



The Bush Telegraph

The quarterly newsletter of The Bushwood Area Residents Association

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MAKING THE MOST OF BARA MEMBERSHIP

Not a member yet? Discover the benefits of belonging to BARA

BARA MEMBERSHIP currently covers some 33 per cent of those households eligible to join. Not bad – but still, two in three of our potential member households do not at present belong to the Association! Those of you who aren't members are receiving this issue of *The Bush Telegraph* to invite you to join, and to attend our Annual General Meeting, to be held at 8pm on 20 September at St. John's Church Hall in Church Lane.

BARA is involved in a vast range of topics, from the laying of a new water main and its effects on BARA members to arranging litter pick-ups in the forest to taking parties to Walthamstow Dog Track! We are taken seriously by our local Council, our MP and others who have influence over what life is like in the BARA area. We keep an eye on planning applications and have influenced developers and planners to ensure that, for instance, buildings complement the conservation area, and that residents' rights are not infringed. The Association maintains links with the Council, Police and other agencies to ensure that residents' views are taken into account before or during new developments or projects.

BARA Committee Members work hard, on a voluntary basis, to meet the needs of our community. If you would like to be able to influence BARA policy, or indeed, to support the work of BARA, please do consider joining the Association. It costs only £2 a year for a household or £1 a year for a single person and for this you also receive discounts from stores and restaurants around the Leytonstone area (10 – 25 per cent).

Make sure that your Residents' Association represents you as you'd like to be represented! We'd love to have you on board. There is a membership envelope enclosed within this *BT*: please complete the details required, pop in your £1 or £2 and put it through the door of one of our Committee Members – addresses are given below. Alternatively, e-mail our Membership Secretary, Barbara Lond, at: barbaralond2002@aol.com or telephone her on 020 8257 2202 for more details.

BARBARA LOND

The BARA Committee 2003/2004

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BUSHWOOD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

THE YEAR according to BARA draws to a close and ends at the AGM on 20 September. Of course that also marks the beginning of the next year which is already looking to be just as busy.

The AGM is your chance to question, comment, criticise or (we hope!) praise what has been done so I hope as many as possible will be at St John's Church Hall at 8pm on 20 September.

I look forward to seeing you there. **BERN LOWE**
CHAIR – BARA

GET INSTANT E-MAIL INFORMATION

EVERY now and again, we think how useful it would be to be able to get information out to our members quickly, or to ask for urgent opinions on issues which arise. We do both these things through *The Bush Telegraph* and of course, Committee Members are in touch with friends and neighbours and have a feel for what BARA people are thinking. But speed is a problem.

It would be very helpful if members with access to the Internet could let us have their e-mail addresses. I promise that we will use these sparingly and only to get information about e.g. BARA social events out quickly. We shall also not use circulation systems which would permit anyone to click on "reply to all" and clog up mailboxes! And of course, we shall continue to deliver *The Bush Telegraph* in hard copy.

When you return your membership envelope, if you are happy to let us have your e-mail address, perhaps you could write it on the envelope or pop a note inside. Alternatively, send an e-mail to me at:

brianhopson@lycos.com

with **BARA** in the subject box and your street address in the body of the message.

BRIAN HOPSON

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Single people: £1 per year Households: £2 per year

SOCIAL EVENTS

Laura: 020 8532 9553

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BARA AGM

Monday 20 September 2004 at St John's Church Hall, Church Lane at 8pm

This is your chance to see what your Committee has been up to and to have your say!

CAR FREE DAY IN THE HIGH ROAD AND CHURCH LANE

Sunday 19 September 2004: noon to 7pm

Come along and see how Leytonstone used to be before Henry Ford had his way.....

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 23 October 2004: 8pm at the Ex-Servicemen's Club, Harvey Road

We are happy to announce another opportunity for you to challenge your fellow residents in the BARA Quiz. Teams of 5/6 – £2 per person.

You can book in advance with Katy & Laura or just turn up on the night. Don't worry if you don't have a team because you can join another team. (Phone Katy: 020 8556 5162 & Laura: 020 8532 9553)

HACK DOWN DAY

Saturday 30 October 2004 in Henry Reynolds Gardens

No, not an homage to Brian da Palma, or even Leyton Orient full backs of the past, but an invitation to you to join with the Friends of Henry Reynolds Gardens, hack back the undergrowth and come up with exciting ideas for using the gardens in future. The Friends want to know what you, the users of the Gardens, want. They would also like to attract more members so if you have a few hours to spare, e-mail Mike Brett at candmbrett@aol.com or go to the next meeting of the Friends on 14 October, at 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House in Bush Road.

