



The Bush Telegraph

JUNE 2002

INTRODUCTION

by chairman Dwight Wood

Welcome to the early summer edition of *The Bush Telegraph*. Is it my imagination, or do the trees look more abundant and the grass greener than ever before in our area? This is the time of year when there are all outside a lot more, so it's important that we remember to think about our neighbours when playing music or holding parties. It's also when we try to clear up some of the mess that winter wind, rain and - let's not mince words - dirty and inconsiderate people have left in the forest. Our annual Litter Pick is on Sunday 30 June from 11am-1pm, and we hope that lots of you will join the BARA committee members to give Bushwood a tidy-up.

As you will know, the Bushwood one-way system was created to keep the character of our area residential and prevent rat-running. However, it continues to be abused by drivers both from outside the area and, our surveys show, those who actually live on the estate. The police share our concerns, particularly about road safety, and a recent meeting with local officers produced a plan which, we hope, will act as a serious deterrent to those who insist on breaking the law and endangering residents. You can read about it elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, we all owe a vote of thanks to Ruth Greene, who has resigned from the BARA committee after seven years due to pressure of work. Ruth has been a stalwart member, always willing to take the lead on an issue or help out with others. And as those who have availed themselves of her services will know, there's no better cat-sitter in town!

ONE-WAY ABUSERS TO BE TARGETED

Recent issues of the Bush Telegraph have reported on the continued abuse of the one-way system around Bushwood, particularly in Mornington, Harvey and Hartley Roads. A request in the last edition for residents to note down details of offending vehicles and pass them to a BARA committee member, who would then hand them on to the police, has proved useful and effective. Sgt Darran Hill and his deputy at Leytonstone Police Station attended a BARA meeting and outlined a more formal approach to the problem.

During a two-week period, BARA committee members and other residents who would like to help will be stationed in key roads at the times that most offences take place. Car registration details will be taken covertly and passed to the police, as before. If a driver commits a second offence, he/she will be issued with a formal warning, stating that sufficient information has been gathered to prosecute. This will be backed up by publicity in local newspapers to get the message across loud and clear: **those who deliberately drive the wrong way down one-way streets will not be tolerated.**

If you would like to support this BARA campaign and help to keep a look-out for offenders, please contact any member of the BARA committee.

Andrew Shields

The BARA Committee - 2001/2002

Judith Aldridge: <i>Treasurer</i>	35 Leyspring Road
David Dowsett	74 Mornington Road
Kathryn Dowsett	74 Mornington Road
Robert Gay: <i>Vice-chairman</i>	137 Mornington Road
Jo Pile: <i>Membership Secretary</i>	57 Leybourne Road
Judy Scott	34 Carlton Road
Andrew Shields	9 Hartley Road
Katy Smith	37a Harvey Road
Laura Whitehead	44 Stanmore Road
Ross Williams	65 Mornington Road
Dwight Wood: <i>Chairman</i>	Carlton House, Aylmer Road

**BARA subscription rates:
Households £2 per year. Single people £1 per year.**

TECHNO WHIZ NEEDED

As you all now know, we have a website where you can find loads of interesting information. Now we plan to modernise even further and computerise the membership records. This will help with deliveries, as at present some lucky person has to number up all 400 each time we prepare a *Bush Telegraph*, but with computerised records we can print or e-mail road lists for the deliverers. We might do this simply through a spreadsheet, but it has been suggested there may be a computer whiz kid out there who could help us set it up to not only do membership lists but also for example print the membership card for each dwelling as it is logged in as a member. Any out there with any ideas for this able to offer us a hand?

Jo Pile

BARA team takes Quiz Night trophy

The first BARA Challenge Quiz Night took place on Saturday 6 April 2002 and was hailed as a great success. There were equal numbers of teams from BARA and the Ex-Servicemen's Club

and at the end of the night the triumphant winning team was from BARA and took away the challenge trophy. Our thanks to Russ, the Quizmaster, and his two assistants for making the evening such a success.

