



The Bush Telegraph

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INTRODUCTION

by chairman Dwight Wood

WELCOME to the late summer edition of *The Bush Telegraph*. The last few months have seen BARA members busy and out in force: we organised a very enjoyable cricket match while attendance at the annual litter pick exceeded all expectations. There are reports on both events elsewhere in this issue.

However it is around this time of year that our thoughts turn to our **Annual General Meeting**. This is an opportunity for you to raise issues concerning Leytonstone in general and the Bushwood Area in particular. Over the last 12 months your committee members have examined subjects ranging from the failings of the one-way system to the loss of our much-loved wet fish shop - not forgetting the myriad planning applications which can enhance or in a few cases detract from where we live and work.

If there are matters that you would like BARA to explore or help with then please make an effort to attend the AGM or contact a committee member in advance. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Annual General Meeting
Monday 30 September 2002
7.45pm
St John's Church Hall**

Agenda

- 1 Welcome**
- 2 Minutes of AGM 2001**
- 3 Presentation of accounts**
- 4 Review of the year**
- 5 The year ahead**
- 6 Election of new committee members**

Nominations and notices of amendments to
74 Mornington Road by 16 September

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE NEWS

THE COUNCIL tells us that the timetable is for this to be introduced for most of Mornington Road, and for the roads on the High Road side of Mornington Road - from Michael Road up to and including Grove Road - towards the end of October.

Town Centre Manager appointed for Leytonstone and Leyton.

She will be consulting with businesses within the main shopping areas and developing a work programme for the centres over the next three months looking at issues such as litter and street cleaning. There is a small budget for minor environmental improvements.

DON'T FORGET!

QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2002

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB v BARA MEMBERS

THE TIME has come again for another **QUIZ NIGHT** challenge between BARA members and the Ex-Servicemen's Club. A great time was had by all who took part in the last challenge so we would like to invite teams to register again for a return match on Saturday 12 October. The more teams we have the merrier it will be, so don't be shy - come along and join us - rise to the challenge - take a chance and register your team. You can register your team at the Ex-Servicemen's Club or by ringing Katy on **8556 5162** or Laura on **8523 9553**, or you can register at our AGM which will be held on Monday 30 September.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - PLEASE HELP US!

ANNUAL subscriptions are now due and a payment slip and envelope will be attached to *The Bush Telegraph* delivered to homes. Each year we ask you to drop your envelope and subscription through the door of a committee member (or one or two other helpers). Many of you do this very promptly and we are very grateful that you do. However, a large number of people prepare the envelope and subscription but then don't deliver it! We know this because when we have the spare time we come knocking on doors and often find the envelope ready and waiting. PLEASE don't wait for us to come but deliver it yourself. No home is far from a delivery point. Committee members spare what time they can to BARA, but time wasted on chasing up subs is time we do not have for other things, which then don't get done.

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Simply write your details in the space provided on the envelope and drop it through any committee member's door (addresses below). You can also leave your subscription at 49 Beacontree Road.**

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

LITTER PICK BEATS THE WORLD CUP

WE WERE a bit dismayed when we realised that our June litter pick coincided with the final of the World Cup. We decided to go ahead anyway and see what happened. Our members turned up in droves! So many turned up at the moment we opened that we ran out of sticks and had people waiting! Leybourne Road was the star road with eight members from there and particular thanks go to the new Leybourne Road residents who joined in. An old bicycle, parts of a fridge and old car parts were among the large amount of rubbish usefully cleared by us. Our thanks to the Corporation of London for arranging swift removal of the collected rubbish.

BUSHWOOD CRICKETERS MAKE A WINNING START!

Match report by Andrew Shields

BARA members with long memories may remember Davies Lane Cricket Club, which was based in the road just outside the Bushwood Area. This team flourished for a number of years playing matches around east London and Essex before folding in the 1970s. Does anyone recall the club? Please let us know!

It was in the spirit of that community team that we decided to inaugurate a Bushwood cricket match. My next-door neighbour and I in Hartley Road both play for clubs (me for South Loughton CC, he for South Woodford CC) and we were confident that there was enough cricketing ability among our residents to raise 11 players. How strong a team, it remained to be seen...

The North Star has also run a team for several years, playing regularly in the North East London pub league. And so we challenged them to an evening, twenty overs-a-side game at Blake Hall Sports ground.

The North Star won the toss and batted first. However, both their opening batsmen were dismissed by Heinrich Nothnagel, Beacontree Road's demon South African pace bowler (and another South Loughton CC player).

