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We look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Tuesday 30th May; details are on the inside cover.

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
86th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 30th MAY 2017

at

ST THOMAS MORE RC CHURCH
32 FIELD END ROAD, EASTCOTE
at 7.30pm

Guest Speaker

Squadron Leader James Tenniswood from RAF Northolt will be giving a talk and answering questions about the station.

ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME – WHETHER ERA MEMBERS OR NOT

Please come along to discover what the association does on your behalf and let us know your concerns and expectations for Eastcote

Light refreshments will be served during the meeting



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30TH MAY
A SPEAKER FROM RAF NORTHOLT

For our Annual General Meeting (AGM) we have, as our special guest speaker, Squadron Leader James Tenniswood from RAF Northolt. He will tell us all about RAF Northolt and what goes on there. You will probably be amazed at the diversity of activities. We all know about the military and civilian flights, but RAF Northolt also acts as the base for a number of military bands, bomb disposal, British Forces Post Office, No. 32 (The Royal) Squadron, heritage buildings, Court Martial department, air cartography (map making) and much more.

Do please come along to the AGM and ask any questions you may have.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the spring 2017 issue of the Eastcote Residents' Association newsletter. We trust you find it a colourful, interesting and informative read and a useful source of local information; your comments on how the publication can be improved are always appreciated. We welcome all articles of relevance, including those of historical interest, to the local community here in Eastcote. As a club or association, you might like to consider publicising a function or event; if so, why not place an advertisement in the newsletter?

This issue continues the feature of including colour photographs with articles and these are now complemented again with contemporary pictures of the locality in the 'Picture View' section. Some photographs have been held over from the last issue when there was insufficient space to include them. If you have any personal photographs from times gone by that you think might be of interest to a wider audience, please get in touch.

Most of you will have noticed the newly-laid paving stones, etc. outside the shops north of Morford Way (see our chairman's report for full details).

A small 'what and where are these?' picture quiz is also included in this issue. There is only one of the first photo, you can find two of the second and third, and several of the fourth. There are no prizes, unfortunately, but some of you might be able to identify what these symbols represent; it will be harder to spot exactly where they are on your travels around Eastcote.

Finally, a big thank you must go to Linda Laurie who has been our newsletter designer for the last ten years; her role is being taken over by Arthur Plummer – we wish him every success.

David Harper, Editor

Picture Quiz

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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Over the last few months I have received many complaints about the state of pavements, number of fast food outlets and lack of community events.

Early last year, in response to concerns raised at ERA monthly meetings, Councillors Becky Haggar, for Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward, and Eddie Lavery, for Cavendish Ward, walked the High Street to identify the worst areas of paving. Subsequently, Councillor Lavery bid for funds to repave part of the High Street section of the Morford Way Conservation Area. Later in the year I met with the disability access officer to discuss the difficulty for wheelchair users and the partially sighted caused by the unevenness of the pavement around the disused exit road from *The Ascott*. The conservation area north of Morford Way and in front of *The Ascott* have recently been repaved, making this previously inaccessible area safe for all. The paving laid in the conservation area is reminiscent of the 1950s' large slabs and square beds.

The first of the shops to take up shop front grants have applied for planning permission. I have heard a lot of complaints about the lack of shopping facilities available in Eastcote and that it only has fast food outlets and banks, but I am not convinced that such complaints are justified. I am currently remodelling my own home and have realised that not only can I get my cornices replaced but it is perfectly possible to redecorate a house, buy lights, fires, blinds, curtains, tiles, flooring, bathrooms, kitchens, mirrors, replacement doors and windows all on the High Street. It is also perfectly possible to get your body pampered and there is a raft of professional services to ease your mind. Recent arrivals on the High Street include Yaprak Restaurant, Willow & Blush, Muddicuts, Middlesex Tiles and Scuba Tech.

As part of the town centre improvement scheme, the council organised last year's Eastcote Festive Market. I would like to thank all those involved in making this event a success. It was well attended and enjoyed by many local residents. Having set up a blueprint, the council are looking to a local group to run this year's event.

The Eastcote Conservation Panel and ERA committee work hard supporting residents with their planning concerns, challenging inappropriate applications, and keeping an eye on developers. In support of the local resident who organised a petition to keep the name of *The Case Is Altered*, ERA and other local groups put both articles and links on their websites. Whichever link you used, I would like to thank you all for your support signing this petition; the name will now be retained.

