:

www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk

Email: info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk

The Environment

Last year a resident reported persistent flooding in Rofant Road by the junction of Eastbury Avenue, Frithwood and Rofant Roads with Eastbury Road after heavy rains, and his pleas for help appeared to gain limited attention. This resident made contact with the NRA, perhaps out of frustration, and asked for our help. Appropriate overtures were made to our council contacts and with Counsellor Henry Higgins, a case was raised. This September whilst driving in the area I noticed groundwork and pipe laying in progress. That looked like a good result - as the saying goes 'persistence pays off'.

If you have an issue that comes under the broad heading of 'The Environment', please do bring it to my attention.

In conversation with two astute residents, remarks about the positioning of ULEZ cameras were made. Some residents have worked out how to reroute their main local journeys to avoid their car registration number being recorded. Ingenuity and talent come to the fore in adversity – it is a trend with us humans! But surely, driving further to avoid a fine will cost the motorist more in fuel, not to mention the effect that has on the environment.

We are very concerned about the state of Northwood's pavements.

A number of residents have told us that they have tripped on uneven surfaces. When the information is passed to me, I inform the council, but in most cases nothing is done. See the Chairman's report on Page 3 for more on this.

What I am asking you to do, is to keep reporting damaged pavements to me and copy to Cllr Higgins.

hhiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk

Please supply a photograph and the location address.

Editor's note: I have noticed pedestrians walking in the road rather than on the pavement, they say that the road has fewer trip hazards. But I worry that they are putting themselves at risk, especially if they don't hear the approach of an electric car. We need our pavements to be brought up to an acceptable state.

Pavements can be damaged in a number of ways:



Localised subsidence



Contractors' lorries



Utilities' man-hole covers



Tree roots

environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Andrew Egan

Meet the New NRA IT Specialist

The executive committee has recently welcomed new member, Rajen Shah whose skills are already making a difference to the way in which we work. His first task has been to help committee members use their NRA mailboxes effectively on various different devices. Here, Rajen introduces himself:

I was born, and grew up, in Kenya. I got my BSc in Computer Engineering from Manchester University, and my master's degree in computer science from Oregon State University. My family moved to Northwood in 2002, after several years in the Bay Area of California. At that time, Northwood was a relatively "sleepy" town, with fewer cars and fewer houses and flats. A lot has changed in the 20-plus years that we have lived here, and we are constantly challenged with new developments and expansion.

I have always worked in the technology field, starting my work life at Microsoft and eventually working with a string of startup companies. My current role is as a CTO of a company that works in the Energy space, providing technology services to energy suppliers and other businesses. I enjoy anything related to science and technology and am grateful for entering such a fast-moving industry when it was in its infancy. Needless to say, we are all affected by the technological advances from PCs to mobile phones and, now, huge advances in Artificial Intelligence.

I have seen how relevant a role the NRA plays in life in Northwood, as we get exposed to all kinds of challenges regarding services, planning applications, maintenance of the surroundings and general preservation of what is Northwood. Northwood has a lot going for it, including the easy access we have to the surrounding woods and the outdoors.

I believe that it is important to participate in the local community, if I want to have a say in how it evolves. I am glad that the opportunity recently arose for me to join the committee as 'IT Specialist' and hope to provide support and direction to the very committed executive committee.



St Matthew's RC Church

Our year of centenary celebrations has got off to a flying start with HE Cardinal Vincent Nicols leading a throng of former and current parish priests and associates at a special mass on 21st October marking 100 years since the laying of the church's foundation stone. Afterwards the congregation joined our visitors for a celebratory reception in our recently refurbished parish hall.

The next event on the centenary timetable is a parish pilgrimage in November. A group of parishioners, led by Fr Tom, will spend a week in Rome and Assisi.

All are welcome to take part in our Summer Flower Festival



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As mooted in the last newsletter, plans are well under way for a Flower Festival next June, towards the end of our centenary year. Our parish is of course only part of the wider community, individual parishioners also participating in the many activities offered by other local groups. Our Flower Festival is a way of sharing our gratitude for our church with our local community. Perhaps your school, society, faith group or business would like to be represented? More details will follow, but please do get in touch if you would like to register your interest!



The Hangout: The Hangout takes place on the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm to 9pm for all youth living in the local area. It is a place for local youth to socialise, play games, do sports, or just hang out with each other. Come for a fun Friday out!



