



# Northwood

## Residents' Association

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### Good News from Mount Vernon Cancer Centre! Building improvement works continue apace.

Good progress has been made since our last update on the work taking place to improve facilities at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. We have finished refurbishing our outpatient department, including the renovation of some clinical consultation rooms. The former endoscopy department has also been completely refurbished to accommodate the cancer centre's research and development department.

Work on the nuclear medicine imaging and outpatient therapy service has been completed, including extensive decorating, refitting of kitchen areas, toilets and fire safety improvements.

We have also renovated the roof above the chemotherapy suite and finished internal decorations, including refurbishing the patient toilets. Building works are still on-going outside of the building.

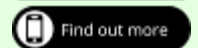
Over the coming weeks and months, building works will include:

- ◆ Redeveloping the outpatients' department reception and the main corridor outside wards 10 and 11, including a new patient waiting area and the refurbishment of the radiotherapy entrance.
- ◆ Refurbishing the John Bush Supportive Care unit – this work will take place in two phases to ensure we can continue to deliver patient care.

As these works continue, 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 as we make these important changes to modernise our cancer centre.

The improvement works started in February 2023 as Mount Vernon Cancer Centre was awarded £7.5 million to refurbish and renovate the cancer centre building. More information about the improvement works is available on our website.

Please go to: [www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/](http://www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/)



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

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## Business News

Hi, I am Brian. I have been a local resident for almost 45 years and retired recently after many years in business. In December I took over the NRA Business role following Philip Green's retirement from this position and shall endeavour to follow his excellent work of the past few years.

I should point out that my role is not to be confused with **Northwood Business Watch** ably run by Jennifer O'Dwyer of the Three Wishes Public House. Her focus is preserving the existing safe environment for our local businesses, by reducing the opportunities for criminality and other anti-social behaviour, and links in with our local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

My brief is the commercial activities of our **NRA Business Members** and how we can help promote and increase local business activity.

I have already managed to visit most of the restaurants and take-aways who are our business members and as an initial initiative you will see their names featured elsewhere in this Newsletter. It was great meeting some of the owners/managers and discussing their businesses to see how we can work together in the coming months to stimulate business.

Obviously, I don't intend focusing solely on the local eateries; we have a varied range of retailers and service providers that are Business members. Their names can be found on the NRA

website, and I would encourage all Northwood residents to use local providers as their first port of call.

We are fortunate in Northwood, that unlike on some high streets, most of our shops are occupied, and I think we can all agree that nothing looks more depressing than a high street with empty units. So, it is up to us the residents, to ensure local commercial activity.

As another initiative we hope to bring you, via email, local promotions that may be taking place and available **exclusively** to NRA members. So, if you have any friends or neighbours who are not already NRA members, please get them to join. At a £2 annual fee it is less than the cost of a local cup of coffee! And if you have a business and are not yet a Business member, please join us for the small annual fee of £10.

I would very much like to hear from you if you have any constructive ideas on how you think we can improve Northwood's commercial centres.

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

Brian Geminder



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

In this issue I would like to talk about some of the many events the library service runs across the borough.

Since I last wrote an article for the NRA newsletter, my role within the library service has changed. I am now the Events and Promotions Officer for the library service. This is a newly created role which gives me the opportunity to put on more events across the borough, visit community groups and associations, to promote the library offer.

'**Discover Hillingdon**' is Hillingdon council's website where you will find all the information on events in Hillingdon and how to book. In the first six months of this year, we have over 20 authors and speakers visiting our library spaces, giving talks on Crime, General and Historical fiction.

**Northwood Hills Library, Potter Street, HA6 1QQ**  
Tel: 01895 556460  
Email: [northwoodhills-library@hillingsdon.gov.uk](mailto:northwoodhills-library@hillingsdon.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries)  
**X@Hill\_libraries**  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries](http://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.



*Liberating Belsen - Holocaust memorial talk held at Ruislip Manor Library*

Here are some of the authors appearing in the next quarter, Crime authors Claire Douglas & Erin Young, Historians Alison Weir & Nicola Tallis, Historical fiction with Sarah Marsh and Emily Toves and Non-fiction with journalist Tomiwa Owolade.

February was Heart Month and our libraries ran a variety of activities such as Desi dancing, healthy eating and fitness checks in association with GLL Better. Our three biggest libraries now offer the opportunity to borrow a blood pressure monitor for a two-week loan.

In the next few months, we will be running awareness events around dementia, visual impairment and hearing loss. This is in addition to the regular activities held in our branches.

For more information on what's on in your library: pop in, check the Hillingdon People magazine What's On section, check our Culture and Heritage brochure available in libraries or to download, visit [DiscoverHillingdonWebsite](http://DiscoverHillingdonWebsite): [discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events](http://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events)

Robert Sisk, Events and Promotions Officer

## From the Chairman

### INTRODUCTION

Having just experienced what is said to have been the wettest February on record, one would have hoped that the first day of Meteorological Spring would bring change. Some hope, it's still raining!

It is almost 15 years since I was elected as Chairman of the NRA and this is my 44<sup>th</sup> newsletter, and I propose to continue for another year, if elected at the April AGM.

### MOUNT VERNON CANCER CENTRE

Welcome news! Our cover page gives an update on the building work being carried out. The old buildings are being given a very welcome kiss of life which will make the hospital more fitted to the 2020s and guarantee the future of the site for some years to come.

As yet, no money has been identified to fund a replacement hospital at the Watford General site.

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

You will read below that our editor, Ros Plume, has decided after 16 years and 47 issues, that it is time to step down. Ros is to be congratulated for being such a brilliant editor who has seen the newsletter change from an 8-page newsheet to a 24-page glossy newsletter. I always feel proud when I pick up a copy. Fortunately, she has agreed to continue as our secretary so we will not be losing her extensive knowledge. Thank you, Ros for giving us so many hours of your time. We are indebted to you.

### ROADS AND PAVEMENTS

Our roads and pavements are mostly in terrible condition. You will read in MP David Simmonds' report (page 5) that the Government has made a token gesture by allocating £345,000 to Hillingdon for the next 11 years for road improvements. Many millions are required to bring our roads and pavements up to scratch. If you encounter potholes or dangerous pavements please report it to the Council on their website: <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/potholes>

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please do make every effort to attend our AGM in April (see Agenda, page 23). This year there will be a *Load of Rubbish* as Councillor Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, is to give us a presentation on Waste and Recycling in Hillingdon. MP David Simmonds, Leader of the Council Ian Edwards and Councillors Henry Higgins and Richard Lewis

are also scheduled to be present. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting. If you haven't attended an AGM before, do try one for a change. You will be very welcome.

### NORTHWOOD LIBRARY

Several residents have asked why the library cannot be re-located in the Old Police Station. It is a non-starter for several reasons, namely:

- as far as we know, it is still owned by the Iron Aid Foundation who, having been denied planning application, are still considering its future. If they are to sell it, it is unlikely that they would accept less than the £2.3 million they paid for it.

- the premises are very dilapidated and will require many thousands of pounds to bring them up to scratch. Renovation would take a long time as well.

- the layout is not suitable for a library, the fact that it is a listed building would create difficulties in changing the layout.

- the library would only need a smallish part of the building. However the whole building needs to be refurbished to make it safe and useable.

The NRA will do its utmost to ensure that we get a suitable replacement library. Therefore we agree that the old police station is not the solution. Cllr Higgins discusses the council's position on page 9.

### CONCLUSION

Thanks to all committee members for their valuable contribution to the NRA. Goodbye to Dr Amir Lakha and welcome to Dr Neha Tanna our Health representative. Brian Geminder has replaced Philip Green as Business Members liaison officer. Particular thanks to Paul Barker who has, after hours of labour, successfully launched our new membership database. The contribution from our MP and councillors is greatly appreciated.