WALTHAMSTOW DOGS

Thursday 25 November 2004

Join us for another exciting nail-biting evening at the dogs! The cost is £18 per person, payable in full, in advance to Laura or Katy. This price includes the entry fee and a three-course meal.

The cut-off date for bookings and pre-payment is **Thursday 30 September 2004**. We only have 18 places, so book early to avoid disappointment!

TRIP TO BOULOGNE

Date to be confirmed

Bob Cheek is still waiting for confirmation of the usual autumn trip to Bologne. However he is happy for residents to call and reserve a place on the bus. As this is always a popular trip make sure you reserve your seat early! Phone 020 8558 8795.

THE BUSH TELEGRAPH ADVERTISER

Members' personal advertisements are inserted free of charge in this column. Please drop your ad in to any committee member (see front page).

AVON. If anyone wants to order Avon products just give me a call and I will be happy to drop a catalogue through your door. Phone Patricia Roche: 020 8989 9728 (eves).

LEARN guitar from home. Tuition available for beginners, £10 an hour, weekends only – preferably Saturdays. Phone Jack: 020 8556 3288.

LEARN the art of self defence and tai chi, for men and women. Phone Ron Holt – 9th Dan Black Belt: 020 8539 8147.

RENT our home on the Mediterranean in Mojacar, Eastern Andalucia, Spain. Unspoilt resort with wonderful beaches and restaurants. The house has two double bedrooms, ground and roof terraces and a shared swimming pool. Phone: 020 8925 8193 (19 Leyspring Road).

STAINED GLASS created or repaired to highest standards. Phone Aleyne: 020 8539 5365.

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.

Around the Area

LEYTONSTONE BUSINESS FORUM

THE recently-formed Leytonstone Business Forum shares many of our aspirations for the area. We are trying to cement links with this new venture. If you run a business in Leytonstone, come along to the next meeting – for dates and location watch out for local publicity.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

THE EXTENSION to the CPZ is now a fact, to the pleasure of some and the great displeasure of others. However, the results of the survey which BARA conducted were very much in line with the results of the Council's own survey – although we argued strongly and unsuccessfully for the area to be treated as a whole, not on a piecemeal basis. We shall be interested to see how the CPZ works in practice. Let us know, so that we can take up issues of concern with the Council as necessary.

LETTERS

WE ARE keen to hear from members about their experiences of living in the Bushwood Area. What's great – or not so great – about it? What could be improved or encouraged? What should be stopped? Write to us (letters to 49 Bushwood) or e-mail the BT at brianhopson@lycos.com. We'd love to hear your views – and please let us know if you would prefer not to have your letters published.

BRIAN HOPSON

THAMES WATER AND THE BUSHWOOD AREA

New pipeline brings water for London

SOME READERS will have noticed people in yellow jackets and carrying measuring devices on poles in Bushwood over the last few months. The reason is that Thames Water (TW) is proposing to lay a pipeline to take water from a new desalination plant they hope to build in Beckton to their reservoir at Waterworks Corner. Part of the pipeline will be laid under the roadway in Bushwood.

A planning application for the desalination plant has been submitted to Newham Council and if this is granted, three further planning applications will be submitted later this year for the pipeline itself. If these are successful, work is expected to start in Spring 2005 and end in Spring 2006. The project is needed to enable TW to supply water to its customers during prolonged dry periods and is set against the background of a Greater London Authority estimate that over the next 15 years, some 800,000 extra people will settle in London. Most of this growth is expected in North and East London, so more water will be needed. TW's new desalination plant will supply up to 150,000,000 litres a day from "slightly salty" water extracted from the Thames. More on this is in the leaflet prepared by Thames Water enclosed with this issue of *The Bush Telegraph*

TW has been discussing with the Epping Forest Conservators the route of the pipeline from Beckton past the show ground and the new nature pond on the far side of Wanstead Flats and across the Flats to Bushwood (the road, not the forest). The route comes into Bushwood (the road!) more or less opposite no. 53. From there, the pipeline will follow the line of the carriageway, crossing Bush Road before turning towards the Green Man Interchange. It then goes under the Interchange and through to Whipps Cross Hospital from where it heads off under Hollow Pond via the old Lido site to the Woodford Reservoir.

Our main interest is the work to be undertaken in Bushwood (the road!), which will last for about four months. The Control of Pollution Act specifies a contractor's normal working hours in residential streets (excluding emergency working) as 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday. We shall need to advise Thames Water what working hours we would prefer, bearing in mind that the longer the hours worked, the fewer days the work will take. The work itself will involve the closure (except for access) of sections of Bushwood between junctions, and within the closed

sections, lengths of carriageway of between 25 and 50 metres long will be entirely closed. When sections of road are closed to through traffic, Thames Water will endeavour to maintain access to as many properties within the closure as practicable but some residents may need to park elsewhere for perhaps a couple of weeks or more.