Wednesday Fellowship:

On Wednesdays at 2:15pm to 4pm during term time, the Lounge at Emmanuel is filled with seniors enjoying a varied programme of speakers, quizzes, entertainment, a weekly reflection, and a cup of tea. It is a great place to make some new friends!

All are welcome at Emmanuel Church. Have a look at our website to explore how you can join us and keep an eye out for our Christmas programme.

**Emmanuel Church, High Street,
Northwood HA6 1AS**

Web: www.ecn.org.uk

Tele: 01923 845200

email: ecnooffice@ecn.org.uk



At the beginning of September we welcomed our new minister, Rev. Audrey Browne who also has pastoral oversight of two other churches besides Northwood.

We are nearing the end of our **Centenary Celebration year**. Our final special event is a **QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday November 18th at 6pm**. The cost per person is £15 which includes a delicious supper. We are raising money for two small charities working in Africa. "Karibuni children" set up by a previous minister, after an exchange visit to Kenya, to help the poorest of children through education and feeding projects in and around Nairobi. "Kids for Kids" is a charity helping people living in the drought ridden desert of North Darfur, Sudan. Initially one of their greatest needs was goats that would eat anything and provide milk for the children- hence the name. It has blossomed from small beginnings to help 110 villages. Do come along and support these worthwhile causes.

Tables of eight - tickets available from Shirley Askew tel. 01923 821871, email asq28@icloud.com

Christmas Messy church, for children aged 2 to 11 years accompanied by an adult, a time of crafts, a short act of worship and a meal all with a Christmas theme will be held on Saturday December 9th at 4pm.

Our **Candlelight Carol service** this year is on Sunday December 17th at 4 o'clock followed by light refreshments. Do come along.

On **Christmas Eve** at 4 o'clock we invite everyone to our popular **Community Carol** celebration when we sing our favourite carols and hear Christmas readings.

Our **Christmas Day** service is at 10 o'clock, come and bring a gift you have received.

For more information about our church please contact Rev. Audrey Browne, for hiring church premises contact the church administrator, contacts in box. ➡

Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA

Tel: 01923 840633

Email: nmc@totalise.co.uk

www.northwoodmethodistchurch.org

Minister: Rev. Audrey Browne

Tel: 0208 427 0057

email padbrowne89@gmail.com



ACTIVITIES 4YOU

St John's United Reformed

ST. JOHN'S TUESDAY CONCERTS

Concerts have been taking place in St. John's, Hallowell Road, since March 2016. They are always at 11.30 am and always on the third Tuesday of the month. So they are predictable ... like a bus timetable!

The idea is that as part of the Outreach activities of St. John's, these events are designed to connect the church to the local community without being in any way 'churchy'. Music is an interest common to most people.



Soprano Hannah Theobald performing at the September concert

The concerts themselves are free and there is a coffee session beforehand. This aspect has been very successful. Many local people come and meet their friends – and in many cases make new friends. The conversational buzz beforehand speaks for itself.

The performers are mostly local – Northwood, Watford, Bushey. But some are from further away: we have recently had a singer from Royston and an organist from Ely (although he had previous local connections). The performers are always given a free hand to choose their own programme. Any style, any period. So programmes can vary from serious art songs to songs from the shows, to classical chamber music to jazz, from Bach to Bernstein. We have recitals on the piano, organ, cello, violin – in one case a French Horn.

The concerts are advertised on posters outside the church and in a bulletin emailed to an ever-increasing bcc list. There is also publicity in Waitrose and in Northwood News.



If you would like to receive the monthly bulletins or for other information, please contact the St. John's office at

Telephone: **01923 829166**

email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com

Ruislip Woods, the largest single area of Ancient Woodland in Greater London was designated a National Nature Reserve (NNR) in 1997 and is visited by over 200,000 people each year. In 2006 it was awarded Green Flag and Green Heritage status.

The "Friends" are run by Ruislip Woods Trust which is a charity set up in May 1997 to develop the educational and monitoring aspects of the Woods – all designed to ensure that our members understand what changes are occurring (both natural and man-made) and provide accurate information and news via our newsletter which we publish three times per year. We raise money for projects and provide support where we can for the volunteer groups in the Woods.

