



The Bush Telegraph

The quarterly newsletter of The Bushwood Area Residents Association

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LOOKING BACK WITH BARA MEMBERS

Are you a member yet? Read on for how to join us – and why !

THE THEME of this *Bush Telegraph* is local history. We have an excellent article from Tom Collingwood (page four) on what the area was like in the early 1930s, before many of us were born. We also have a fascinating letter on page seven from Ada Buckhurst, who has lived in the same house since her birth in 1919 (with just a few years off for good behaviour). And we have a detective story from Andrew Cole (page four), who has done some research to answer the question – what happened to the numbers in Bushwood? Were they stolen by the butler? I have a personal interest in that subject since next door to my own house – 49 Bushwood – is number 43! 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 have simply gone missing – and now I know why!

Season's Greetings to all our readers

GOLDEN LEAVES falling from trees are for children to kick through and to make pristine lawns a mess as well as delaying trains but they also show that winter is not far away with the possibility of frost, snow and ice. So take care everybody and look out for your neighbours, especially the elderly who are particularly vulnerable in cold weather.



If you have just celebrated Diwali or Eid or are looking forward to Chanukah or Christmas, I hope the season brings you happiness and the coming year brings you peace and prosperity.

BERN LOWE
CHAIR, BARA

HELP BARA IN MEETINGS WITH ZULUS MANAGERS

FOLLOWING problems that have occurred affecting the residents of nearby houses and BARA's representations on behalf of those residents, the management of the pub have convened meetings to resolve any difficulties. The first such meeting was on 11 November and was attended by two police officers from the licensing department and myself on behalf of BARA. At BARA's request Zulus will deliver to nearby houses their written statement of changes they have made and intend making as well as the minutes of the first meeting. Initially these meetings will be every two weeks but soon it is hoped that monthly meetings will be sufficient. **It will be helpful if two or three local residents could attend** so if you are willing to be involved, please let me know (see page two for address) and I'll ensure you are told of dates and times.

BERN LOWE

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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

Next time, I'd like to focus on what the area is like now. What do you love about our area? What makes you less than pleased? What can we improve, and how? Letters to 49 Bushwood or e-mails to brianhopson@lycos.com, by mid-February please.

As you can see from this edition, BARA is involved in all sorts of issues on behalf of its members. Your Committee works hard to be aware of what's happening and to make sure the views of BARA members are accurately reflected in discussions we have with external organisations such as the Council (we were invited to address the LBWF Cabinet recently), Council Officials (we have been talking to them about traffic and other issues as reported elsewhere), Thames Water, Zulus and many others. We arrange social events such as restaurant evenings, quizzes and overseas trips. We represent members' interests at public enquiries – see Robert Gay's article on the enquiry into Waltham Forest's new Unitary Development Plan (page eight).

Membership is only £2 a year for a household and £1 a year for a single person. And considering that we also arrange local discounts for members (on food, plumbing, flowers, school wear, sports equipment, clothing and many other things) the cost of membership can be saved many times over. Those of you who haven't yet renewed your membership and received your new membership/discount card for 2004/05 will not receive *The Bush Telegraph* after this issue. I do hope that you will rejoin, and could I urge all members to act as recruiting agents for the Association when talking to their neighbours, especially newly-arrived neighbours? Just pop subscriptions through the door of any Committee member (details on page two) with a note of your name, address and, if possible, your e-mail address and we'll do the rest. That said, we're not perfect so if you *have* paid your fee but you haven't yet received a membership card, please contact barbaralond2002@aol.com or telephone 020 8257 2202 and we'll sort it out.

Finally, the BARA Committee wishes you all a very happy Christmas.

BRIAN HOPSON

EDITOR, THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

SOCIAL EVENTS

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Quiz Night

Another successful Quiz Night was held on 23 October at the Ex-Servicemen's Club. Around 60 residents or club members attended and the competition was strong, ending in a tie. The Quiz Master will have to make those questions a little harder next time! The next Quiz Night will be in **April 2005**, date to be confirmed.