And, finally, my heartfelt thanks to our Road Stewards who enable our Association to function. You are indispensable!



**Tony Ellis**  
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## Could You Compile this Newsletter?

This is my 47<sup>th</sup> NRA Newsletter as editor and the time has come to hand over to someone with fresh ideas, a sharper brain and modern IT skills. Ideally, I would like to work on the Summer newsletter alongside a shadow editor with a view to handing over to them for the Autumn issue.

### The skills required?

- Must be able to organise lots of information, articles, images, emails and contacts in a logical manner.
- Must have a good command of English language and grammar.
- Must have good word processing and image manipulation ability.
- Must be good at Tetris – fitting articles of differing length into a fixed space takes some juggling!
- Must have a lively interest in all that goes on in Northwood.

**Interested?** Please email me in the first instance and we can arrange to explore the possibilities ....

As NRA Editor, which is a voluntary role, you would be a full member of the executive committee which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8pm at Northwood Methodist Church.

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Ros Plume

Work on the new Hillingdon Hospital continues and it is worth noting that over the course of the last year, the new hospital project has gained full planning permission, the government confirmed funding for the project, both the main political parties have said they would build the new hospital by 2030 and the contractor GRAHAM has been brought on board to get the site cleared for building.

**The Hillingdon Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust**

We are also able to give people a look at what a new Hillingdon Hospital should look like. A new computer-generated video ([thh.nhs.uk/news-events/come-fly-with-us-around-the-new-hillingdon-hospital-1086](http://thh.nhs.uk/news-events/come-fly-with-us-around-the-new-hillingdon-hospital-1086)) takes you on a virtual tour inside and outside a model of the new hospital while explaining some of the benefits to expect from the new hospital.



Left to right: Deputy Clinical Director for the Redevelopment Victoria Cook, Senior Responsible Officer for the new Hillingdon Hospital project Jason Seez, Secretary of State for Health Victoria Atkins and MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip Steve Tuckwell.

Most recently, we were pleased to welcome the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Victoria Atkins, and local MP Steve Tuckwell to the hospital to talk the minister through the plans for a new Hillingdon Hospital. As well as a presentation, our guests met with staff and patients on Kennedy Ward at the top of the main tower, getting a first hand view of why building a new Hillingdon Hospital that is fit for the future is so important.

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](http://thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment-of-hillingdon-hospital)

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



## Ship Ahoy!

This is the play ship in our Paediatric Garden at Hillingdon Hospital that has sadly been condemned. Due to many winters now, it is no longer safe for our young patients to board. Children used to love this play piece, so we are launching an appeal to replace this with a new model.

If there are any shipbuilders out there, or anyone who would like to make a kind donation to the charity children's fund, please get in touch with

Shirley Clipp  
Major Appeals Manager  
Hillingdon Hospitals Charity  
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[www.hillingdonhospitalscharity.org](http://www.hillingdonhospitalscharity.org)



## The Environment

Very soon the weather will warm up, spring will be here and plant growth will accelerate. If you look around you as you take a walk in Northwood, you will see both neat and untidy hedges, trees by boundaries with overhanging branches, where sometimes you can walk underneath it and sometimes where



you have to duck down to get underneath as you walk by. Creeping plants can start to cover pavements and narrow the access available to pedestrians. Think about a parent pushing a pram or buggy, think about a tall person trying to take exercise either by walking or by pushing a double buggy? Can they do that easily, or somewhere on their route do they have to make a diversion?

Maybe the answer is 'yes', they can for now but perhaps that becomes a 'no' from the time rampant plant and tree growth re-commences shortly. Mother Nature waits for no-one so if the boundaries of your home are inhabited by plants, please do ensure you or your gardeners cut back hedges and tree foliage where that is prudent to do so.

The picture opposite shows a hedgerow that on 20th January is almost overgrown. In 1- or 2-months time, it may be truly overgrown. Time to get the loppers out, or schedule some pruning with your gardener!

### FLY-TIPPING AND LITTERING

Much has been discussed on this topic on social media platforms recently; various people have tried to get something done about the situation in areas off Green Lane. I'm pleased to see that Cllr Higgins has taken up the challenge to sort out the area next to Fauna Vets.

We need council, residents, businesses, landlords and tenants to work together - let's have some civic pride and keep our town free of dumped litter!

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

Andrew Egan

## A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

A belated Happy New Year to residents in Northwood. I hope 2024 has got off to a good start.

Readers may already be aware that in December the Government announced that London Boroughs will benefit from extra funding, which has been redirected from HS2, to resurface roads across the capital. Of the £235 million allocated over 11 years, £3.8 million has been allocated to Hillingdon which means that £345,000 will be spent per annum to help improve roads across the borough ensuring safer journeys for residents. The council will be required to publish regular updates on the proposed works, which I will be sure to follow with interest.

Turning to other local matters, residents have contacted me about the postal service, particularly around the late delivery of NHS letters. I had the opportunity to feedback these concerns during a recent visit to the Royal Mail Delivery Office on Pinner Road. Speaking with the team, I understand that undated letters from the NHS are received by Royal Mail for unscheduled delivery, meaning that letters are not required to be delivered on or before a specific date. It therefore seems to me that the NHS must amend its system to ensure that urgent mail is sent appropriately. Overall, it was an interesting and productive visit, which provided a greater understanding of how the local postal service is organised.

Lastly, I recognise local concerns about the future of the Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital site, as work appears to have come to a halt. Having spoken with the NHS Development Trust, I understand that amendments to the original planning application have been proposed and are currently awaiting approval from the council. These changes have arisen from findings during the work undertaken to prepare the building for



David with staff at Northwood's Royal Mail Delivery Office

refurbishment. I would like to assure residents that these are material amendments and will not affect the overall use of the health centre or accommodation.

Finally, my local surgeries continue in venues around the constituency. Residents who would like to make an appointment should get in touch via the contact details below. I also circulate a monthly newsletter, which you can sign up to on my website.

### To contact Northwood MP, David Simmonds CBE:

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You can follow his work on the website:

[www.davidsimmonds.org.uk](http://www.davidsimmonds.org.uk)

and on Twitter: @DSimmonds\_RNP

or Facebook: DavidSimmondsMP

## Planning Matters

**THERE HAVE BEEN 61 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I submitted objections or comments on 17 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, but also a small number for the demolition of the whole building and erection of a new build house or flats. There is also an increase in applications for permission to install heat pumps where the major issue could be noise affecting neighbours.

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 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:

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

<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.

### Any planning issues? Just call on Trevor!

**A PETITION COULD 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 5 minutes, and it's shown live on YouTube. I can help draft the petition and work with you on the proposed presentation to the Planning Committee.

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

Trevor Sherling

## Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Our Northwood Ward Panel continues to help safeguard our residents, businesses and visitors. We work through collaboration with the Met Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), the NRA, Neighbourhood Watch and Hillingdon Council.

### FIRST BUSINESS WATCH, NOW SCHOOL WATCH.

Last year we introduced the successful Business Watch initiative, of which more in a separate column, see below. This year we initiated a School Watch with Northwood Girl's College and St. Helen's. Two senior students from each school are conducting a safety awareness survey among the students. Our SNT will then follow up any concerns directly with the schools.



PCSO John Usher meets the School Watch Students

Both schools have an Outreach programme for senior students. By providing partnership opportunities, they give their students and staff the space to share, collaborate and flourish in many inspiring ways.

At St Helen's School, they want their girls to explore how they can best interact with the world around them and make a positive difference in their own way.

Northwood College encourages their girls to be emotionally resilient, to learn from success and challenge, and to communicate with clarity and assurance.