Finally I would like to welcome our new Treasurer Alison Dungworth FCA.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need someone to:

- administer a mailing list of (currently 12) members outside the area who wish to receive newsletters, and to mail these newsletters out twice a year
- look after the noticeboards, act as a mailbox for local organisations and put up the posters
- take minutes, type them up in Word and distribute them via email
- assist with planning in an administrative role by helping to collate the information and inserting it into the monthly planning report, produced in Excel

If you are interested in taking on one of these roles, or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the chairman, Alison, on **020 8866 8186**.

ERA ROAD STEWARDS

Our team of road stewards continues to do much appreciated work for us all in collecting subscriptions and delivering our newsletters as well as being the personal point of contact between residents and the committee; it is stewards who keep the association flourishing. Thank you! We shall arrange further social occasions in the summer/autumn when we can all mingle – I look forward to seeing you all then.

A few stewards have had to stand down in the past few months – many grateful thanks for their past support – but we have also had some new stewards come forward – welcome! However, we do continue to seek more road stewards; would you or any of your friends consider joining the team? You do not have to live in the same road for which you collect subscriptions and deliver newsletters; it is a great way to get to know your neighbourhood much better.

These are some of the roads where we need stewards: *Cardinal Road, Cleves Way, Garth Close, Southbourne Gardens, Kent Gardens, Maybank Gardens, Woodlands Avenue and Cambridge Drive*. A few roads require continuing with an existing list of members, others talking with residents at the door to generate their membership. Our new flyer explaining who we are and what we do, available to stewards, makes this very easy. Please contact me on **07771 846754** or via email at **alison@fsm.uk.com** for the full list of roads or if you are interested in becoming a new road steward.

Alison Akerman, Senior Road Steward

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EASTCOTE BRANCH

The current total for the Poppy Appeal year ending 30th September 2017 stood at £36,603.49 on 23rd February. Jeff Duley, Eastcote Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy Appeal Organiser, would like to thank everybody for their continued generous support.

Storm Doris caused damage to trees in the Eastcote War Memorial garden; this was reported to, and actioned by, Hillingdon Borough staff. All trees at, and surrounding, the War Memorial garden will be checked by the council.

Eastcote RBL branch will have an information/product stand at the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG) picnic on 3rd June.

If anybody is interested in supporting/joining the Royal British Legion, and the Eastcote branch in particular, please visit

<http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership>

For any enquiries please contact Jeff Duley on **07808 739434**.

FEHG and other groups hold regular tidy-ups at the War Memorial gardens; for more information please contact **lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com**

CONSERVATION

FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS Long Meadow Eastcote

Long Meadow, a site of importance for nature conservation was awarded Gold for a conservation area in the 2016 London in Bloom awards. Building on that success, a management plan has been written and submitted to enter Long Meadow for a Green Flag this year.

Welcome boards will be installed at the two main entrances to the meadow, giving a short history and photographs of some of the wildlife that can be seen there. Our thanks go to Dragana Knezevic, Countryside Conservation Officer for Hillingdon Borough, for all the work put in to produce the boards and for the management plan.

The bridge across the smaller backwater was washed away by the summer flood; this has now been replaced with a much more robust structure. The Sheila Liberty Bridge leading to Eastcote House Gardens from the meadow has also been repaired using recycled plastic instead of wood. This is to avoid expensive annual repairs.

A Chrysalis bid has been made to install some limestone-chipping paths across the wettest parts of the meadow, to promote visitor safety and also protect the surrounding vegetation from being trampled. These paths are permeable and will blend in with the natural surroundings.

During the last four years, members of the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG) Countryside Conservation group, led by Steve and Sue Place, have made regular counts of butterflies and other insects using the meadow. This data will now be included in the London Atlas of Butterflies, giving credit to the group for the work carried out. All the data can be seen on the FEHG website

[http://eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com/wildlife records.html](http://eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com/wildlife%20records.html)

Eastcote House Gardens

Eastcote House Gardens (EHG) gained the following London in Bloom awards in 2016:

- Park of the Year – Gold
- It's Your Neighbourhood (community group award) – Level 5 Outstanding
- Our Community (community group award) – Gold
- Green & Clean for the Queen (special award for the Queen's 90th birthday) – Gold

Congratulations go to all the volunteers at EHG, who work in all weathers all year round.



FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

Volunteer gardeners meet on the first and second Fridays and the third and fourth Thursdays of each month at 9.30am. Tools, refreshments and good company are provided. For more details contact lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com

Events for 2017 at Eastcote House Gardens

Secondhand book sales will be held on 10th June, 19th August and 7th October, between 11am and 2pm, in the gardener's yard behind the walled garden.