Himalayan Balsam is an invasive species which shades out our natural plants along some of the streams in the NNR and is a big problem in Copse Wood and the Local Nature Reserve. Having obtained funding from Affinity Water to purchase battery operated hedge trimmers and associated equipment, the Trust advertised three Balsam removal mornings in Copse Wood in July 2023 which were attended by more than 50 people, some of whom were the regular woods volunteers. Large areas of Balsam were cleared and below are photos of the task, before, after and some of the volunteers taking part.



It may be pretty, but Balsam is an invasive species.

In addition to the above, Ruislip Woods Trust has:

- Developed descriptive, coloured waymarked trails covering all the woods.
- Organised guided walks including Bat Walks each year.
- Set up the Classroom in the Woods which is now run by Diana Williams under supervision from Hillingdon Council. For more details and for schools to book please contact Diana on dianawmail@btinternet.com
- Negotiated the successful purchase of the remaining 30 acres of Copse Wood in October 2020 which has now been incorporated into the NNR.
- Raised the funding and arranged the refurbishment of the Woodland Centre at Ruislip Lido which is owned by Hillingdon Council and was opened by the Mayor in September 2021. If you would like to visit or volunteer to help extend the opening times, then contact Lucy on craftylucy@gmail.com
- In 2023 launched our new website which provides more information about the National Nature Reserve. Please visit us at ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk



Please do consider joining the Friends of Ruislip Woods and help our work to protect the Woods and enhance visitors' knowledge of this precious, fragile site.

There is strength in numbers and every additional member adds weight to our campaigns and makes a difference, plus you get to learn more about these magnificent Woods and the species that live there.

Membership is £8 per annum; it includes three newsletters a year and we run bat and other walks during the summer months all of which are free to members.

For further details please contact the Secretary on secretary@ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk or visit our website at ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk to download a membership application form

Mark Morgan
Chairman of Ruislip Woods Trust



Radio Mount Vernon

Radio Mount Vernon has been broadcasting here at the hospital for just over 50 years. Our equipment needs renewing from time to time, as you can imagine.

Our studio mixer desk has become increasingly temperamental in recent months

We are delighted to be able to replace it, thanks to the generosity of Northwood Residents' Association. Your support is invaluable to us.

We continue to look for ways to develop our service as things change at Mount Vernon, and we're hoping more local residents will enjoy our programmes on 95.1FM

We now have an aerial that broadcasts us to everyone within a mile of the hospital on **95.1 FM**. We can also be heard on www.radiomountvernon.org.uk - choose 'Play Now'.



Tony Ellis presented a cheque for £1,000 to Christine Robinson, secretary of RMV, earlier this year

Find out more about what we do and how YOU could be involved by visiting our website www.radiomountvernon.org.uk

Email: pr@radiomountvernon.org.uk



News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

Since the Summer Newsletter, some 35 members enjoyed a most successful visit to Polesden Lacey and Savill Garden. The weather was kind to us and a good time was had by all.

Our speaker evenings have started with the first one in September when we had a fascinating talk by Marina Christopher on Late Summer Flowering Plants. She also brought a selection of plants to sell. By the time you read this we will have had a talk in October on Britain's Ancient Forests, and our final talk before Christmas is on 13th November when one of our Show Judges, Gerry Edwards, will be speaking about Apples & Pears – which I assume does not refer to staircases!

All our 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?

After Christmas we have a quiz and two talks: 29th January, 26th February and 25th March – all Mondays.

We always welcome new members; please contact our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or email: ehs.members@gmail.com



Garden visits are a highlight of the EHS year!



Northwood & District Community Association (NADCA)

This friendly association has been providing a range of activities in the local area for over 70 years.



Activities include Keep Fit (for the over 50s), yoga, table tennis, short mat bowls, badminton, rambling, walking and card and board games sessions.

Classes are held weekly, mostly in the daytime in local church halls and are reasonably priced, with payment options of pay-as-you-go or half-termly. Get your first class free!

New members are always made welcome.

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

Patti Dib



Northwood Lions Club

Northwood Lions Club members have been keeping busy during the Summer months including a social visit to Henley-on-Thames for a boat ride and afternoon tea. Our local projects included having a stall at the Pinner Village Show and joining in with the Northwood Residents Association pop-up event in the town centre.

Our club President, Susan Carr is also the Hunger & Homelessness Officer for our Lions District 105a which includes 65 clubs reaching from Bedford to The Thames. Her role is to encourage all clubs to support the local Food Banks and Homeless Shelters and undertake other projects in their area.