At our Ward Panel we try to canvass views from many varied demographics. The Survey, which will be presented at our March Panel meeting, will assist us in including the youth demographic point of view and to give the year 12 students a chance to look behind the scenes of how a ward panel operates; to view Northwood crime rates; to understand the challenges faced by our police service and to become more aware of their own safety and security.

And, who knows, our students may well become part of the top brass in our police force in the future!

To find out more about the Outreach programmes, contact [enquiries@sthelens.london](mailto:enquiries@sthelens.london) / [office@nwc.gdst.net](mailto:office@nwc.gdst.net)

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

Tel: 01923 828085

Hoda Lacey  
Chairman of Northwood Police Ward Panel  
NRA Police Liaison



No report from the SNT this time, but here are their contact details. Don't forget to check the NRA

notice boards and website and online platforms such as Nextdoor, for the SNT's planned community engagements.

#### 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

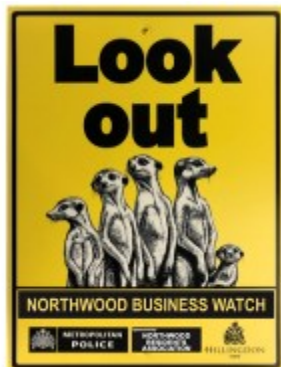
Telephone: 020 8721 2545

Email: [SNTWA-Northwood@met.police.uk](mailto:SNTWA-Northwood@met.police.uk)

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

Website: [www.met.police.uk/your-area/](http://www.met.police.uk/your-area/)

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



## Northwood Business Watch

Dear Residents of Northwood,

I am writing to you today to celebrate the collective efforts and successes of Business Watch here in Northwood. Since its inception in May 2023, with guidance of our local Police, Business Watch has been dedicated to preventing and solving crimes, raising awareness, and promoting a safe environment for businesses in our community.

I am thrilled to announce that Northwood Business Watch now boasts 85 members from businesses in the area surrounding High Street and Green Lane. Membership is free for businesses in this area, and our members receive alerts and valuable crime prevention advice from our local police team. The group emphasises the importance of sharing information, looking out for one another, and keeping our businesses and properties safe.

Business Watch has been actively building strong connections with the local police team, raising awareness about crime issues, supporting businesses in combating fraud and cybercrime, and encouraging the sharing of information among members. We are also fostering collaboration with other businesses in the area to create a network that promotes a safe and secure environment for all.

I am truly inspired by the proactive approach taken by our Business Watch members and their dedication to making Northwood a thriving and safe place for businesses to grow. I want to express my gratitude to everyone for their support and hard work in this group. Let's continue to work together and keep up the good work to help Northwood thrive against crime. Thank you for your commitment to our community and for being a part of Business Watch in Northwood.

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

## Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

It is always worth looking at the general membership levels to set the scene, and Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch membership stands at 17,806 to the end of January, a coverage of 15% of all residents which is extremely good. 1,935 of those have said that they have CCTV systems that they are prepared to search upon request by the police. Looking at Northwood in particular, there are 837 members (16%) so above average for the borough – but we can always do better, so if you have a neighbour who is not a member of NHW they can register for FREE on OWL (Online Watch Link) at [www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk).

When it comes to CCTV the law is relatively misunderstood – so in summary it is perfectly legal to film beyond your boundary into a public space, provide that you comply with the Data Protection Act. The key points are that a visible CCTV sign should be displayed on your property, and your data should not be retained for too long before being overwritten – most systems do this for you anyway.

Video doorbells often come up as a specific topic because they record audio as well. For these devices you would only be allowed to record the audio element within the curtilage of your own property such as the porch or doorway, you should not be able to pick up someone on the pavement or the neighbouring front garden for example having a chat. You can test this easily on a quiet day by doing a “walk test” to see at which point the words of any audio can be distinguished.

In general, it is always a good idea to have a chat with your neighbours, we have seen many cases where neighbours work together to cover each other’s property with CCTV, so an open discussion is a great starting point.



Since the pandemic, it is true to say that burglary rates have not climbed back to where they were before 2020, criminals have moved into other types of crime such as theft from motor vehicles, which are usually very easy to prevent by emptying your vehicle, making sure it is locked, and fitting a visible steering lock device which sends the message, “I’ve thought about security for this vehicle”.

The final point for this report is that residents should be aware that it is your Ward Panel that discusses and agrees priorities for your Ward’s Safer Neighbourhood Team, so if you have concerns, please do contact them, their details are opposite.

If you need to contact the team you can email us at [hillingdonnhw@gmail.com](mailto:hillingdonnhw@gmail.com)

*Dave Ludlow  
Chairman,  
Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch*



## Poppy Appeal Volunteers Needed in Northwood

Do you want to help us organise the Poppy Appeal 2024 and support your local community during Remembrance period or do you know someone who could help?

The Royal British Legion is a champion of Remembrance and is responsible for the annual Poppy Appeal each year. The RBL is now looking for enthusiastic volunteer organisers and collectors 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.

Poppy Appeal Organisers are critical to the RBL annual Poppy Appeal. You will be excited about this role if you:

- Want to develop skills and experience in leading a team.
- Are excited to be involved with high-profile community fundraising.
- Are interested in developing your knowledge of your local community.
- Are comfortable handling money.
- Have an hour or two a week during the year, with a more intense time commitment between September and November.

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](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk) search for ‘poppy appeal volunteers’, submit your application or contact the Poppy Appeal Manager for your area:  
Phone: 07849 701 585

**The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in Northwood** is held under the auspices of the Ruislip Royal British Legion Club who have delegated the organising to us as local residents. We thank them for arranging the insurance and liaising with Hillingdon for permission to hold the event.

The service is planned around the two minutes silence at 11am followed by the laying of wreaths. In 2023, we had around 40 individuals and organisations laying wreaths at the Northwood Memorial ably organised by Rosie Salvage at Eastcote RBL.

We thank the many people who give their time to make this event successful, but **what we really need, most urgently**, is a volunteer to organise the **Northwood Poppy Appeal**, someone who can ensure that poppies go on sale in various outlets during the weeks before Remembrance Sunday. Please consider offering your services - see the article above for more details.

**Philip Austin and Adam Stapley, Joint Organisers on behalf of Ruislip Royal British Legion Club Ltd**



## From the Treasurer

During 2023 we introduced a new database which now gives us a much more accurate picture of the number of member households and businesses.

The database shows that we have approximately 2,000 households who regularly subscribe to the NRA. Our average annual expenditure, excluding donations, is in the region of £8,000. This results in an average cost of roughly £4 per household. Although we have a surplus of funds the committee does not think it right that we subsidise households who only pay the current minimum of £2.

**TIME FOR A SUBS INCREASE.** The committee has reluctantly decided to recommend to members that the minimum subscription should be raised to £3. We really appreciate that many members pay more than the minimum as this enables us to meet current expenditure. As Treasurer, I will be putting this proposal to the AGM in April 2024.

### HOW CAN WE HELP NORTHWOOD'S COMMUNITY?

I would like to remind members that we continue to look for practical ideas as to how we can spend some of our surplus

for the good of the Northwood community. The last major expense was for the purchase of the town centre clock some four years ago and we did pay for the planting of trees in 2023 in Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground. Please submit your ideas to any committee member and they will be put to the Executive Committee.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE PREFERRED.** We prefer that both resident and business members pay directly into the NRA bank account via the BACS system. Please ensure that your name and address is given as the bank reference. If you wish to pay by cash or cheque, please put this in an envelope with details of your name and address and write "Northwood Residents' Association" clearly on the outside. Deliver it to your Road Steward or to Sharmans.

Many thanks.

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

## From Councillor Henry Higgins

Dear Residents of Northwood,

I want to update you all regarding issues that have been brought to my attention.

**OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES - THE FUTURE.** Northwood Library has been declared structurally unsound due to subsidence and will remain closed for the foreseeable future. As you might already be aware Northwood Hills Library is due to be rebuilt but I can assure you this will not take place until a temporary library has been put in place to service both Northwood and Northwood Hills. We are working on finding a location and will keep residents informed in due course.

I want to emphasise that library services are very important to the borough, and we will be having a new library for Northwood as well as Northwood Hills. Officers are currently looking into options for the new Northwood Library.

This has been confirmed by Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services who stated: *"Northwood Library is structurally unsound and will not reopen in its current premises. We are making arrangements to safeguard the books and these will be moved from the building."*

*"A temporary library will be opened and the Northwood Hills new library project will not begin until the temporary library is opened."*

*"Hillingdon Council remains committed to having 16 libraries and a new permanent library will be opened in Northwood."*

**FLY-TIPPING.** Another issue that has been brought to my attention is the continual dumping of waste off Green Lane besides Fauna Veterinary Clinic. I have been investigating the issue and have instructed officers to look into the problems of waste collection from the flats at the rear of the clinic. We have to make sure that the waste management conditions have been implemented so residents are able to dispose of waste effectively.

I would also like to thank the owners of the Veterinary Clinic and the Three Wishes Pub for not only keeping me informed but for their community spirit in helping to keep Northwood clean.

**WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THE INCREASE IN MOTORBIKES?** With the growth of takeaway food delivery services, we have seen a growth in motorbikes parking in many town centres. This is presenting us with new enforcement challenges. The council is working on measures, and you may well see requests for 20min motorbike bays in some of our high streets. This has not been requested as yet for Northwood, but I would like to keep Northwood residents updated as to what is happening around the borough.



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](mailto:rlewis@hillingdon.gov.uk)

[hhiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:hhiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk)

## NRA Membership

During the last year we have transferred our membership data to a commercial programme known as 'membermojo', which is now our database software.

As Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer, I lead a team of NRA committee members accessing this software to record current data. These are Vijay Kotecha, our Database Manager and John King, Membership Secretary. We work closely with Jan Harding, the Treasurer.

As you will see from the request letter enclosed with this Spring issue of the Newsletter, we have moved closer to cashless payment of annual subscriptions by asking members preferably to pay by bank transfer.

You still have the option to pay your sub in cash or by cheque but if doing so, please complete the information requested on the bottom of the request letter, cut it off and insert it in an envelope, simply addressed to Northwood Residents' Association. This can be delivered to your Road Steward, to Sharmans pharmacy or to Carter chemist. John King will

routinely collect envelopes from Sharmans and Carters, notify Jan and enter the information in membermojo.

Once again, I would urge all members to make sure that we have your current e-mail address in our system as this allows us to communicate alert messages to you regarding items of local or urgent interest - such as upcoming road closures, the Northwood library plans etc.

**Don't miss out on the latest news - register your email address with us!**

If you haven't been receiving these messages recently, please email me and our system will be appropriately updated with your contact details.

[chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk)  
or [pifbarker@me.com](mailto:pifbarker@me.com)

Tel: 01923 821036

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

Northwood Methodist Church  
Present

**Stardust Big Band**

Charity Concert in aid of  
**christian aid**

TIME & DATE:  
SUNDAY 12th MAY  
6:30pm DOORS OPEN 6:15PM

LOCATION:  
NORTHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH  
DARLANDS GATE, HA8 3PA

TICKET PRICES:  
£10 Adults - £12 on the door  
£5 Children/Students

• FREE PARKING AT SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE  
• REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

TO BOOK TICKETS  
Email: karen.nmc@aol.com  
Phone: 07543 172154



**THE ARTS SOCIETY MOOR PARK**

Thursday 04 April, 10.30am  
**DAY OF SPECIAL INTEREST**  
**A History of Jewellery**  
from Elizabeth I to Elizabeth Taylor  
Moor Park Mansion, Rickmansworth

Wednesday 17 April, 10.50am  
**MORNING LECTURE**  
**The Art of Winnie-the-Pooh**  
Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip

TO JOIN, SEE OUR WEBSITE  
**moorparkdfas.com**



St Helen's School in Northwood welcomes the local community to enjoy its inspiring and inviting facilities, and their programme of public facing events continues to grow in profile and popularity with residents.

**Events**  
at St Helen's School

CULTURE.  
LEISURE.  
COMMUNITY.



### What's on?

The regular Book Club events have featured celebrated best-selling authors such as Louise Doughty and Louis De Bernieres, and they are hosted on stage by Radio 2 presenter, Joe Haddow. These gatherings provide a wonderful evening out with a like-minded audience, not to mention a fully stocked bar! No pre-reading is necessary, just book a ticket, come along and hear our author being interviewed on stage.

There will be an opportunity for an audience Q&A and copies of the author's latest release will be available to buy and have signed on the night if you wish.

### Events coming up:

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Book Club event: An evening with Adele Parks
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Book Club event: An evening with Abigail Dean
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. For the first time, the team at St Helen's will be hosting an open air theatre production of Hugh Lofting's Doctor Dolittle – a great day out for all the family. Tickets will be available to purchase from April onwards, and if you subscribe to the newsletter, you'll get an email update letting you know when tickets go on sale.

Book your tickets for all upcoming events by visiting our What's On page: [www.sthelens.enterprises/whats-on/](http://www.sthelens.enterprises/whats-on/)

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive updates on all our upcoming events or discover more about what we have on offer by visiting our website: [www.sthelens.enterprises](http://www.sthelens.enterprises)

For enquiries contact: [events@sthelens.london](mailto:events@sthelens.london)

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

## Northwood & District u3a

What is u3a? Where and when do we meet? and who are our members?

u3a is a world-wide organisation, providing a social, entertaining and educational place where active retired people can meet to join in a range of activities and events and have fun.

During the winter months there have been talks and discussions on varied subjects, outings to theatres, seasonal lunches, and now that summer's coming, visits are planned to local places of interest as well as day trips away and longer holiday breaks.

We have several energetic groups: walking, table tennis, badminton and country dancing and a very enthusiastic ukelele group.

Other groups meet 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 in Northwood Hills 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

1st Northwood Scout Group

IT'S THE BIG ONE!

## Grand Jumble Sale

Sat 8th June, 2pm

If you would like to be involved with collecting, sorting or selling, please contact Roxana by email:

[roxana.peters@virginmedia.com](mailto:roxana.peters@virginmedia.com)  
or call 07732 011 925

The Scouting Centre  
87 Northwood Way HA6 1RT

## St Matthew's RC Church

SAVE THE DATE!

"100 Years of St Matthew's"

FLOWER FESTIVAL

7th – 9th June 2024

St Matthew's Church and Hall

Refreshments, plants and gifts for sale.



32 Hallowell Road, Northwood HA6 1DW

Tel: 01923 840736 for more information

Website: [www.stmatthewsnorthwood.org](http://www.stmatthewsnorthwood.org)

Email: [northwood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:northwood@rcdow.org.uk)



## SOUTH OXHEY CHOIR

The South Oxhey Choir was initially set up by the BBC for the program "The Choir - Unsung Town" and this year we are celebrating 15 years of singing and performing.

We are a community choir that welcomes anyone from all local areas to come and join us on a Tuesday evening at Oxhey Wood School. We start at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm.

Led by our musical director Simon Wookey rehearsals are relaxed and fun and we sing a whole range of songs from Adele, the Beach Boys and Coldplay to tunes from Musical Theatre and even a bit of Mozart.

In 2023 we held a "Summer Sing-Along with the South Oxhey Choir" and our traditional Christmas Concert; our committee is currently planning performances in 2024 including some local charity events.