We have had useful meetings with the project's Communications Manager and the Project Designer as a result of which the TW team are fully aware of the need to minimise disruption and to work with local people to address problems which arise. They understand that it is in everybody's interest for the work to proceed as smoothly and quickly as possible and have agreed that:

- ◆ although the minimum notice for closure of a section of road is 28 days they will try to give 2-3 months. As a minimum, they will give two months
- ◆ they will send out a reminder of closures 48 hours beforehand
- ◆ if we would prefer to get the work over faster, they will consider extending working hours to include Saturdays
- ◆ recognising the importance of the traffic barriers to BARA residents, they will not ask for them to be opened for traffic diversion purposes;
- ◆ they will work with Davies Lane School to ensure that the children there understand what's happening – and stay out of trouble!
- ◆ they will ensure that any special needs are met (e.g. disabled people who need to be picked up by ambulance for hospital appointments);
- ◆ if residents are forced to leave their vehicles elsewhere during road closures and encounter problems e.g. because of CPZs, they will seek to negotiate a solution with the Council: one solution pursued elsewhere was for residents to be given temporary parking permits for the wider area;
- ◆ they will have a Customer Liaison person available on site throughout the work to keep residents informed and deal with any individual problems which arise.

Thames Water is keen to work with BARA to ensure that, if the work does go ahead, it progresses smoothly and disruption is minimised. BARA, for its part, will make the case for residents' interests as it always does.

BRIAN HOPSON

Bern's Fascinating Facts File

AN INCH of rain on an acre of ground weighs a hundred tons. Not a lot of people know that.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION IS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

IN SPITE of an initial setback when the lorry bringing the bouncy castle broke down in Wimbledon, the celebration of BARA's Silver Jubilee was an outstanding success. Thanks go to all who supported the event as well as those Committee Members who sprang into action to provide substitute games for the many children present. Special thanks to the Mayor who arrived before we had entirely worked out how to cope with the loss of the bouncy castle and sportingly offered to return later, to Councillor Clyde Loakes for his support and to local restaurant The

Star of India, represented by owner Shah Khan and Heron, his right-hand man, who provided the food and donated all their takings – not just their profits – to BARA to pass on to a local charity. Thanks again to you all.

My abiding memory of the day is of children with painted faces chasing balls and each other on a day when the weather was neither too hot nor wet. Many people have asked for a similar event to be held in the future: we shall see what we can do – preferably before we reach our Golden Jubilee!

BERN LOWE

BUSHWOOD WALK

TAKING A STROLL THROUGH LOCAL HISTORY

NEXT TIME you are at the end of Harvey Road by the 'no entry' barrier, pause for a second and look around. Ever wondered why the 'courts' – St John's, St Augustine's and St Mary's – were built in the early 1950s amid what is otherwise Victorian housing? The answer is that a V2 rocket landed here at 11.23am on 27 October 1944, killing seven people and seriously injuring 30 more. It was the biggest single strike on the Bushwood area during World War 2 and destroyed houses in Mornington Road, Leyspring Road and Harvey Road.

Keen local historian

This was just one of the facts revealed by Rev Raymond Draper in his superb 'Bushwood Walk' to mark BARA's 25th anniversary. Rev Draper is a keen local historian and his thorough research at Vestry House Museum and from a number of other sources produced a night to remember for around 30 BARA members who took part.

'Houses of a moderate class'

The walk began at the church, where Rev Draper introduced old maps of the area and the notice for a sale of 50 plots of land from the Carlton House Estate, which was held at the Red Lion Hotel in May 1896. The plots, stated the notice, 'are particularly adapted for houses of a moderate class, which are greatly in demand in this district'. The fact that the Bushwood area was sold in this way explains why so many different architectural features can be found on houses within the same street: a builder would buy a plot, construct a row of houses, sell them, then use the proceeds to fund a planning application to build the next row a year or two later.

Rev Draper also encouraged us to lay our copy of the 1843-93 map directly on the 1904-39 map. For anyone who has puzzled over the rather haphazard layout

of the roads in our area, the explanation was now clear: they follow almost exactly the field divisions prior to the estate's construction.

Another highlight was the opportunity to talk to a gentleman who has lived in the Bushwood area since 1939. He was able to answer questions about the prisoner-of-war camp on Wanstead Flats and describe life in Leytonstone during and after the War.