Day Trip to Belgium

Bob Cheek from the Ex-Servicemen's Club organised a trip to Belgium for members of the club and residents of BARA on 20 October. We left Leytonstone at 6.30am on a very wet morning and as we travelled down to Dover the weather worsened but thankfully once we were aboard the ferry it improved and we all trooped off for breakfast etc. The first stop was in a little town in Belgium where everyone stopped to buy tobacco and then we carried on towards our destination. Unfortunately the coach driver missed a turning due to road works so we ended up taking the scenic route via Bruges. This meant that we didn't arrive in Blankenburg until 4pm, leaving just enough time to grab a bite to eat before we had to head back to the ferry. Everyone agreed that next time we need to ensure that the driver has a map!!! We'll also pick a destination not too far from the ferry so that we have time for sightseeing and a stop for wine and cheese buying. All in all a good trip – but too long on the coach!

Going to the Dogs

We had an excellent (and for some, profitable) night at the dogs on 25 November at Walthamstow Greyhound Stadium. This has proved to be a success in the past and was once again, as we cheered our favourites for each race in the hope that we might come home having at least broken even in the betting stakes. Watch out for the date of our next visit!

COMING UP

BARA is arranging another **Star of India** night on **13 December at 7.30pm**. The High Road restaurant is setting aside a number of tables for BARA members and putting on a special buffet for us – including excellent vegetarian food of course – at a cost of £7.50 a head. We need to know numbers in advance so that the restaurant can reserve the right number of tables, so could those wanting to attend please let us know asap (phone 020 8989 8738 or e-mail brianhopson@lycos.com or just drop a note through the door at 49 Bushwood).

In addition, the Social Events team are working on putting together events for 2005 and if anyone has any good ideas, please do let us know!

KATY SMITH

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CAT CARRIER basket for hire. Donation to BARA. Phone Helen: 020 8989 5845.

GARAGE required: Any garage for rent in the Bushwood area please let me know. Phone David Phillips: 020 8989 8372.

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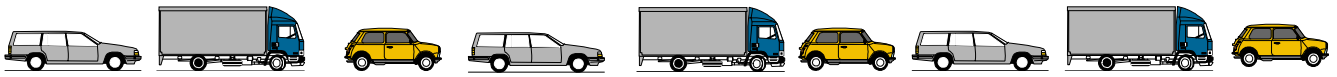
STAMPS for charity. Used postage stamps – UK and foreign – wanted for animal charities and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you! Dawn, 46 Michael Road.

TEAC T-R450 digital tuner for sale. As new with manual, £25. Phone Brian: 020 8989 8738.

VOLUNTEERS needed for the Age Concern charity shop in Leytonstone High Road. Income from the shop is vital to the work Age Concern does for older people in the Borough. Volunteers of all ages welcome; full training given. Minimum commitment is half a day a week. More information at the shop from manager Patricia Robson. Phone 020 8532 8031 between 9.30am and 4pm.

The BARA Committee 2004/2005

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HIGH ROAD TRAFFIC – MAYHEM OR MYTH?

THE COUNCIL has recently been discussing that perennial problem, traffic in the High Road, so we have been talking to Councillors and Officials about developments. Everybody hates a traffic jam and we'd all like to see the traffic flowing more freely but before condemning the current arrangements, we thought you might like to see some figures which may dispel a few myths.

First, there's never been so much traffic in the High Road – right? Well actually, before the M11 Link was built, 41,500 vehicles a day passed along the road between Church Lane and Gainsborough Road. The figure now is only 9,500.

Aha! But that's because half of them have been diverted along Church Lane! Wrong. Church Lane used to take 17,500 vehicles a day. Now, it takes 6,500.

Mmm. But all the confusion – one-way systems and the like – must have increased accidents! Nope – in the three years before the new system there were 125 accidents in the area covered by the new arrangements. Since then, there have been only 59.