For more information please pop to our website [www.southoxheychoir.co.uk](http://www.southoxheychoir.co.uk) or find us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates. You can also email us on [southoxheychoirs@gmail.com](mailto:southoxheychoirs@gmail.com)

You do not need to audition for The South Oxhey Choir and you do not need to be able to read music or have sung in a choir before. All you need is a love of singing!



**Northwood Craft Market**  
**First Saturday of the month**  
**6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**10am – 2pm**  
**Methodist Church Hall**  
**Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA**  
**Free Admission**

There is always a variety of beautiful crafts available at the Craft Market. With everything handmade by the stallholders, crafts range from fabric bags, art work, jewellery and soft toys, to greetings cards, candles & wax melts, knitting, home accessories, and much more.

Crafts vary at each market and there's always something new to see. It's the ideal place to find some original gift ideas that you won't see in the shops.

The Plant Stall is always very popular with lots of plants at very reasonable prices.

Children can try some hands-on crafts to make something to take home and you can take a break in the church coffee shop for tea or coffee and also sample the delicious homemade cakes they have to offer.

Have a look at our website and social media pages for more information including future dates.

For more information, take a look at our website: [www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk)  
Like us on Facebook; Follow us on X @CraftNorthwood  
Instagram @northwood\_craftmarket  
Email: [northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk)



The Plant Stall is always popular



## Meet the New NRA Membership Secretary

The executive committee has recently welcomed new member, **John King**. John is responsible for maintaining our membership database, entering new members' details and any cash payments. Here, John introduces himself:

I have been in the accounting profession all my working life. I started as a junior clerk and worked my way up to become a company accountant.

I was born and schooled in Bournemouth. My first job was in an accountant's office. My different employments, mainly with national companies, have taken me to various locations within southern England, from Weymouth in the South West to Folkestone in the east. From Tunbridge Wells to Dunstable, Croydon to Paddington and finally Westminster, with various other stops in between.

I moved to Northwood in 1996 and retired here in 2009. Since retiring I have volunteered as a treasurer for a London hospital charity and have assisted people voluntarily in dealings with HMRC in preparing and filing accounts.

My hobbies are philately, gardening, walking and DIY.

My wife and I have been members of the NRA for nearly all the years that we have lived here and whilst not being actively involved until now, have regularly attended the AGMs and seen the positive results that the committee has achieved.

I would certainly recommend being a member of the NRA, its aim is to support all local residents in maintaining a high standard of amenities and community spirit. Northwood is such a lovely area in which to live; one can feel the air is so clean and fresh after being in the areas closer to the centre of London.

John King

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



We invite you to join us at London School of Theology on Green Lane, on **Saturday 8 June 2024** (10.00-15.30), as we think together about **Worship in a Digital Age**, part of our **Faith Seeking Understanding** series of church training days.

Worship after the pandemic looks quite different, often live-streamed, as well as in person. So, how do we worship well, how do we strike the right balance, and how do we use multimedia worship to impact the world around us?

The day will be led by our Principal, Dr Mark Cartledge, Professor of Practical Theology, and Sam Hargreaves, of Engage Worship (which seeks to bring every church into a greater breadth of worship expression). Both will bring their knowledge and experience, to challenge our thinking and practice, which you can then apply within your own church context.



London School of Theology

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Exploring Scripture, Worship and Christian Living

Perfect for church members, home/worship groups, and anyone wanting to keep moving forward in their journey of Christian faith; your understanding and practice of worship will be forever changed!

At just £10 per head onsite, and £8 online, this is an accessible day of teaching, in a welcoming, friendly environment, as we seek to bless local faith communities.

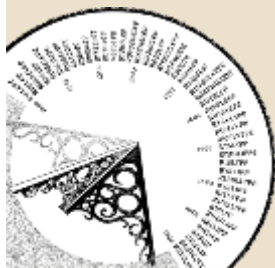
London School of Theology, Green Lane, HA6 2UW

For further information:

Tel: 01923 456000

Email: [enquiries@lst.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@lst.ac.uk)

or to register: [www.lst.ac.uk/fsu](http://www.lst.ac.uk/fsu)



## Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

Our meetings are on Tuesdays at 8pm at St Martins Church Hall, Ruislip:

19th March **The Archaeology of Cranford Park**, Les Capon, AOC Archaeology

16th April **Rickmansworth: Hertfordshire's Industrial Heartland?**, Chris Hillier, Local Historian

We are always eager to welcome new members and visitors. In addition to hearing from erudite and engaging speakers, members receive an award winning annual illustrated journal of new local history research, and are invited to summer outings and to join our active Research Group.

Some meetings are very popular. We were struggling to find enough chairs when around 115 people arrived to hear Evan Panagopoulos's fascinating talk about Battle of Britain House on 16 January. He focussed particularly on its wartime role in training German emigres for dangerous missions back to their home country.

Our 2024-25 programme commences on Tuesday 17th September.

For further information and for summer outings, please visit [www.RNELHS.org.uk](http://www.RNELHS.org.uk)



## Northwood Area Women's Club

Besides our popular monthly General Meetings which are held in St John's United Reform Church, we also have various Interest Groups that meet on a monthly or weekly basis. These include Book Groups, Fitsteps, Walking Groups, Sunday Breakfast and Pub Quizzes.

A few months ago, a new Interest Group called 'Material Girls' was formed by some of the members who were keen to tackle various sewing projects.

Our first efforts have been aimed at making quilts for Project Linus, an international charity which, amongst other things, supplies colourful quilts to children who have to spend time in hospital.

Material Girls has complete beginners as well as experienced patchworkers who contributed to our first batch of quilts that we delivered to Project Linus in January. We are now in the process of sewing a quilt to auction to raise funds for our current Charity of the Year, the 6th Northwood Scout Group.

We are always on the lookout for more cotton fabric so that we can make more quilts to donate. If you have any such material, please let us know by email.



Rosemary displays our first batch of Project Linus quilts

For more information:

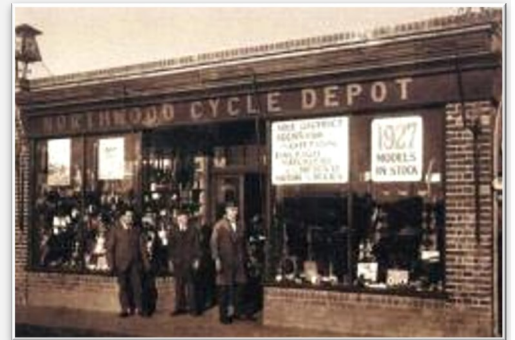
[www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk](http://www.northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk)

Email: [info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk](mailto:info@northwoodareawomensclub.co.uk)

Project Linus: [projectlinusuk.org.uk](http://projectlinusuk.org.uk)

## Celebrating our centenary 1924 to 2024, the remarkable story of "Boxall's"

In the early 1920s Mr Edward Lewis Boxall purchased a plot of land on Pinner Road, Northwood. He and his brother Percy then set about building a shop and named the establishment – Northwood Cycle Depot. In 1924 it was ready to open selling motor bikes from Matchless, BSA, Raleigh, Enfield and Brough amongst others. Bicycles and prams were sold alongside the motorcycles. The shop also sold BP petrol with a single pump on the corner of Hilliard Road. Paraffin was sold from a tank alongside the shop. A service to charge accumulators and the sale of Acetylene for use in bicycle lights was also available. Shortly after opening, Edward (known by everyone as Lou) purchased a racing Penny Farthing "Ordinary" bicycle for three pounds ten shillings; this cycle became the shop logo. The Ordinary which was built by Singer in 1890 is still on display in the shop.



During the war Lou turned his hand to selling and repairing anything he could to keep the shop running and helping to serve the needs of Northwood residents.