All who attended enjoyed the night and we have been asked by the Ex-Servicemen's Club to organise a replay in the near future. The date of the next challenge will be Saturday 12 October 2002 to be held again at the Ex-Servicemen's Club in Harvey Road. Please put this date in your diaries and we look forward to an even more exciting nail-biting finish on 12 October.

The Ex-Servicemen's Membership Committee has also extended the membership of the club to all BARA members for a trial period in June. So if any BARA member wishes to take up this offer please just visit the club and you will be made very welcome.

Katy Smith

JOIN BARA'S LITTER PICK!

This year's Litter Pick will take place on Sunday 30 June between 11 am and 1pm. Meet in Bushwood opposite Leyspring Road. Sticks and bags will be provided, but you may like to bring gloves, and if it has been raining boots are a good idea as the grass should be quite long by then. Refreshments will be available so it can be quite a nice social occasion as well as good for the forest!

Jo Pile

THE BUSH TELEGRAPH ADVERTISER

Members' advertisements are inserted free of charge in this feature.

- ? **BARA member** Hilda Hooper, a qualified clinical aromatherapist, makes **all pure natural soap** which she sells to raise funds for Norlington Boys' School. Prices from as little as **60p** - a real bargain compared to West End prices, and lovely for an unusual gift. Phone **020 8530 3376**.
 - ? **FOUR-BEDROOM** (2 x doubles, 1 x twin, 1 single) holiday home to rent in Costa Blanca village, Spain. Nearest airports Alicante/Murcia. A few minutes' walk to long sandy beach and very close to four 18-hole golf courses. £300pw peak season. Enquiries phone **020 8556 1852**. Please leave name/number and, if available, email address.
 - ? **MATHS**, Chemistry and Biology tuition. SATS, GCSE revision. Trinity A-level student, reasonable rates. Phone **Sam: 020 8530 3376**.
 - ? **ORIGINAL** sash window, external dimensions 43" x 76". Needs slight repair to trim, otherwise in vgc and full working order. Phone **07802 794424**.
 - ? **STAMPS** for charity. Used postage stamps - UK and foreign - wanted for animal charities and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you! **Dawn, 46 Michael Road**.
 - ? **TWO-BEDROOM** detached holiday bungalow to let in coastal village of Crantock, near Newquay, Cornwall. Sleeps 4/6. All year round. Enquiries and brochure: Phone **020 01637 830310**.
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MUSEUM ARCHIVES

We are arranging for old BARA papers to go to the local archive held at the Vestry House museum. If you have any old BARA papers (perhaps from a time when you were on the committee?) do let any committee member know.

DAFFODILS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Members may remember that we contributed to the costs of the bulb planting at St John's Churchyard, and what a lovely display they made, brightening up that corner for all who passed by.

BARA GAZEBO

We own a reasonable-sized gazebo (like a tent with no sides). It is great for providing either shade or shelter. When not needed by us for a function it is available to BARA members on loan for a day or two **free of charge**, so if you are having a family party/BBQ this year, book the gazebo NOW! **Phone Jo: 8530 3569.**

LONDON GARDENS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Each year a number of private gardens are opened to the public in aid of various charities. We have a supply of the National Gardens Scheme booklet for the London area showing all the gardens and opening dates **AVAILABLE FOR JUST 50p.** If you would like a copy phone Jo: 8530 3569.

TREAT YOURSELF TO BEAUTIFUL BARA POSTCARDS

You can still buy our own area's postcards. Exclusive to BARA, full colour, professionally produced - and only £1 per set of four. Phone Jo: 8530 3569.

BARA IS THE ONE TO BE COPIED!

We seem to have competition in Leytonstone for the initials BARA.

A website has been made for BARA (the Bushwood Area Revolutionary Army).

Really it's not a competitor - it's a spoof. We should treat this as flattery in the way Edwina Currie treated her *Spitting Image* puppet

It's good to be noticed!!