Empty premises

But the shops... we've so many empty premises now, because no-one comes shopping here any longer! Well, sorry but that's also not true. In the four years up to 2001, vacancy levels were between 12.7 and 16.9 per cent. Since then the figure has varied between 8 and 9.8 per cent. That's not to say that we're happy – we're not! We'd like to see more clothes shops, book shops, music shops and so on. But at least we're seeing fewer empty shops.

The key point is that the current one-way system provides an important restraining influence on the levels of traffic using the town centre as a through route. This is all the more important, given the proposed development of "Stratford City" and the current Olympic bid.

Issues to be tackled

There are of course issues which need to be tackled. We're encouraged to use public transport more, but buses take an age to get through the High Road. Well, this problem is being tackled by improving bus priority between the Green Man Roundabout and Gainsborough Road. The aim of the scheme – funded by Transport for London (TfL) – is to improve bus reliability but it is likely also to help the flow of other local traffic. It will involve the installation of traffic signals on all roads entering and leaving the Green Man Roundabout and the modification of the Bush Road junction. In addition there will be improvements to signal control plus the use of CCTV cameras in the central island of the Green Man Roundabout by Whipps Cross Road and at the Bush Road and Gainsborough Road junctions with the High Road. These works will increase TfL's ability to control traffic entering the Town Centre from all directions and reduce the likelihood of traffic becoming congested.

One further possibility which the Council may explore

if the planned works *don't* work is the pedestrianisation of the High Road. The Council monitored traffic when the High Road was closed on the recent Leytonstone "Car Free Day". Apparently Sunday traffic flows are usually around 80 per cent of weekday flows, so the view is that what happened then was reasonably representative of what would happen if the High Road were closed permanently. There was no serious congestion any time during the day although when compared with traffic flows on the following Sunday, there was 16 per cent more traffic in Gainsborough Road, 23 per cent more traffic in Harrow Road, 6 per cent more traffic in Cann Hall Road and 3 per cent more traffic in James Lane. These are significant percentage increases but the actual numbers are small, the highest being 600 extra vehicles a day in Gainsborough Road.

Pedestrianisation?

What do you think? Would you favour the pedestrianisation of the High Road? In addition, the traffic signals around the town centre and at the Bush Road junction have recently been re-phased by TfL. The Council says that the changes have been well received by local businesses. Their view is that traffic conditions have improved both during weekdays and at weekends. But again, what do you think? Have you noticed an improvement?

Let us have your views on both points, and on any other local issues. We'll make sure the Council is made aware of your views.

BRIAN HOPSON

BARA'S BOOKS NOW "TRUE AND FAIR"

AT THE Annual General Meeting (report on page five) it was not possible to present an audited balance sheet since one document was missing. The meeting agreed to accept the unaudited accounts on condition that they would be audited and reported in *The Bush Telegraph*.

The accounts have now been audited by a chartered accountant and now bear the annotation "In my opinion these accounts give a true and fair view of the income expenditure and funds of the Bushwood Area Residents' Association for the year ended 31 July 2004. Emily Clark ACA. 31 October 2004."

While on the subject of the AGM, if anyone would like to see the AGM minutes they can be obtained from Andrew Shields (contact details on page two).

BERN LOWE

Two BARA members have been looking back at our area's history. *Andrew Cole* took his quest for information to the Vestry House Museum, while *Tom Collingwood* remembers how Leytonstone was in the 1930s

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING NUMBERS

by Andrew Cole

HAVE YOU ever wondered why there are no house numbers between 43 and 49 Bushwood? Having lived briefly at 50 Bushwood before making my circuitous way to 71 Bushwood, where I now live, I've always been intrigued about those missing numbers. The usual explanation for these sorts of anomalies is bomb damage but clearly that's not the case here because you could hardly squeeze a cigarette paper between 43 and 49. So I visited Vestry House Museum and did some checking of old Kelly's Directories and maps of the area. They offered up an intriguing explanation – as well as a wealth of additional information about the origins of the road.