On 6th May there will be an 'Every Tree has a Story' walk around the gardens, starting at 2pm, lasting one-and-a-half hours.



EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

Annual Summer Picnic
Saturday 3rd June 2017 11am - 4pm

Stalls, events, dog show, exhibitions and refreshments; a great day out for all the family.
Bring your own picnic and enjoy Eastcote's greatest treasure.

The last archaeological dig is planned for the end of June. More information can be obtained from lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com

The FEHG community archive has just published *Eastcote Connections*, short biographies of more than 30 notable people who have lived or worked in Eastcote over the last 400 years, including famous sportspeople, composers and war heroes. It costs £10 and is available from andy_weller@hotmail.co.uk, lesley.crowcroft@gmail.com or from the garden's café.

The FEHG archive and craft groups are combining to celebrate the 100 years' commemoration of the end of World War I with an exhibition at EHG. If anyone has any information, or is descended from those who gave their lives for their country during the Great War from the Eastcote area, please contact Andy Weller. The craft group meets three times a month and new members are always welcome. Contact rebucksey@aol.com for more details.

Lesley Crowcroft, Chairman, Friends of Eastcote House Gardens

**EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS
LONDON OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND
Sunday 17th September 2017
between 11am to 4pm**

Eastcote House Gardens, stables, dovecote and walled garden will be open to the public; also a classic car rally.

EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Assisting local gardeners since 1940

Come and join like-minded people for only £3 per family annual subscription.

What you get:

- garden supplies at reduced rates; home delivery can be arranged
- advice and gardening tips from the trading hut, open on Sundays from 10.30am to 12.15pm in March, April, May, September and October and from 11am to 12 noon in February, June, July, and November
- plant sales at the trading hut on 23rd, 29th and 30th April and on 7th, 13th, 14th and 21st May, from 10.30am to 12 noon
- an opportunity to display your talents at the summer and autumn shows.

Dates for the 2017 shows are:

SUMMER SHOW – 17th June

AUTUMN SHOW – 9th September

- a coach trip to RHS Wisley gardens – 6th May (cost £14)
- the AGM held at the trading hut – 7th May at 11am
- an annual supper quiz in November

The trading hut is next door to Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens. For more information telephone Alan Thomas on **020 8429 0901**, email **eastcotehorticultural@yahoo.co.uk**, or visit our website **www.succulent-plant.com/eastcote**

CCTV AND INTRUDER ALERTS AND IT'S FREE

For those who have an old smartphone (Android or iPhone) languishing unused in a drawer, here is a security idea to make it useful once more. You can install a free app on it that will make it into a wireless CCTV camera that you can securely monitor from your internet-connected smartphone, PC or tablet, anywhere in the world. Also, if your old phone detects movement, it can send you a text alert. Go to www.ichano.com for more information and to download the app. It can also be used as a baby alarm for visiting grandchildren!

Phil Morris, ERA member

HOUSE NAMES OR NUMBERS?



When Eastcote was developing as a suburb in the 1920s and early 1930s, new houses in most newly developed roads were given names by their owners. It was only in around 1933 or 1934 that the current system of numbering houses was introduced more consistently and even then this was not an immediate change. Indeed, houses in parts of some roads still only bear names. From examination of old street directories of the time, I now have a complete record of the occupants and names of all the houses in Eastcote from the late 1920s until the end of the 1930s.

Having wandered round our local streets, an incomplete task as I write this, I have been surprised to find several houses still bearing their original names as well as their numbers! I won't give their addresses here, but house names spotted include Earlsfield, Elm House, Malabar, Niton, Rosemary, St. Martins, Thistleton and Venture.

If any readers would like to know the original name of their house (if it had one), the former occupants, or can add to my list above, please let me know.

My thanks go to the archives department at Uxbridge library for allowing me to use the wealth of information they stock on our locality.

David Harper, Editor

Thanks go to Jean and Margaret for a very colourful display in the station garden plots last summer.



PICTURE VIEW

This old Metropolitan Line rail adhesion train ran last autumn to reduce the impact of leaves on the line.



These very rural views were taken in and around the fields between Southill Lane and Catlins Lane.





The entrance to Eastcote Park Estate.



Haydon Lodge from the cricket field.



The River Pinn in Eastcote Village.