Recognising that Heinrich could probably bowl out the entire pub side cheaply, we decided to show a touch of leniency and decided to give a bowl to anyone who fancied turning their arm over. The pub rallied, and at the end of their 20 overs had amassed 75 runs for the loss of nine wickets.

Despite worsening light and the best efforts of the North Star's very tidy bowlers, the Bushwood top order showed its class. Heinrich was out cheaply but a stunning partnership between Dilawar Patel (who plays for Leytonstone CC) and Haji Butt (another South Woodford member) took Bushwood to victory for the loss of only two wickets with almost five overs remaining. Dilawar crowned the success when, with four runs needed for victory, he smashed a straight six on to the roof of the Blake Hall club house!

The match was played in excellent spirit, with lots of "I didn't know you lived round here" coming from players of both sides. Everyone enjoyed it, and there will definitely be a game - or more! - next summer. There are indeed some excellent cricketers living around Bushwood!

ACTION ON ONE-WAY ROAD ABUSERS

AFTER a lot of pressure from BARA committee members and others the council at last took some measures to deal with the problem of traffic going the wrong way down Mornington and Harvey Roads. Residents will have noticed the temporary barriers narrowing and altering the shape of the junctions of Harvey Road/Mornington Road and Mornington Road/Woodville Road. These do seem to have helped, but what we need now is:

- These barriers to be made permanent and more attractive, eg brick-built with, say, flower beds in them.
- *No Entry* signs to be attached to the brickwork.
- The road markings in Mornington Road to be changed. At present there is a dotted white line down the middle of the road giving the impression of two-way traffic.

Also BARA has previously raised the problem of traffic going the wrong way along Hartley Road. What about similar barriers there?

Don't forget that we are still passing to the police your reports of car registrations of cars going the wrong way along one-way roads, *and the police will act if a car registration is reported twice*. So keep those reports (to any committee member) coming in!

Make a stand against

MINDLESS VANDALISM

WE HAVE noticed the large amount of car-window glass around the estate, indicating a high number of cars that seem to be having windows broken. Every week or two a local shop has a window broken. And now the Leaf Man statue in Grove Road has been badly damaged.

What is going on? Leytonstone does not appear to be full of hooligans, so is it just a small group or even a single person doing this? We suspect many petty crimes are not reported to the police (they don't always make it easy!), but without some feedback it is difficult to assess the problem.

We would like all members to give us full information about such incidents and we can collate that. Please provide date and time of incident, and ANY information about people seen doing this. If enough people come forward with snippets of information it may enable the perpetrators to be identified, or the fact that they know people are on the lookout may encourage them to stop. Reports to any committee member.

Memories from a former Bushwood Area resident

WHEN I was born my parents were living at 171 Mornington Road and when I was about four we moved to 173 (very adventurous!). Although I have lived and worked in Brussels for the last 17 years I still own the house, I still think of Leytonstone as "home" and will return there to live eventually. In fact, I do believe I was a member of BARA when I was living there.

I found your website today and was interested in the mention of Bearmans. I can't remember when it opened, possibly before my time as I can remember it being there when I was a child, some 50 years ago. There used to be a man there wearing a large papier maché acorn on his head who was called, surprisingly enough, Mr Acorn. Children could subscribe to the "Mr Acorn Club"; then on their birthday they would receive a card from Mr Acorn with an invitation for a free "birthday tea" in Bearman's restaurant - a great thrill in the '50s for a five-year-old, let me tell you. I'm pretty sure the Bearman's store finally closed its doors at the end of 1982 or at the beginning of 1983. I remember the Rialto cinema which was on the Leo site (which I now believe is Matalan), the Rex which was opposite the Elms Public House, the State which became a snooker hall and may still be, and the Century which was at Harrow Green. I don't get back to Leytonstone as often as I used to, but nevertheless I always seem to notice some changes, some good and some not so good, but as I said, I do hope to return to live there one day and will probably become a BARA member once more!

Kathie Fuller

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- **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.
- **LEARN** guitar from home. Tuition available for beginners, £10 an hour, weekends only - preferably Saturdays. Phone **Jack: 8556 3288**.
- **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**.

Is there an architect on the estate?

MUCH of our work (and increasingly so) involves planning applications for our area. We do our best but there are times when the help of an architect would be most useful to us. Is there one out there ready to lend his or her expertise from time to time? Contact

judyscott1@hotmail.com

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**.*

Would you like some trees in your street?