Since the war, the main highlights and developments have been:

- By the end of the 1940s the sale of motorcycles had ceased, and bicycles were the main item sold.
- In 1956 Lou's son David joined the business and in the early 1960s started selling car parts and accessories alongside the bicycles.
- In 1965 Northwood Cycle Depot became a 100% Raleigh dealer.
- In the early 1970s David rebranded the shop as Boxall's but a few years later he changed the shop sign back to Northwood Cycle Depot again.
- Following a refit in the 1970s, David started selling Austrian Puch mopeds until the early 1980s.
- Toys and Airfix models also stocked.
- Around this time Raleigh launched the 'Raleigh Five Star Dealer' program. This was a huge commitment requiring two vans, two drivers, four mechanics and sales staff to run the shop.
- In the mid-1970s, David was asked to run the cycling for the highly popular BBC Super Stars series.
- In 1977 David's son, Andy started working Saturdays and joined full time in 1980.
- In the late 1980s, became a multi-brand shop again selling GT, Peugeot, Claud Butler, Dawes and many other brands.

When Andy joined, the range of bicycle types was limited to racers, tourers, traditional and BMX. Since then, he has witnessed the birth of the Mountain bike, Hybrids, Gravel bikes, Fat bikes and Electric bikes and with each new genre having their own variants he has fully focused on selling and servicing only bicycles for the last thirty years. One of the latest market swings has been to lightweight high quality children's bikes and Andy was one of the first dealers to stock the new Frog bike range and Northwood Cycles is one of Frog's larger independent dealers.

"We believe Northwood Cycle Depot to be the oldest retailer in Northwood still run by the founding family." - Andy Boxall



Since 1977, Harlington Hospice has been dedicated to supporting local individuals with serious and terminal illnesses, as well as their loved ones. Operating from two centres – **Michael Sobell House** in the north of the Borough and Lansdowne House in the south – Harlington Hospice provides care not only for medical needs but also endeavours to enhance the overall wellbeing of their patients.

### Our Annual Plant Sale is back!

Come and shop for a wide variety of seedlings and plants. We will also be selling homemade cakes and beverages and you can have the opportunity to buy tickets into our raffle.

**Date:** Saturday, 11 May 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Venue:** Michael Sobell Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital, HA6 2RN.

#### Why we need your support

The generosity of our supporters means we can continue to bring much needed palliative care to our vibrant community across Hillingdon. As a hospice only part funded by the NHS, your donations allow us to keep our Hospice running every day, as well as go above and beyond for people experiencing the most vulnerable moments in their lives.

For more information visit [www.harlingtonhospice.org/plant-sale/](http://www.harlingtonhospice.org/plant-sale/)

**To donate seedlings, plants, pot plants or other gardening tools/equipment which can be sold on the day, please email: [fundraising@harlingtonhospice.org](mailto:fundraising@harlingtonhospice.org) or call us on 0203 9090 446**



Michael Sobell House at Mount Vernon Hospital



#### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2024

Join us at any of our services as we journey through Holy Week to Easter Sunday.

#### PALM SUNDAY 24 MARCH

**Procession** from Northwood War Memorial at **10am**, to join the communion service in Holy Trinity Church.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY 28 MARCH

**Supper and Vigil, 6.30pm** A simple supper with Eucharist followed by stripping of the Altar and Vigil in Church.

#### GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH

**Good Friday Follow the Cross Walk**, gathering at Holy Trinity at **10am**, processing through Northwood, finishing at Northwood Methodist Church for refreshments.

**Three Hours, 12pm** Three hour service of silence, prayer, meditation and music in Church.

#### HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH

**Easter Vigil** gathering outside around the fire from **7.30pm** for an **8pm** start. Finishing with marshmallows!

#### EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH

**Traditional Communion** service at **8am**

**All Age Parish Communion** at **10am** followed by an Easter egg hunt!

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



#### Babies & Toddlers at Emmanuel Church

All parents and carers are invited to bring their little ones (under 3s) to our babies & toddlers' group on a Thursday morning from 10am to 11:45am. It is a great space to connect with others. Refreshments are served, there is optional story time and singing time, and a craft for your child to do.

Have a look and register online:

[www.ecn.org.uk/babies-toddlers](http://www.ecn.org.uk/babies-toddlers)



#### Sundays at Emmanuel Church

Are you curious about the Christian faith and looking for community?

All are invited to join us on a Sunday as people of all ages gather for worship. The 9am service is more traditional, the 10:30am service includes five age-specific groups for under 18s, and our 5:30pm service is a smaller service including older youth and young adults.

Please contact us for more information or have a look online:

[www.ecn.org.uk](http://www.ecn.org.uk)

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

Web: [www.ecn.org.uk](http://www.ecn.org.uk)

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email: [ecnooffice@ecn.org.uk](mailto:ecnooffice@ecn.org.uk)



Northwood Methodist Church (NMC) at the far end of Oakland's Gate is an "Outward-looking, warm-hearted, Jesus-centred" church. We meet for worship each Sunday morning at 10.30am and everyone is very welcome to join us.

We are now in the season of Lent and on Good Friday (March 29th) there will be a "Walk of Witness" starting from Holy Trinity church at 10am and finishing at Northwood Methodist church for hot drinks and hot cross buns. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to stay and watch the Passion Play being live-streamed from Trafalgar Square from 12 noon. Feel free to bring your lunch, drinks provided.

**On Easter Sunday** our service, at 10.30am, will include Holy Communion.

Our next two "Family Films" will be on Saturdays March 23rd and June 8th from 3 to 5pm with a refreshment interval. A film suitable for all the family will be shown so come along and enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment.

**Messy Church**, for children aged 2 to 11 years, accompanied by an adult, is on Saturday April 27th and again on Saturday June 29th from 4 to 5.45pm. It is a time of crafts, a short time of worship followed by a meal. Do bring your children along for a very enjoyable afternoon. There is no charge.

**"Little Acorns"** for babies, toddlers and preschool children meets each Monday at 9.30am, term time only. For more information please contact Julia Emmott, on 01923 842556 or email juliafiaemmott@hotmail.com

On Sunday May 12th at 6.30pm we are holding a **charity concert given by Stardust Big Band** in aid of Christian Aid. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door, children and students £6. To book tickets please contact Karen Lane on 07543 172 154 or email Karen.nmc@aol.com Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

To find out more about our church please contact our minister, Rev Audrey Browne, for hiring of church premises please contact the church administrator.



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**Minister:** Rev. Audrey Browne  
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## ACTIVITIES 4 YOU

St John's United Reformed Church  
Hallowell Road HA6 1DN

**Lots of activities to bring local people together, everyone welcome.**

### Music

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Tea/coffee at 10.30am followed by a **Free** half-hour concert at 11.30am.

19th March - **Peter Allanson, Rosemary Venner - Piano**  
16th April - **Adriana Cristea - Violin**  
21st May - **David Steward - Organ**

### Squares R Us

Tuesday afternoons, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. **Free**  
This friendly group meets up to knit squares that are made into 'happy blankets' for those they are supporting.



Some very 'Happy Blankets'

### Art 4 Fun

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

Explore different artist's styles and techniques. Led by local artist, Lucy Lardner, all abilities welcome.

### Creative Writing Group on Zoom

First and third Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. **Free**  
These sessions encourage and develop the enjoyment of writing providing support and incentive even if you are new to writing.

### Do you enjoy Board Games?

We are thinking of starting up a games group on Monday afternoons. If you would be interested please let us know.



For further information on any of the above please contact the St. John's office at

Telephone: **01923 829166**  
email: [stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com](mailto:stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com)



## Northwood Guides and Brownies

It has been a busy six months for Northwood District Girlguiding.

For District Day in September, we visited Chessington World of Adventure. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by Brownies, Guides and Leaders and our Brownies particularly enjoyed getting wet on the giant swing roundabout and meeting the miniature monkeys!