EASTCOTE FESTIVE MARKET 2016



As part of the Eastcote Festive Market event held last December 3rd, shops were encouraged to enter a best-dressed Christmas shop window competition. Judged on the day by the Mayor, Councillor John Hensley, the winner was *Harlington Hospice*, with *Harrow Lighting* and *Dessertful* as runners-up. The winners (with their certificates) are shown with the Mayor and Mayoress.

First place, Harlington Hospice



Harrow Lighting, runners-up



Dessertful, runners-up

EASTCOTE'S SHOPPING PARADES

As mentioned in the last issue, we intend to feature on a series of articles the development of the individual shopping parades built along Field End Road since the suburb started to develop. The first of these was Field End Parade, on the west side of the road, straddling Morford Way and extending from the current tiny taxi office at one end to the computer, etc. repair shop at the other. I understand that the parade was built between 1924 and 1926; the original parade numbers and shops are listed below with their current numbers in brackets. The information I have dates from the 1929 to 1939 editions (two are missing) of Kelly's street directories for the area.

- 1a [184a] is first listed from 1933 as a **boot repairers**, run by Joseph Rowe Cook & Son.
- 1 [184] was a **drapers**, run by the Misses Clements (later Miss Hilda Clements).
- 2 [182] was a **chemists**, managed by Alex Cargill Bowden as was 2a, a **hairdressers**; by 1930 both nos. 2 and 2a were Maison Henri, a hairdressers, the proprietor being John Clark Bewlay (see also no. 7). From 1934 Reginald Thomas Burgess is listed as the hairdresser at no. 2 and as Burgess Ltd. in 1939.
- 3 [180] was a **beer retailers**, run by Mark William Stopps, later described as a wine merchant. His telephone number was Pinner 572. By 1939 it was the Westminster Wine Co. Ltd.
- 4 [178] was a **confectioners**, run by E & F Wheeler, from 1931 by Mrs Ethel May Coles and later (1936) described as E M Coles & Son(s).
- 5 [176] was the **grocers** Howard Roberts Ltd.
- 6 [174] was a **fruiterers**, run by Robert John McKay.

Morford Way is here

- 7 [172] was, from 1930, the chemists run by Alex Cargill Bowden, relocated from no. 2; by the following year it was managed by Thomas Theodore Johnson and from 1933 was also a **sub-post office**.
- 8 [170] was a **bakers**, run by George Clarkson; by 1933 it was managed by Henry Lionel Wilton.
- 9 [168] is first listed in 1930 as Douglas (**Ironmongers**) Ltd and as Fox & Stride [Frederick William Fox and Cecil Stride], ironmongers, from 1934.
- 10 [166] was a **fishmongers**, run by Charles John Stephens.

- 10a [166a flat] is listed, in 1933 and 1934 only, as Sherrot, Hunt & Co., **chartered accountants**.
- 11 [164] was a **butchers**, run by Leslie George Clibbens; by 1936 it was managed by Bernard E Nash.
- 12 [162] was an **art needlework** store, managed by Miss Lilian Whyley Key.
- 12a [160] is listed, from 1933 to 1934, as C M [Charles Martin] Roberts & Son (Park Farm **dairy**); from 1937 it was a **cooked meats** shop, run by Stanley John Harris.

I have not been able to positively match up occupancy with the last three parade numbers, 13 to 15. The current no. 154 Field End Road seems to have been two separate premises.

- 13 [158] was, from 1937, a **boot repairers**, run by Jack Holland.
- 13a [156] was, from 1938, the **watchmakers** C S Bedford.
- 14 [154] was the **jewellers**, Geoffrey Hall, listed from 1931 until 1934; in 1936 only it is listed as Guscott & Son, **outfitters**. It is likely that, in 1937 and 1938, it was Westor's **Woodshop**, the proprietor being W E West.
- 14a [154a flat] from 1937 was David Mackenzie, **dentist**.
- 15 [154] was, from 1931 to 1936, A [Archie] Whyborn **electrical stores**; their telephone number was Pinner 1080. In 1937 it was called Hanson Electrical Co. Ltd., **electrical engineers** and in 1938 Van Dyk, **arts & crafts**, the proprietor being R V Mellish.

The following premises did not have parade numbers listed when they appeared in the street directories, but would have been in the range 12 to 15:

- a sub-branch of Barclays **Bank** Ltd. between 1931 and 1934; the manager was C E Mitchell
- Eastcote **Music Salon**, between 1931 and 1933.
- Ye Old **Farmhouse Cookery** between 1933 to 1936.

As can be seen from the above, there was a complete range of outlets available for local residents when the parade was in its infancy.