Rev Draper's handouts included a list of street name origins: did you know that Beacontree Road was named after the Beacontree Assembly Rooms and Archery Ground on Bushwood, or that Michael Road remembers Sir Michael Hicks, Lord of the Manor of Ruckholt in Jacobean times?

Thank you, Raymond, for an evening that ensures we will never again walk round the area with our eyes closed!

ANDREW SHIELDS

STREET DRINKERS FACE DRY TIMES

WHEN THE Council announced initially the roads where the street drinking ban would operate none fell within the Bushwood Area. We had strongly pressed for the Henry Reynolds Gardens and all roads east of the High Road to be included to a distance of at least 100 metres and we had also asked, without pressing the case quite as strongly, for the whole of our area to be included.

The Council has now revised its list, and I'm pleased to say that the revised list now includes the roads we wanted to see in, with the exception of Mornington Road and the Henry Reynolds Gardens. I am in contact with the Council on this and hope to have a response for the AGM.

BERN LOWE

PLANNING

ZULUS

The application for a renewal of Zulus' Public Entertainment Licence has been put on hold because of further complaints from residents. Another meeting between residents and the owner of Zulus will be convened by Mr King at the LBWF Licensing Authority on a date yet to be fixed.

Social reports

FRONT GARDEN AND WINDOW BOX COMPETITION

ON 15 JUNE two of your Committee Members strode out round the Bushwood area, leaning over walls, peeping over hedges and peering through gates looking at all the gardens and window boxes to select the best. At the end of the evening the winners were:

1st Prize : 23 Browning Road

2nd Prize: 71 Bushwood

3rd Prize: 12 Michael Road

Garden tokens have been delivered to the lucky winners. There were a few wonderful gardens that would have been in the running but sadly they didn't belong to members of BARA. So all you expert gardeners who didn't win, and you know who you are, make sure you JOIN BARA NOW.

More generally, many front gardens have been converted into car parking spaces, and other houses are rented out and the gardens seem to be left to go to seed, as it were. Such a shame – and it meant that there were definitely fewer gardens to judge this year. We would encourage those of you who live in upstairs flats to brighten up your street with a window box because window boxes do qualify for the competition. Let's all make a real effort for 2005 – get those seed catalogues out and flowers etc ordered so that we have a real challenge on our hands next year!

BARA LITTER PICK

THE ANNUAL litter pick took place on Sunday 27 June. We were very encouraged that there was not as much litter as in previous years but we must not become complacent on this issue. We set up on Wanstead Flats with a good turn-out of all ages and even had non-BARA residents join us to do the clear-up. Children went home with balloons and lollies and we were very pleased with the resulting mounds of bags which were collected the following day by the Corporation of London Parks Department. Grateful thanks go to all those who came along on the day and to the Parks Department which provided bags and equipment. Well done everyone!

ANDREW SHIELDS

BETTER VALUE FROM BARA!