Lions clubs in rural areas join forces with local farmers to take part in Gleaning Projects.

WHAT IS GLEANING? A term used to describe collecting and redistributing perfectly edible and nutritious fruit and vegetables from farms and orchards that would otherwise be surplus. Research has shown that farmers are unable to use around 16% of their crop before it even leaves the field or barn - often due to factors beyond their control, such as produce not being the right shape or size for supermarket tastes, cancelled orders or poor weather.

The Felix Project is one of the main charities in London collaborating to rescue surplus food direct from farms together with *The Lions Gleaning Hub*, nationwide and *Still Good Food* in East Anglia.



Produce gleaned by Norfolk Lions

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 find us on Facebook and our website www.northwoodlions.org.uk

Susan Carr,
President, Northwood Lions Club

Northwood Library News

This statement was posted on the Hillingdon Council website on Friday 29th September.

Northwood Library to close temporarily to facilitate building surveys

Friday 29 September 2023: Hillingdon Council has made the decision to temporarily close Northwood Library from Saturday 30 September to carry out extensive building surveys.

As regular library visitors will already be aware, the building has had some slow progressing structural issues which the council has been closely monitoring.

A survey was recently conducted, with the results this week highlighting that more intrusive surveys are now required to examine its subsidence and the building will need to be closed to

facilitate this. There is no reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in the building.

While the surveys are underway, residents will be able to use nearby Northwood Hills Library, which will extend its opening hours. It is only 1.2 miles away and one stop along on the Metropolitan tube line or a short journey via the 282 or H11 bus.

Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Deputy Leader of Hillingdon Council and Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport, said: "We have been closely monitoring the changes to Northwood Library's condition, and these surveys will enable us to further understand the extent of the issue.

"While the surveys are underway, nearby Northwood Hills Library is a great temporary alternative and boasts a wonderful schedule of activities and sessions for residents to participate in as well as a broad range of books and reference materials.

"Our libraries are valuable community assets, and our Library Strategy sets out our commitment to maintaining 16 across the borough, including Northwood, and further investing in buildings and facilities to ensure they are of the highest quality and meet residents' needs now and in the future."

Residents can collect their recycling bags and visitor parking vouchers at Northwood Hills Library.

Most of Northwood library's events will be running from Northwood Hills library at their usual times until further notice.

Early onset dementia will be at Manor Farm library.

Northwood residents will see their familiar library staff at Northwood Hills.

Robert Sisk, Northwood Library Manager

Northwood Hills Library, Potter Street, HA6 1QQ

Tel: 01895 556460

Email: northwoodhills-library@hillingsdon.gov.uk

Web: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries

Opening hours:

Monday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Tuesday 9.30am to 7pm

Wednesday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Thursday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Saturday 9.30am to 4pm

Sunday Closed

Bank holidays Closed

Please note: These are extended hours while Northwood Library is temporarily closed.

Our charity's members have enjoyed a summer of outings, in addition to all the regular activities we offer. The annual canal boat trip was a great



Fish & Chips on the Pier at Southend-on-Sea with Staff Member Jean

success and those who came to Southend-on-Sea enjoyed fish and chips on the pier and the chance of a seaside ice-cream on a very warm September day.

We are grateful to **Northwood Residents' Association** for supporting this outing.

We now look forward to a busy autumn with various Christmas events planned for the festive season. **Frithwood School** kindly invited members to attend their Harvest Festival celebration. Regular activities include both a weekly Lunch Club and a fortnightly Soup & Sandwich lunch, seated yoga and "Meet and Mingle" with local schoolchildren. Particularly popular are the weekly exercise classes which help members maintain muscle strength and balance, so important in preventing falls. If you are or know of someone who would benefit from these or any of our other many activities please get in touch - details below.

We desperately need more drivers!

To enable members with mobility issues to attend activities we offer free transport where possible with volunteer drivers. This is becoming increasingly difficult as we desperately need more drivers. The distances are all local and it's a lovely opportunity to get to know some of our wonderful older residents. A generous mileage allowance is available for those who need it. Any help is appreciated, even if you feel unable to commit to regular driving for the Scheme. We look forward to hearing from you, whether as new volunteers or members.