VOLUNTEER WANTED - JUST ONE JOB

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ONE HELPER TO PUT UP NOTICES IN THE LIBRARY/ONE STOP SHOP.

ANY VOLUNTEER TO GO ONCE A MONTH AND CHECK ALL IS CURRENT AND UP TO DATE, CLEAN AND TIDY. THIS WILL ENSURE ALL IN THE AREA WILL HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT BARA IS DOING FOR YOU AND OTHERS.

Bow bottleneck contributes to High Road chaos?

One thing which is very noticeable about the traffic in the High Road, is the extent to which the traffic coming in to Central London through Leytonstone in the morning is less than the traffic going out through Leytonstone in the late afternoon.

At present, no-one with the local authority appears to have any idea why this is so. However, it is striking that Tower Hamlets Council have now installed a bus lane on the A11 going inwards, stretching all the way from the Mile End crossroads to the Aldgate roundabout on the Inner Ring Road at the edge of the City. This creates severe delays for cars going in from the Bow Flyover. There is no corresponding difficulty for traffic coming out from Aldgate to the Bow Flyover. I find it hard to believe that this is a coincidence.

If this is correct, then part at least of the traffic which is blocking the High Road in the late afternoon will be traffic that has come out by way of the Bow Flyover and should be using the Link Road. Perhaps the flow from the Link Road on to the M11 at Redbridge, needs to be improved?

Robert Gay

*****WHAT'S ON*****

Jane Austen visits Leytonstone this July

The Woodhouse Players' next play will be *Sense & Sensibility* by Jane Austen (adapted by Roger Pasley and Andy Graham). *Sense & Sensibility* - Jane Austen's first novel - was published in 1811. It's the story of two sisters, Elinor and Marianne Dashwood, who find themselves in (comparative) poverty when their father dies. The two sisters fall for two very different men - Edward Ferrars and the dashing Willoughby - neither man being as dependable as the sisters may wish. Bridget Jones for the 19th century.

The director, Stephen Balchin, says it was a bit of a surprise to find himself directing this. "I'm not normally a Jane Austen fan, but a lot of this play is about things that are easy to identify with. The tension between two sisters; falling in love with someone you shouldn't be falling in love with; and not saying what you really feel because of duty or guilt. Despite what I thought Jane Austen would be like, I found I really quite enjoyed it."

The Woodhouse Players will be performing *Sense & Sensibility* on the 18th, 19th and 20th of July at 8pm at the Welsh Church Hall, on Leytonstone High Road. The Players are a private club who can only admit members - so please book tickets and join in advance. Tickets are £5 each (or £2.50 concessions) and can be booked on 020 8504 3872 or through their website on www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk/whatson.htm.

The Woodhouse players are an amateur group that have been active in Leytonstone for over a decade. Their productions last year included *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* and their Christmas panto *Pinocchio*. To find out more ring 020 8509 2189, e-mail stephenbalchin@easynet.co.uk or see their website. You can join the Woodhouse Players for a year and get regular news about their shows for as little as £1.

Ruth Greene

CHILDREN'S CORNER -- compiled by the Wood Sisters

How do you know it's the end of the weekend?
It's stopped raining!

What is the capital of England?
"E"

Did you know ...

742 High Road, E 11. A much-altered Georgian house which was the birthplace of Sir Morrell Mackenzie (1837-92), the eminent Victorian throat specialist who attended (unsuccessfully) the German Emperor Frederick in his last illness.

APPLICATIONS

Red Lion application to open to 2.00am Fridays and Saturdays

BARA consulted with residents living close to the Red Lion and 25% responded with a resounding **No!** The Licensing Authority arranged a 'conciliation' meeting between the Licensee, Mrs Angus, and objectors.

Objections are that the music and people leaving in their cars parked in Harvey Road wakes up residents. No assurance was given to prevent the potential disturbance and so no conciliation was possible. The application will now go to the Licensing committee for a decision.