IF YOU would like to suggest a planting spot for a new tree, or trees, and to suggest the type of tree that you would like outside your home then ring **Mark Waters**. Mark works in LBWF Tree Preservation Dept and can be contacted on **8496 2614**. He also welcomes calls to let him know where trees need attention.

GREEN MAN PLAYGROUP

*THE PLAYGROUP held at the Welsh Church on Leytonstone High Road (near the pedestrian entrance to McDonald's) has vacancies. The group runs from 9.15am to 11.45am Monday to Friday. Phone **8532 9245**.*

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**.

Useful information

Our councillors: Clyde Loakes - phone 8518 8643;

Jenny Gray - phone 8556 7981; Ian Leslie - phone 8556 0572.

Member of Parliament: Harry Cohen

(House of Commons direct line) **phone/fax: 020 7219 6376**.

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DVLA: to report **untaxed cars** or **outdated tax discs**. Write to DVLA, Vehicle Registration Enforcement, Sidcup House, 12-18 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7DA (phone 8302 9331) giving the car's location, registration number and the month/year of expiry on the disc (if any).

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

Saturday 28 September: St John's Michaelmas Fair. 11am to 4pm, St John's church hall (opposite Matalan's main doors). Cakes, marmalade, mulberry jelly, plants, hand-knits, books, gifts, refreshments, craft displays, bouncy castle, face-painting and more! Admission 30p.

They Came from Mars ...

MARTIANS have invaded Leytonstone. They travelled across the vast expanse of space to seize a sophisticated android woman for use on Mars. Only the Reverend Allsop, his beautiful daughter Susan and his lodger, Professor Einstein, can save the Earth from a fate worse than... worse than... Well, a fate that's quite bad anyway...

They Came from Mars... is the latest production from Leytonstone's local theatre group, **The Woodhouse Players**, featuring (at least some of) the team that won "Best Comedy" at the Waltham Forest Festival earlier this year.

The play will take place at the Welsh Church Hall, Leytonstone High Road on 3, 4 and 5 October at 8pm. Tickets are £5 each, £2.50 concessions and **MUST** be booked in advance. Phone **8504 3872**.

APPLICATIONS

GOOD NEWS!

The two massive mature sycamore trees next to 35 Barfield Road will not be felled. The Planning Dept refused permission to the new owner on grounds of insufficient evidence of damage to building and detriment to local amenity. The trees attract a huge number of birds which give much pleasure.

KWIKSAVE SITE TO BE NISA STORE

The application to set up a Burger King, on the Kwiksave site, is still pending but in the meantime NISA Superstores are, we hear, opening a proper food shop with fruit and veg, meat and groceries. Welcome news for those of us who can't make it there and back to Tesco.

BASEMENT CLUB A NON-STARTER

Application to open a Social club in the basement of 696 High Road was refused on grounds of overuse of site and disturbance to residents.

AN UNWELCOME PRECEDENT?

A planning application to build an extension to 2 Leybourne Road, on the corner of Stanmore Road, is recommended by the Planning Officers to be passed on 10 September at the full Planning Committee.

The extension creates three two-bed flats from a family house by building over much of the back garden. The rambling scented roses which tumble over the fence will go, and the garden will be used for some of the increased demand for parking spaces. If this development sets a precedent the leafy character of Bushwood family houses will be put at risk. BARA have objected. **Ref 2002/0818**

EXTENDED LICENSING HOURS AT CUBA BELLA (Red Lion)

Several months ago residents of Harvey Road and some in Carlton Road were invited by the Licensing Department to attend a meeting with the licensee of the Cuba Bella to discuss the application for an extension to the licensing hours to 2pm on a Friday and Saturday night.

The meeting was not a success as the majority of residents felt very strongly that they did not want the premises to be open later as it would create noise disturbances from the music and from people leaving the premises at closing times. Having suffered over the years from disturbances and music from these particular premises they felt that an extension in hours was not acceptable. The licensing officers did try to mediate and seek some middle ground where the licence could be granted to midnight or 1.00am but the residents did not agree and neither did one of the co-licensees.

Some residents had only just suffered disturbances from these premises about a week prior to the meeting so felt very strongly that they would like to oppose the licensing extension of hours; so the application will go to the Licensing Committee. Those residents who attended the meeting will be informed of the date of the committee meeting so that they may attend if they wish and raise their objections with the committee members. The latest news is that the application is on hold as the Red Lion are reconsidering whether or not to continue with their application.

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.

NEW ENTRY

NATIONAL SCHOOLWEAR: 841 High Road (near McDonalds)
10% off general schoolwear. They also stock things like Brownie uniforms

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