We have been on Pack Holiday, enjoyed the Disney film "Wish" at a special Girlguiding viewing, loved the St Edmunds pantomime and visited Ruislip Fire Station for a behind the scenes visit involving quite a lot of water.

We are now looking forward to a District sleepover at the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge where we will be sleeping (or at least trying to) with the aircraft in the museum.



District Day at Chessington

In between all this we have been working on lots of special badges including the 80th anniversary of the Trefoil, learning first aid and celebrating festivals of different cultures and religions.

We have several units in Northwood and Northwood Hills meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings during term time.

We would love to welcome you to Guiding as a Guide, Brownie, Rainbow or Volunteer. Register at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to join.

## Northwood & District Community Association (NADCA)

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



One of our Rambling groups

Currently running are keep fit (for the over 50s), yoga, table tennis, short mat bowls, badminton, rambling, walking and card & board games groups.

Classes are held mostly in the daytime in local church halls. As a new member, you will be made to feel welcome, and your first class will be a free taster.



A Keep Fit class

For more information about any of our activities, contact me on 07748 066 622 or email: [pdib321@btinternet.com](mailto:pdib321@btinternet.com)

Patti Dib



## News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

Our final talk this season is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March when superb nature photographer Andy Sands will be taking us on a tour of Upper Teesdale as well as delving into the smaller parts of our world of flora etc. We meet at Eastbury Farm School at 8pm, with coffee/tea being served from around 7.40pm.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 22nd April with the added attraction of free cheese & wine! Other events, mainly in chronological order are:

Our Spring Plant Sale is on Saturday 25th May at 10.00am at 19 Links Way, HA6 2XB.

We have organised three excellent days out for gardeners this summer.

On 29th May we go to Beth Chatto's Garden & Feeringbury Manor Garden;

on 6th July we visit Ascott House and Stowe. And on 11th September we go to West Green Gardens and the Vyne Estate. We

have also arranged a visit on 14th August to Church Gardens, Harefield to see the progress being made in the restoration there.

Apart from the Harefield visit all trips include coach travel, and start at 9am, returning between 6 and 7pm. There are opportunities to eat in cafés and in some cases, tea is also provided. For more detail about these visits, please contact Sue Mansfield: [sueman145@gmail.com](mailto:sueman145@gmail.com), or Tel: 01923 829939.

Our Annual Show will take place on Saturday 14th September at Eastbury Farm School.



We'll visit Beth Chatto's Garden in May

We are always keen to receive new members, so either come along to one of our meetings where you will be made to feel most welcome or contact our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or email: [ehs.members@gmail.com](mailto:ehs.members@gmail.com)

## Ruislip Eastcote Northwood District Scouts



It has been a busy start to 2024 at all four of our Northwood Scout Groups (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) and Explorer Unit (Poindextor).

The Cubs took part in our District Swimming Gala together with Groups from Ruislip and Eastcote, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Northwood team were runners-up. The Cubs also

participated in a Sleepover at the Battle of Britain Bunker - here's a report from one of the Cubs attending:

*On January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, cubs from 1st Northwood, 2nd Northwood, and 6th Northwood had a sleepover at the **Battle of Britain Bunker** in Uxbridge. Thanks to the outstanding museum staff, we had a busy night full of themed activities.*

*The enthusiastic astronomer had a remarkable presentation about space and amateur astronomers in the district. Every cub made a Kaleidoscope. The highlight of the event was the bunker tour. Every single visitor must walk down seventy-seven steps to reach the underground headquarters. The central room of the bunker is nearly filled with a large map. Nowadays, it is still hard to imagine that decisions made in this room profoundly changed the direction of the Second World War. At the end of the day, we watched a film, Grandpa's Great Escape. The film is sad but has a happy ending. Then, we had an exciting sleepover in the visitor centre.*

*Beata (age 10), Cub Scout at 6th Northwood*

Earlier this year, over 50 Scouts took part in the annual **Chilly Goat Challenge**. The theme for the camp was communication, and the Scouts completed various challenges from Morse code and code breaking to rifle shooting and fire lighting.

One of the highlights of 2024 so far was a series of talks and Q&As held by the **Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team**



*In the Bunker - down 77 steps!*

from the Metropolitan Police. Held across three evenings in January for our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, the Met team spoke about important issues including alcohol and substance abuse, smoking and vaping, knife crime, staying safe online. After some questions, the young people tested out the Officers' equipment, trying on their vests and putting each other in handcuffs.

At 3<sup>rd</sup> Northwood, the Cubs have been rock climbing, Scouts preparing for Ramadan, and the Pathfinder Explorers went on a bushcraft camp, learning knotting, knife, axe and saw skills, shelter building and cooking on open fires.

With plenty more events to come, including hikes, quizzes and camps, as well as the upcoming Beaver Bonanza in May, the Scouts are looking forward to an action-packed year ahead.

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with our events and to find out more about local volunteering opportunities.

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## Northwood Lions Club

### Helping the Homeless

Lions Club members are very aware that we need to help those less fortunate than ourselves to find shelter, keep warm and not go hungry, especially during this cold winter weather. In my role as Hunger & Homelessness Officer for Lions District 105a (67 Clubs) I encourage all Lions to initiate new projects and get involved with local food banks and Homeless Shelters.

Many of the inner London Lions Clubs supply and serve food to the homeless on a regular basis, for example Redbridge Centennial Lions Club pictured opposite.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has recently donated surplus supplies of "Vinnie Packs" - warm weather comforts for local Lions to distribute. These simple gifts include a thermal hat, gloves, two pairs of socks, toothbrush, toothpaste and a flannel or wet wipes.



I have shared these packs with our local Lions Clubs in Northwood, Moor Park, Ruislip, Hatch End and Harrow & Pinner. One idea is for every Lion to have a pack in their car ready to donate when they come across a person in need. The pack also includes an information booklet listing where to find help.

**NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB** meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8pm at Holy Trinity Church Parish Rooms. 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](http://www.northwoodlions.org.uk)

Susan Carr,  
President, Northwood Lions Club



### We Popped-Up on 14th December for Carols@Costa!

Next NRA Pop-Up event will be on **Saturday 11th May, 11am to 1pm** next to the War Memorial.

Do come along to say 'Hello'.

### Cadet Force Adult Volunteers Needed

As many of you may be aware, Merchant Taylors' and St Helen's Schools have a longstanding partnership delivering a Combined Cadet Force (CCF) experience to their students. The CCF offers the opportunity for pupils to develop self-confidence and self-discipline through enjoyable military themed and adventurous activities with like-minded peers.

Participation in the CCF empowers these young people to take responsibility and develops resourcefulness, endurance, and leadership. Pupils aged 15 and over apply to join either the Royal Navy, Army, or RAF section. A significant number of cadets choose to continue their involvement in the Armed Forces at university or in a career in the Forces.

Merchant Taylors' and St Helen's are now inviting Civilians, especially ex-Military personnel, to join their team of Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) on Friday evenings between 4-6 pm at Merchant Taylors' School to help support the CCF Contingent and the cadets. No experience is necessary, although a willingness to work with young people and get involved in outdoor pursuits is essential.

The CCF base at Merchant Taylors' is extremely well equipped with an obstacle course, a lake for watersports activities and a shooting range. Highlights of the CCF year include Field Days and visits to military establishments, Inspection



Day with visiting military VIPs, annual summer camps and a variety of courses and unforgettable experiences, from static-line parachuting to white-water rafting. None of these experiences would be possible without the time and energy of the CCF command team, led by Lt Cdr (RNR) Jason Firestone as Contingent Commander.

If you are able to spare a few hours on Friday afternoon each week, during term time, and would like to explore this opportunity further, please email [justine.cox@sthelens.london](mailto:justine.cox@sthelens.london) for further information.