By the 1939 directory Field End Parade had disappeared from the listings and the shops were numbered in the main Field End Road sequence.

My thanks go to the archives department at Uxbridge library for allowing me to use this information.

David Harper, Editor

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society

Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society meets on the third Monday of each month, from September to April, at 8.15pm, at St Martin's Church Hall, Ruislip. Visitors are welcome (£2 donation). It also organises walks and outings, undertakes research and produces regular publications.

Lecture programme 2017

| <i>Meeting</i> | <i>Topic</i> | <i>Speaker</i> |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| 18 September | Henry Smith – 17th century businessman, moneylender and philanthropist | Lucy Lethbridge |
| 16 October | AGM and “The Lord Chancellor’s Wallpaper” | Graham Goode |
| 20 November | Randall’s of Uxbridge | Sir John Randall |
| 18 December | Christmas meeting | RNELHS members |

For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Annita Farrant, on **020 8841 5927**, or visit our website **www.RNELHS.org.uk**

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

Wednesdays at 7.30pm, Elsie Fischer Room

(the bungalow at the rear of St Lawrence Church car park)

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| AGM 30th May <i>St Thomas More Church Hall</i> | Open Forum in October <i>(24th St Lawrence Church Hall)</i> |
| 28th June | 29th November |
| 26th July | No meeting in December |
| 30th August | |
| 27th September | |

**ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME
WHETHER ERA MEMBERS OR NOT**

HARROW MARQUETRY SOCIETY

Marquetry is the craft and art of making pictures, decorative designs and patterns by the skilful use of the grain, figure and colour of both natural and coloured wood veneers. Other materials can also be used. The separate parts of the picture or design are cut to shape, assembled and glued to a prepared base.

In June 2016 we participated in the Marquetry Society's 64th Annual Exhibition and Competition which took place in Bexley, Kent. Members from around the country exhibited some of their beautiful pieces of work, both pictorial and other items to which marquetry had been applied. Several of our members were successful in winning prizes in some of the categories. As a group we came in joint first place with the Staffordshire group, but they carried off the winning shield as they had one more first award overall than we did!

Marquetry is simpler to do than you might think and we can show you how! It is a hobby that anyone, regardless of age or gender, can learn. Why not have a look at our website www.marquetry.org or contact our Chairman, Tony Gillett, on **020 8203 1190** for further information.

We meet on Friday evenings in the Hatch End Free Church Hall, Rowlands Avenue, on the corner of Uxbridge Road, Hatch End, HA5 4DF between 7.30 and 10pm. We are closed during August.



Examples of our members' winning exhibits from the 64th Annual Exhibition in June 2016.

DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL BUS ROUTES IN EASTCOTE (PART 2)

Our last issue dealt with route **282** and its predecessors; this article is similarly devoted to route **H13**, a much more complex story and, of necessity, less detailed when covering routings outside our area.

The bus route from Ruislip to Pinner along Eastcote Road, High Road Eastcote, Field End Road and Bridle Road dates back to at least the 1930s. In 1931 route **181**, operated by the London General Omnibus Company (LGOC), ran between their Uxbridge garage and North Harrow Station on weekdays and as route **181B** between Uxbridge and Pinner *Red Lion* on Sundays. Buses ran twice-hourly throughout the week. The LGOC became part of the London Passenger Transport Board's operations in 1933 and the 181B routing became their daily route **220** in October 1934. The Uxbridge terminus was changed to the station in October 1940, apart from garage journeys. The route was operated by single-decker buses until February 1942 when it was converted to double-deck operation.

New route **98A** was introduced in April 1952, running on weekdays between Hounslow Garage and Pinner *Red Lion*, supplementing route 220 between Ruislip and Pinner. The Pinner service was quickly reduced to Monday to Friday peak hours only from December 1952 and by October 1954 had been withdrawn completely.

In December 1954 the Monday to Friday peak, Saturday shopping hours and Sunday afternoon service on route 220 was diverted from Field End Road to run via Joel Street to Northwood Station, following route **225** (see last issue). The withdrawn section to Pinner was covered by extending route **98** (which started from Hounslow Garage) daily from Ruislip Station through to North Harrow Station. This was an extremely long route, taking 90 minutes from end to end.

Route 220 was withdrawn completely in January 1957, and the Monday to Friday service on route 98 was replaced by new route **98B**, running from Hayes Station (Feltham Station in Monday to Friday peak hours) through to North Harrow Station. This was another very lengthy route, taking 86 minutes from end to end.