No application yet for Kwiksave's new owners

Kwiksave on Leytonstone High Road has closed leaving yet another gap in local shopping facilities for people who are elderly and are without transport. At the time of writing there has been no application for change of use by the new owners who (it is said) are not a grocery/food store.

Application to fell two sycamore trees next to 35 Barfield Road and behind Mornington Road

These two vast trees support many birds and give this corner of the road valuable greenery. The trees are subject to a tree preservation order.

Objections **before 5 June** to: Hazel Walsh, Tree Preservation Officer, Municipal Offices, LBWF, 16 The Ridgeway, London E4 6PS

Planning application - Carlton Road

The application to build two terraced houses at 6-8 Carlton Road, (in place of the departed tyre firm) has not been passed as yet. BARA had objected. The proposed houses lack features which are typical of other houses in Carlton Road. The Planning Dept have asked for certain improvements to the appearance.

Planning application - residential block in the Matalan car park

This speculative application is for 67 flats intended for the provision of low-cost housing for London's key workers. The units are very small indeed: one-beds with kitchen/living space and the outlook for 50% over the car park. BARA supports the provision of low-cost housing on this site but objected to only 19 car parking spaces for 64 flats and three live/work units and suggested that secure cycle and motorbike provision should be required.

BARA objected most strongly to the appearance of the building, which does not appear to have been designed. Low cost housing need not mean ugly housing if a good architect is recruited.

The application is pending.

Judy Scott

Nearly 100 people attended BARA's public meeting on 13 March to discuss High Road traffic. After the meeting BARA vice-chairman Robert Gay sent this letter to Len Norton, the Council's Head of Highways and Services:

"I am writing on behalf of the Bushwood Area Residents Association following the public meeting which we held on Wednesday 13th March at Leytonstone Library, and which was attended by our ward councillors (Councillors Jenny Gray, Ian Leslie, and Clyde Loakes).

"The contents of this letter have been approved by the Committee of the Association at our meeting on Monday 25th March.

"We consider that the present situation in the Leytonstone High Road north of Lister Road is completely unacceptable in terms of congestion and the frequent "gridlock", and the risk of emergency vehicles being "blocked" in Kirkdale Road/Church Lane.

"Any measures taken must include the provision of a proper by-pass for emergency vehicles. This may require enforcement by CCTV, in order to prevent the by-pass being used improperly.

"We request that the following measures be taken no later than the summer of 2002:-

"Proper signage on the A12 (M11 linkroad) to direct traffic headed for Stratford to use the linkroad as far as the Bow flyover.

"Waltham Forest Council to press for works at the Bow flyover roundabout to create a direct sliproad from the A12 southbound to the A11 eastbound (so that traffic from the M11 linkroad headed towards Stratford can get on to the A11 Stratford High Street without needing to use the roundabout) and also for there to be no works by Newham Borough Council on the A11 Stratford High Street which would reduce the capacity of that road to take traffic from the Bow flyover into Stratford.

"Further substantial traffic-calming works (to include narrowing the road to one vehicle wide at least three points) on the High Road south of Lister Road.

"Adjustment of traffic lights at the High Road/Bush Road junction so as to allow the maximum reasonably possible period of "green" to traffic proceeding north and south on the High Road.

"Creation of an extra lane on Church Lane at the junction with the High Road so that traffic waiting to turn left out of Church Lane does not block all the traffic wishing to turn right.

"Repaving the High Road at the junction with Church Lane with a pattern of yellow bricks to indicate a "box junction", and providing resources to enforce the box junction as necessary.

"If those works are not successful in clearing the problem at the northern end of the Leytonstone High Road, then we would request that no later than the summer 2003 a decision be taken to reverse the traffic flow in the one-way system as discussed at the meeting.

"If the works listed above (including the reversal of the traffic flow) are not successful in clearing the problem, then we would request that in the Summer of 2004 a decision be taken to create a direct access for Bush Road on to the Green Man roundabout.

