



Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations - NURA Community Picnic – Uxbridge Common – 11 June 2016

The Picnic was a lovely event. As pictures speak louder than words we have prepared the accompanying Souvenir Edition.

Some 500 people came to Uxbridge Common and set themselves up in 'picnic groups'. There was live music and the Hermitage Primary School children 'showcased' some treats for us. First, the Reception Class sang a Pirate Medley in spectacular costume. The School Choir was next and then the country dancing team. The Bouncy Castle, supervised by St. Margaret's people, was in full swing throughout. The face painters also had a large queue. A picture Quiz was posted around the trees.

In the meantime, across the Common, 2nd Uxbridge Scouts had built a 'monkey bridge' across an imaginary River Thames. They also ran a cake stall – proceeds to NSPCC - some woodcraft/games and some spectacular tugs-of-war. NURA's Bob Jenkins organised children's races. The Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr John Hensley and the Mayoress arrived in time to start – but not necessarily to finish..! - some of the races

This was one day in the year when friends and neighbours could meet up and relax together. We didn't relax too much, however. When we came to clear up at the end of the day, there was scarcely any litter to be found!

HS2/Construction Traffic

We joined with other local Residents Associations and Groups to present a Petition to the House of Lords. Our aim is to get the Government to put in place measures to reduce construction traffic movements impinging on Swakeleys roundabout and other local roads. We are pressing for the early construction of a Railhead – to take spoil away by train. Our Petition is due to be heard in October/November 2016.

Our MP

We had the offer of a date for Boris Johnson to come and speak to us – but this was withdrawn following his appointment as Foreign Secretary. Our aim is to seek an early Residents' meeting with him – we shall continue to press for this.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 pm, Thursday 20 October 2016

Hermitage Primary School, Belmont Road, Uxbridge

Guest Speaker ELAINE D'SOUZA

Head Teacher, Hermitage Primary School

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO OUR AGM. NURA's Officers and Committee urge you to come to our AGM, which will be held in the new Hermitage Primary School building.

We held our AGM at the School last Autumn. The feedback we had from you is that you enjoyed the session, but would have liked to hear a little more about the School and take a look around.....

We have contacted Elaine D'Souza, the Head Teacher, to see if this would be possible. We reminded her that, for many of us, it is half a century since our experience of primary school – so it would be an eye opener to learn how things are done these days. Elaine has said she would be most happy to do this for us. She will start with a short A/V Presentation and then will describe 'how we teach the children now, our priorities, the issues we face and how we overcome these. I will cover the technology we use now and how it aids learning.' Then she will give us a short tour of the School premises.

After that, we will take a break for refreshments and our AGM business will follow. We will start with a short A/V Presentation of the pictures taken by some of us at the Picnic. You already have a small selection of these in our Souvenir Newsletter. Then we shall have our review of the year, appointment of Officers and review of finance.