



November 2019

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on Thursday 17th October 2019

Our chosen topic - RE-CYCLING

We covered two aspects – local initiatives and Hillingdon Borough's services. One of our NURA Officers, Sushma, conducted her own survey on local re-cycling initiatives – Charity shops, High Street shops, Supermarkets, the Food Bank and Trinity Furniture Store. She then introduced Nick Gore of Recycle-a-Bike based just behind the Café in Fassnidge Park. He told us that they re-cycle unwanted bicycles, providing affordable bikes to the local community. They are a volunteer-based organisation that helps people



who suffer from mental illness and provides support, training and a stepping stone back to employment. They also run the Rusty Bike Café. It was a heart-warming experience to hear him. We were impressed by his dedication to such a worthwhile objective.

Next came Olly Shah, Manager of Hillingdon's Waste and Re-cycling Services. What we receive in Hillingdon is outstanding compared with most other parts of the UK. He pointed out that what you hear nationally does not necessarily apply locally: each Local Authority has a different mix of



operators to whom they send their waste. “Is it okay to leave caps on cartons? – Yes. Should we rinse items before re-cycling? – Yes. Is black/brown plastic re-cycpleable in Hillingdon? – Yes. What about heavy items? “ You can visit ‘Request a free bulky waste collection’ on the website. This special collection service is free and available once every four months for up to six items per booking.

Graffiti was then discussed. It is a free service to remove them. One of our residents set him a challenge – the ‘sky-high’ graffiti next to the site of the Blockbuster building. Olly looked at it after the Meeting – He will speak to his Contractor! We also talked about fly tipping. He told us a story about confronting a group of fly tippers who had a large van, single-handed. When he told his wife later, she said “Don’t you ever do that again.....”

Terrific presentation. We have thanked Olly.

‘SAVE UXBRIDGE POLICE STATION:

The NURA Petition reads:’

We call upon the Mayor of London to re-open the 24/7 Front Desk at Uxbridge Police Station and for the removal of the threat of closure of this much-needed facility.

At the time of our Meeting the signatories to the Petition had reached 355. Nick Johnson encouraged everyone to take steps to encourage residents to ‘sign up’. He had some FLYERS with him, which he handed out. Within a few days after the Meeting the numbers are over 500. Well done everybody. If you have not signed it yet, please do so and encourage others to sign. Please also add your comments. One cannot fail to be impressed by the quality, passion and determination of comments made by residents so far. Please keep it up. We shall be closing the Petition fairly soon in order to reach a

Meeting of the Greater London Assembly. Here is the link to the [ipetitions](#). You can also access the link on the [NURA website](#).

AGM Business

After coffee we moved fairly rapidly to the AGM business – Election of Officers, Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements and on this occasion the extension of the NURA boundary down to the Ring Road (instead of down the middle of the High Street). The Chairman touched upon the main topics of the year – Heathrow Third Runway Consultation, HS2 and the elevation of our Constituency MP to Prime Minister. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all active in NURA and invited others to ‘join our team’ (.....any takers?)

We discussed the murder of Tashan Daniel at Hillingdon Station – so shocking and deeply distressing. His parents have set up a gofundme page, in the hope of raising £50k, which will fund projects tackling knife crime across London.

There was a report of men knocking on doors and asking for work or selling items. Other residents said they had had the same experience. We have reported to our local Police Team.

One resident raised the idea of a community event: we will pursue. Another issue was the state of the Uxbridge Common pond, which has now been cleared.

THE CROWN AND TREATY

THE CROWN AND TREATY, Public House in Oxford Road, is one of Uxbridge’s most historic buildings. During the English Civil War negotiations were held here in January 1645 between the two sides – hence the title. This has now been beautifully refurbished and restored. NURA Members were invited to the official re-opening on 24 October. Should you visit, ask to see the small upstairs function room. The oak panelling is magnificent!



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

John Maskell is organising this event: the shop is located in St. Margaret's Church and is open daily between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday to Saturday from 2 November to 18 December. We hope you will give it your support.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10 NOVEMBER 2019

This is the day in which we remember the Fallen in all conflicts since the First World War. The hundredth Anniversary last year was a big milestone, but it is important to continue to keep the memory alive.

One memory aid is that remarkable Film 'They shall not grow old' made by Peter Jackson. If you haven't watched it, perhaps now is the time to see it. If you have seen it, this would be the right time to watch it again.

Peter and his Team cleaned up, coloured and added audio soundtracks to contemporary First World War footage held by the Imperial War Museum. Until then, our visual memories of the First World War have consisted of jerky Lowry-like, black and white images from the old silent movies. It came as a profound shock to look at the new film and realise that these were not actors. They were real and in imminent peril of their lives. They still managed to look cheerful and make the best of their life in the trenches – 'Mademoiselle from Armentieres, parlez vous?'..... Some 20,000 of them were mown down on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 2016. Alison Graham, the Radio Times Columnist, writes 'All of those lads and men, endlessly smoking, grinning for the camera showing their terrible teeth, joking together, even in the sucking, endless mud. It was so eerie to look directly into their eyes as many of the boys stared, fascinated, at the lens. I wanted to reach out across the years to offer my paltry thanks'.

This would be a good way**to keep the memory alive.**



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