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The bowling season starts on the 20th April. The club is open 7 days a week until the end of September. Our coaches can arrange taster sessions throughout the season.

Try this wonderful game, you won't be disappointed and you will quickly become hooked just like the rest of us!



NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

You can contact us via our website:

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

Our green and clubhouse are at: Chestnut Avenue, Northwood HA6 1HX



## NORTHWOOD TOWN CRICKET CLUB EST. 1973

Now that winter is behind us, and the days are getting longer many people take up the opportunity to visit their local parks and in this area none more so than Northwood Recreation Ground. You really know that summer has reached us by the sight of that familiar English past time of cricket being played. Now in its 50th year, Northwood Town Cricket Club is the custodian at the Rec having amalgamated from two previous clubs located there. This means cricket has been played on the grounds pretty much since its inception 90 years ago.



As a community cricket club Northwood Town has done its utmost to ensure the continuation of this long tradition and to help grow the game in the local area as well as look after the grounds throughout the year. Providing four teams on a Saturday, a Sunday XI and also a midweek team it aims to offer everyone the opportunity to take up the game. By also being part of the English Cricket Board's All Stars Programme kids as young as five are offered the chance to learn and pick up a great range of skills whilst having fun.

New members are always welcome regardless of ability or experience, so if you would like to be part of this timeless tradition please feel free to get in contact via the club's website: [ntcc.hitscricket.co.uk](http://ntcc.hitscricket.co.uk)

## Ruislip - Northwood Flower Arrangement Society

Affiliated to NAFAS, the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies



Leaf Manipulation workshop

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**Tuesday 7th May** - Robin White

**Tuesday 7th June** - Nadira Burke

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

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## Northwood Classical Music Group

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All would be revealed, however, when the music of De Falla and Strauss, Busoni and Puccini, Chausson and Verdi, interrupted the talk. Yes, it was the NCMG as they continued their sampling of the broader world of classical music following the themes of Myths, Legends and Narratives, introduced by Alan Mills, our multi-cultural leader.

Next, though, it's back into the world of Greek mythology characterised by Orpheus, and the considerable catalogue of music that the myths surrounding him have inspired.

Meetings take place at Northwood Methodist Church at 11.00 am on Tuesdays. If you enjoy having the boundaries of your musical knowledge stretched, please contact Mike Paddy on 07568495584 for more information.



**HARROW  
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## Mendelssohn Hymn of Praise concert

Harrow Choral Society returns to the recently refurbished Harrow School Speech Room after its sell-out Christmas Celebration to perform **Mendelssohn's** pensive but also gloriously romantic Hymn of Praise on **Saturday 23rd March, 2024** at the earlier time of **5:30 pm**.

The 90 strong choir will also sing Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs which are settings of religious poems by George Herbert, and Beethoven's Elegiac Song to be sung in German. Our strings ensemble will perform Elgar's Serenade for Strings.

**Saturday 23 March 2024 - 5:30pm**

Tickets: £25, £2 for under 18s

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### Next Concert:

Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem,  
Saturday 6th July, St Albans  
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All details on our website



In January 2013 the NRA learned that Transport for London (TfL) was entering into an agreement with a developer to sell the station

car park and nearby buildings for the construction of a large Sainsbury's supermarket and flats. We consulted residents who agreed with us that the plan should be stopped. Our then MP, Nick Hurd, and our three councillors supported our objections.

Over 400 people attended a public meeting at Oaklands Gate Methodist Church in July 2013 and the plans were unanimously objected to. At a further public meeting held at the Emmanuel Church in August 2013 it was decided to start a fighting fund and form a private Limited Company, Save Our Northwood (SON), to manage a campaign of objection. SON was incorporated in September 2013.

TfL accepted that the original plans were not acceptable to Northwood residents and started a new consultation exercise using a company called Make Good. After many meetings with residents, new plans were produced which were subsequently

rejected by many members of the community. New plans were produced in summer 2018 by a consortium called Genesis. Northwood residents considered the new plans to be totally unsuitable and nothing has been heard from TfL since autumn 2019.

SON has been dormant since 2018 and the directors wish to dissolve the company. Circa £19,000 remains in the SON bank account and SON directors have asked the NRA to hold the money. The NRA committee proposes to open a bank account to hold the SON money, the conditions being that the funds can be used only to fight any future unsuitable development in the Northwood area and that any payments should be approved by members at an Annual General or Extraordinary General Meeting.

A proposal to this effect is to be put to the April AGM, together with a change to the constitution.

Tony Ellis  
Chairman

*Editor's note: If you would like a reminder of the SON campaign, visit the NRA website and type "save our Northwood" into the Search box. This will give you a number of related articles to read.*

## Proposed Change to the Constitution - see article above

To amend the Association's constitution by inserting an additional paragraph 3.1.8 as follows:

### Para 3.1.8

To establish a bank account to receive and hold the funds previously held by Save our Northwood (a company incorporated in England and Wales under company registration no 8678860) to be used solely for the purpose for which SON was incorporated, namely to protect Northwood, in particular against the threat of the proposed development by Bride Hall Ltd or Sainsbury's or any equivalent development project and its effects – including effects on Northwood by way of visual impact, size, environmental degradation, road and/or such other ancillary effects for which SON was incorporated and that any payments from this account (other than bank charges) must be approved by members at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Upon the passing of this resolution any consequential amendments to para 3.1 to the constitution of the Association shall also be made.



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- **Quiz Night, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Greenfields Primary School Oxhey**  
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The Summer newsletter will be published mid-July with copy deadline in late June.

The Northwood Residents' Association 58th Annual General Meeting  
will take place on

**Thursday 18th April 2024**

**at Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood  
at 8.00pm**

## **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome and introduction from Tony Ellis, Chairman.
- 2) To receive the Chairman's Report.
- 3) **Guest speaker.** Cllr Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services will speak on the subject of "Waste and Recycling in Hillingdon".
- 4) Vote of thanks by Valerie Mellor.
- 5) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- 6) To set the rate of subscription for the year (*Currently set at a minimum of £2 per household and £10 per business*).
- 7) To elect the Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Independent Examiner; currently Tony Ellis, Miles Gillman, Jan Harding and Chris Rogers respectively, all of whom are willing to stand again.
- 8) To elect an Executive Committee:  
**Members standing for re-election:** Mr Paul Barker, Mr Andrew Egan, Mr Vijay Kotecha, Ms Hoda Lacey, Mr Peter Lansdown, Mrs Sue Mansfield, Mrs Ros Plume, Mr Rajan Shah, and Mr Trevor Sherling  
**Co-opted members standing for election:** Mr John King, Mr Brian Geminder and Dr Neha Tanna
- 9) To elect the President, currently Mrs Valerie Mellor.
- 10) To agree to the dissolution of Save Our Northwood Ltd (SON) with NRA holding the remaining funds on condition that the monies are used only to fight any future unsuitable developments that would have been handled by SON. Payments from the fund to be approved by NRA members at an AGM or EGM.
- 11) To approve amending the Constitution to reflect item 10 by inserting an additional paragraph 3.1.8, the text of which is to be found on Page 22 of NRA newsletter #186, Spring 2024.
- 12) David Simmonds CBE MP for Ruislip, Northwood, and Pinner
- 13) Open Forum with local councillors, Henry Higgins and Richard Lewis, and the Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### **All Northwood residents and businesses are invited to attend.**

**NOMINATIONS** in writing for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee [other than those named in 7) and 8) above], with the written consent of the candidate, must reach the Chairman by 11th April 2024

**The minutes** of the 2023 AGM can be found on the NRA website: [www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk) – type "AGM 2023" into the search box.

**The NRA Constitution** is found under "Policy Documents" in the "The Association" drop-down menu on the website.

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