"We consider it essential that the first steps which we wish to see carried out in the summer of this year, are not "sold" either to residents or to any funding bodies as the "final solution" to the problems in the Leytonstone High Road. It must be made clear that a series of measures will be undertaken until the problem is actually cleared.

"We look forward to hearing from you that officers will be recommending to the scrutiny committee (at its meeting following the election) that these steps be undertaken, and that the work for the first stage will be put in hand in the summer of this year."

INTRODUCING THE WALTHAM FOREST CYCLING CAMPAIGN

The Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign is one of the borough groups of the London Cycling Campaign, which is the largest urban cycling organisation in the world. Here in Waltham Forest we have about 160 members, many of whom commute regularly into central London. We have been working in the borough for over 10 years.

The London Cycling Campaign aims to make London a world-class cycling city by increasing cycling and providing the best possible services to people who cycle; 650,000 people cycle regularly in London as it is one of the quickest and most reliable ways to get around. We work closely with Waltham Forest Council on new road and cycle developments and we can claim several successes, such as securing the contra-flow cycle-lane at the north end of Leytonstone

High Road and persuading the Council to agree to major alterations to Whipps Cross roundabout to help cyclists and pedestrians.

The group also runs regular monthly touring rides (last Sunday of each month), regular bike maintenance sessions (second Saturday) and monthly group meetings (second Wednesday), plus occasional youth hostel weekends and campaign stalls in the market.

We are very fortunate in having a pro-cycling Council and there are now 26 miles of cycle-route in the borough, both quiet routes and lanes on the main roads. There is a simple list of handy routes from Walthamstow on our website.

We can also offer advice on good routes, bike shops, etc.

Our monthly meetings are at the Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, at 8pm on the second Wednesday of each month. We are always interested in new ideas and people to help out. See our website: HYPERLINK "<http://www.wfcycling.org>" www.wfcycling.org for details of the events, routes, campaigns, etc.

*Geoffrey Whittington, co-ordinator
Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign*

BETTER VALUE FROM BARA!

BARA's committee has been working to obtain worthwhile discounts for members.

Our discount scheme:

? **Is yet another benefit of belonging to BARA**

? **Pays you to shop locally**

? **Supports local shops so it helps to improve our area**

You can get these discounts from the following local businesses, but you must show your membership card.

BUBBLES (hats and clothes): 698 High Road
10% off everything

PRIMROSE FLORIST: 741 High Road
10% off purchases over £10

CENTURY 21 (estate agents): Church Lane, opposite station
30% off standard commission rate

ZAIN GREETINGS (cards, gifts stationery): 48 Church Lane
10% off all cards and gifts (except special offers/sale items)

DOGS DINNER (pet and garden shop): 23 Kirkdale Road
10% off accessories. Other items 5% off purchases over £5

DEANNA DONOVAN (beauty and skincare): working from home -- phone 020 8558 7223

10% off treatments

BANSAL OPTOMETRISTS: 775 High Road

10% off goods over £50

IRONICA (ironware and gifts): 853 High Road

10% off everything (except Sale items)

CHURCH PINE (furniture): 899 High Road

10% off (except promotions)

MONARCH SPORTS: 815 High Road

10% off purchases over £100

MEMORIES (photographic services): 829 High Road

10% off one-hour or 24-hour film processing. 10% off 35mm and APS reprints. 5% off films

FRESH WATER FILTER CO: Carlton House, Aylmer Road

10% off all purchases

OCEAN DRY CLEANERS: 801 High Road

10% off bills over £50 (eg curtains, etc)

SOUNDS & VISION: 777-779 High Road

10% off purchases over £50. 5% off all other items (**except** computer games/consoles)

THE RELAXATION PLACE (aromatherapy face and body treatments): corner Browning Road and High Road (740A)

Free aromatherapy treatment with your first appointment: phone 8539 0001