Please contact the office on **01923 842494**

or email **WestLondon@mha.org.uk**

Web: **www.mha.org.uk/communities/near-me/west-london/**

 Search: MHA Communities West London

Jo Wild, Volunteer



**PAUL
STRICKLAND
SCANNER
CENTRE**

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre, an independent medical charity, is based at Mount Vernon Hospital. We provide comprehensive services to the NHS and private health sectors for the diagnosis, treatment, monitoring and research

of cancer and other serious diseases, using leading edge PET-CT, MRI and CT scanners.

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FINALS DAY 2023

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The day started with Men's and Ladies' singles. Refreshingly (unlike the weather), the eldest player was 21 years of age. In what turned out to be the longest match of the day, Lazar Andelkovic overcame Teddy Mangan in three gruelling sets of tennis. Hannah Ghosh won the ladies singles against Jess Wilde, for the second year in a row.

Next we were served up a main course of Men's and Ladies' doubles. Lazar teamed up with brother Alex in the Men's to play veterans Duncan Chorley and Colin McCarthy. The first set was very close with Duncan and Colin allowing 8 set points to drift by, losing in a tie break. However, around the 2 hour mark, Duncan and Colin battled back to win the deciding set.

In the Ladies' doubles, Hannah Ghosh and Alita Davern beat Jess Wilde and Serena McCarthy. The first set raced by but (see picture) Jess and Serena came out determined in the second set to take a 4 to 2 lead. Numerous close rallies followed but Hannah and Alita were victorious.

Finally, in the mixed doubles, Lazar and Alita Davern took on father and daughter John and Hannah Ghosh. Lazar and Alita took the trophy but not before Lazar's tennis for the day reached the 6 hour mark. In the veteran's mixed doubles, John Mangan and Vim Ferrand beat Sam Wilde (Jess's mum) and Andy Smith. The social afterwards was well attended.

Please find more Information about joining our friendly club on our website: www.northwoodtennisclub.co.uk.

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NORTHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

The Woods' 2023/24 season is now well underway as the club looks to build on the positive showing last season when they were narrowly beaten by Walton & Hersham in the Isthmian South Central play-off semi-final.

Manager Ben Bukowski has added a few new faces to the squad, the bulk of which remains the same as last term, with key players such as goalkeeper Andrew McCorkell, captain Luke Tingey and midfield general Carl Stewart committing for another season.

Watching high standard, step four level non-league football at the Skyline Roofing Stadium continues to be great value for money. Adults can gain admission for £10, while it's just £5 for seniors and concessions and free for under 16s.



Northwood in changed strip of blue. Sam Jenkins wheels away after scoring at Uxbridge.
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We had a very good recruitment drive this year and some of our new bowlers have already represented the club in the mixed friendlies against other local teams.

For those who are not so competitive we have plenty of casual bowling, our coaches are always ready to help new bowlers improve their game.

Our Annual Charity Fun Day was a great success when we raised money for the Michael Sobel Hospice and had an enjoyable afternoon doing it. So, if you are looking for an active way to stay young, then Lawn Bowls is a favourite sport among those who love to get on their feet and make new friends.

Our new season starts next April,
and our Open Day will be in early May.



The A Team

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Our rehearsals are fun. Our MD is a professional singer who incorporates vocal technique into every session and gives those that want an opportunity to sing solos.

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

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Our winter performance is at St John's Church, Hallowell Road on Saturday 9th December 6pm.



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Saturday 16th December 5:30 pm

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Northwood Classical Music Group

Myths, Legends and Narratives – our theme for this Autumn term for our continued exploration of the world of classical music.

Works inspired by historical and mythical characters as diverse as Orpheus and Falstaff, Prometheus and Christopher Columbus. Who knew that Columbus inspired an opera for which Wagner wrote the music? Or that Hamlet similarly enthused Amboise Thomas, a 19th century French composer?

After a tasting menu involving some of these names as well as Ariadne, Nero, Joan of Arc, and Othello, we have examined the treatment by four composers of Salomé, a genuine historical character but one shrouded in much that is mythical.

Next comes Dido, an even more ancient historical figure of whom even less is confidently understood, allowing the imagination of story tellers and composers a yet freer rein.. It promises to be an interesting term.

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**.



Ruislip - Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

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Leaf Manipulation workshop

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

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

Tuesday 6th February - Pat Dibben & Helen Temple

Interval refreshments, sales table and flower raffle.



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for further details.

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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.

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