In May 1961 the Sunday service on route 98 was withdrawn in favour of the 98A, running from Hounslow Garage to North Harrow Station; by November 1964 it had been withdrawn between Hounslow and Hayes Station.

From May 1963 the Monday to Friday peak service on route 98B was extended to Rayners Lane Station and the complete service followed suit from October in that year. From January 1966 a Sunday service to North Harrow Station was introduced to replace the 98A.

The whole service beyond Ruislip to North Harrow/Rayners Lane (by then route 98B on Monday to Friday and Sunday, route 98 on Saturday) was withdrawn in March 1966 as a result of a bus overtime ban. Thereafter, various independent operators attempted to run a replacement service over all or part of the route, some for very short periods of time, but there were occasions with no operation at all. Elms Coaches of Kenton ran a weekday service to North Harrow from August 1966, extended to Rayners Lane from November of that year; this lasted until March 1970. Elmtree Transport of Wealdstone started operating the route in May 1971, with a Monday to Friday only service between Ruislip and Rayners Lane; this brought stability to the route as it continued operating right up to January 1988.

New route **H13**, operated initially by Harrow Buses (a low-cost operating unit within London Transport), was introduced in November 1987, running on weekdays between Ruislip Lido and Pinner Green; this covered the sections of road previously served by routes 98/98B in Eastcote. In April 1990 the route was extended to Northwood Hills Circus and in June 1991 further extended to St. Vincent's Hospital, except during evenings, but at all times from April 1994. A Sunday service was introduced in April 1999.

The H13 is a very circuitous route, the distance between its termini less than a mile apart as the crow flies. As the route generally takes over 35 minutes from end to end, it would probably be quicker to walk from the top of Haste Hill down and round Ruislip Lido than to take the bus!

I am grateful to Ian Armstrong from his *London Bus Routes* website for allowing to me to use much of the information included here.

David Harper, Editor

MICHAEL SOBELL HOSPICE Celebrating its 40th anniversary



Gate 3, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, HA6 2RN

Saturday 6th May – plant sale from 10am to 12noon

Get your gardens ready for spring and pick up some blooming marvellous plants and flowers at the annual Michael Sobell Hospice plant sale, organised by the award-winning team of volunteer gardeners at the hospice. Entry and parking is free!

Sunday 14th May – ‘On Your Bike’ challenge, 7.30am registration, ride starting at 8am

Get on your bike and pedal 40 miles to celebrate 40 years of care provided by Michael Sobell Hospice. This challenging route takes riders through the beautiful local countryside, starting and ending at the hospice in Northwood. Riders are asked to raise sponsorship for this event. Entry is £25 for adults before 15th April or £30 on the day.

Friday 16th June – ‘Ladies in the Night’ disco fever walk at 10pm

Join us for a very special 1970s-themed ‘Ladies in the Night’ disco fever walk this summer to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the hospice. Choose from a five-and-a-half or nine-mile challenge through the local area. Tickets to this event are £20 before 20th June and £25 thereafter or on the night. The entry fee includes a T-shirt, fundraising pack, refreshments and breakfast. So bring out the disco diva or the soul man in you and get your ticket online today for the biggest disco party of the year and raise money for your local hospice. Children aged 11 to 16 are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Dogs are welcome too!

Sunday 24th September – annual sponsored walk, 9am start

Join our annual sponsored walk and help raise vital funds for Michael Sobell Hospice in its 40th year. The seven-mile walk will take you through the beautiful countryside, along the canal and through Northwood and Moor Park. Entry prices are £10 per adult, £5 per child or £25 for a family of four (two adults and two children).

For details of all Michael Sobell Hospice events visit our website **www.michaelsobellhospice.co.uk** or call **020 3826 2367**.



Are you interested in the NHS and how it works?

Are you concerned about local NHS services?

Then why not attend one of our monthly meetings in the Postgraduate Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month, except August, at 7.45pm.

Contact us at joandavis@onetel.com or phone **01895 636095** to get a free parking pass (or at the door).

Doors open at 7.30pm

Our NHS speakers are top-notch – chief executives, consultant clinicians and first class researchers – a rare opportunity to hear, question, and even challenge, powerful local decision makers. We also provide a unique forum for NHS debate (ERA is a member), but individuals can join too. For more information visit our website www.communityvoicehealth.org.uk

The next meeting is on Thursday 4th May 2017 when the speaker will be Dr. Sheru George, Consultant Dermatologist and Clinical Lead at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. His talk is entitled *Developments in Dermatology*, which includes a new centre at Mount Vernon!



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