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



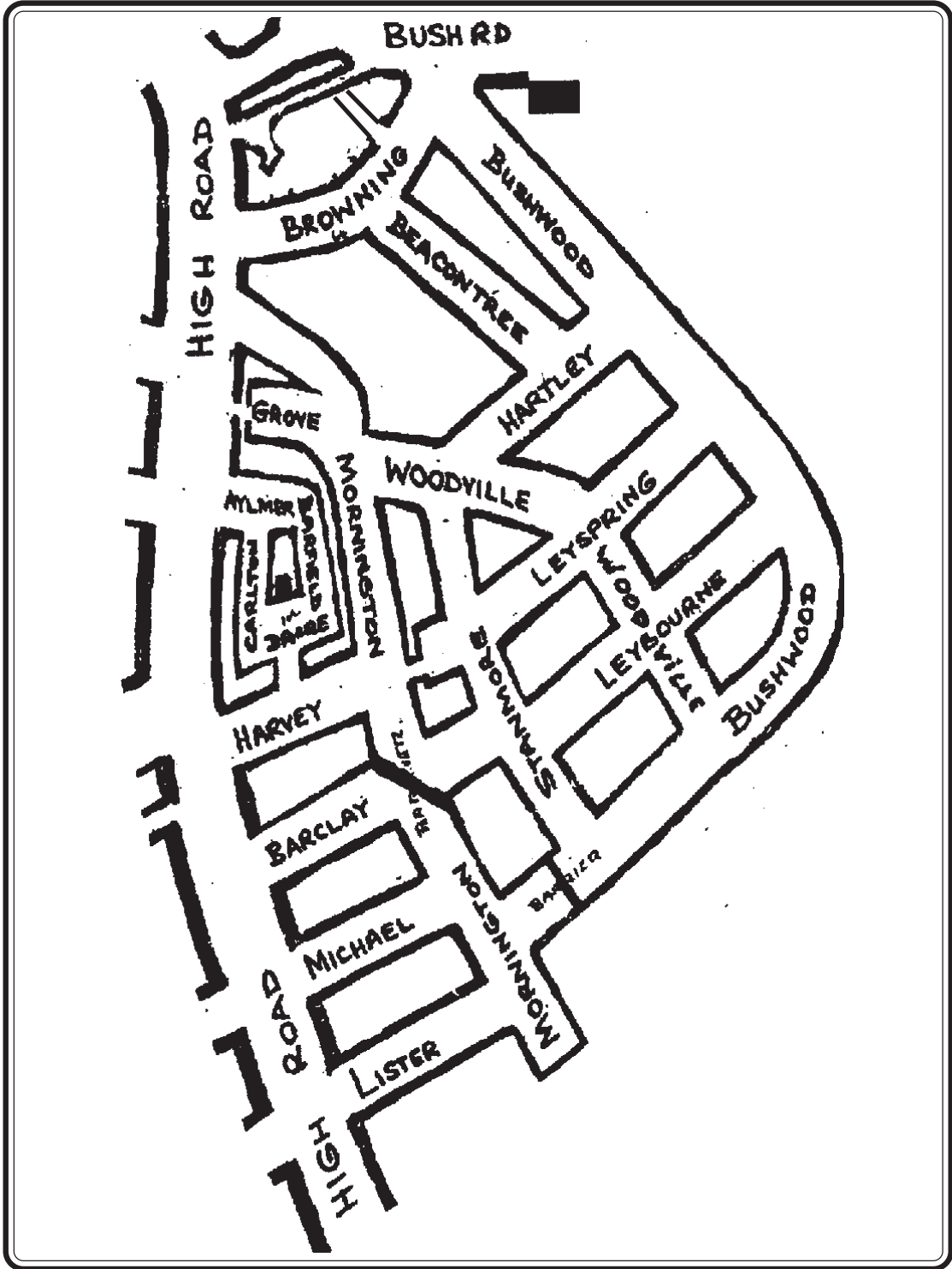
Our discount scheme:

- ◆ 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.

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| STAR OF INDIA restaurant | 15% on dining in, 10% on takeaways (including deliveries). Discount applicable every day of the week, but does not apply to buffet evenings or other promotions. |
| 875 High Road
phone: 020 8989 4028 | |
| BILLINGFORD LTD | 25% off all Corgi plumbing and heating services. All types of work undertaken. |
| Phone: 020 8533 1188 | |
| HEALTH FOOD SHOP | 10% off all items. |
| 47 Church Lane | |
| DOOR TO DOOR (ready meals)... | Lunch and dinner on a weekly basis (M-F). £10 a day, delivered to your door. 10% discount. |
| phone: 07870 157392
(Sally or Mary) | |
| BUBBLES (hats and clothes) | 10% off everything. |
| 698 High Road | |
| PRIMROSE FLORIST | 10% off purchases over £50. |
| 741 High Road | |
| CENTURY 21 (estate agents) ... | 30% off standard commission rate. |
| Church Lane | |
| ZAIN GREETINGS | 10% off all cards and gifts (except special offers/sale items). |
| (cards, gifts, stationery)
48 Church Lane | |
| DOGS DINNER | 10% off accessories. Other items 5% off purchases over £5. |
| (pet and garden shop)
23 Kirkdale Road | |
| DEANNA DONOVAN (beauty...
and skincare):working from home | 10% off treatments
phone: 8558 7223. |
| BANSAL OPTOMETRISTS | 10% off goods over £50. |
| 775 High Road | |
| NATIONAL SCHOOLWEAR ... | 10% off general schoolwear. They also stock things like Brownie uniforms. |
| 841 High Road
(Near McDonalds) | |
| IRONICA (ironware and gifts)... | 10% off everything (except Sale items). |
| 853 High Road | |
| MONARCH SPORTS | 10% off purchases over £100. |
| 815 High Road | |
| MEMORIES | 10% off one-hour or 24-hour film processing. 10% off 35mm and APS reprints. 5% off films. |
| Photographic Services
829 High Road | |
| FRESH WATER FILTER CO ... | 10% off all purchases. |
| Carlton House, Aylmer Road | |
| THE RELAXATION PLACE ... | Free aromatherapy treatment with your first appointment: phone 8539 0001. |
| (aromatherapy face & body treatments):corner Browning Road and High Road (740A) | |

THE BUSHWOOD AREA



If you would like to join BARA then contact your nearest committee member (see front page). See front page for subscription rates.