As most *Bush Telegraph* readers probably know, Bushwood began its life as Avenue Road in around 1890 with its first – and for several years sole – resident being an Angus Gunn, who lived at Clyth Lodge. Five years later, for reasons I have not been able to establish, it metamorphosed into Bushwood and from then until the First World War it expanded on an annual basis.

In the early years building was largely confined to the top end near Bush Road and each new house bore a name that reflected the tranquillity of the area in those days – Fernlea, Sylvans, Hermitage, Oaklands and Devonian Lodge.

By the turn of the century housing had extended to Leyspring Road and the houses sported a rather more exotic array of names – Llanberis, Sebert, Woodleigh, St Bedes and Wellesley. At the same time a dozen or so had sprung up at the other end of the road leading to and beyond Stanmore Road.

The big change came in 1904-5 when – presumably at the request of the Council or Royal Mail – street numbers were introduced. And that begins to explain the missing numbers. While most of the owners at the top end of Bushwood held on to their house names for many more

years, the rest of the road rapidly went numeric. By 1907 there was an almost continuous sequence from 60 to 82. Gradually – and one suspects reluctantly – the top people fell into line.

However there was a problem: not enough space had been left for the numbers in between. This was compounded by the fact that building was occurring on a piecemeal basis and one substantial piece of land – between 44 and 60 – was left completely undeveloped until the inter-war years. It was only when new homes were finally built here in the mid-1920s to mid-1930s that the problem became clear and by then of course it was far too late.

Of course, answering one question only serves to raise many others. Why, for instance, did this one plot of land remain undeveloped for so long? And how, when they were first issuing numbers, did they miscalculate the footage in this section so badly?

The other thing that struck me was just how stable society was in those days. The first occupant of our house, for instance, was a Charles Perry who arrived in 1905 and was still there in 1926, as were both his next-door neighbours, the Rev William Murray at number 70 and Henry Johnson at 72. By 1931 a Percy Wakefield was living at number 70 while the main householder at 71 was – Mrs Perry. The situation was unchanged at the start of the war. By 1945, though, we see the first signs of the new social mobility. Mrs Perry was still at 71 but there were new occupants at 70 while the Wakefields were now at 72!

But these records of longevity are easily eclipsed by 79 Bushwood, which stayed in the same family for almost 90 years. Kelly's Directory shows that a Robert Chew moved into the house in 1913. Eric Chew (his son?) lived in the same house until earlier this decade. Can anyone beat that?

LEYTONSTONE MEMORIES – FROM ORPHANS TO TRAMS

by Tom Collingwood

HAVING moved from Camberwell in 1930 and left my favourite football team – Dulwich Hamlet – behind, I travelled with the removal van along the Mile End Road and arrived eventually in Leytonstone, a very different area from the one I'd just left.

Schooling here was much the same as in Camberwell except that in Leytonstone there was no boxing on a Friday afternoon. But this was made up for with swimming at Cathall Road Baths and the open playground and the forest at Davies Lane School. Plus we had metal and woodwork classes at Davies Lane! I remember a great bunch of lads joining us from Leytonstone House, formerly an orphanage but now the Tesco site. They were an asset to Davies Lane School although we thought it odd because they were all dressed the same!

Leytonstone was very much summed up by Bearman's

Stores, which was well known all over Essex. However, the area was also grass and trees and ponds. There was plenty of open air in those days and not so many people. Whipps Cross pond was a major feature, and there was also the Green Man pond where we used to drag for newts. Another pond which not a lot of people knew about was the newt pond near the red brick wall behind the Friends' Meeting House in Bush Road.

So what else was remarkable about Leytonstone? Well, obviously in our schooldays we didn't really notice

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Annual General Meeting report

BARA – THE INFLUENTIAL ASSOCIATION THAT GETS THINGS DONE

DESPITE the lure of wine and snacks, attendance at this year's BARA Annual General Meeting was lower than usual due to another event of local interest taking place at the Epicentre. Nevertheless, 28 members turned up at the church hall to hear a summary of activities and discuss the issues that BARA should be pursuing over the next 12 months.

More than 350 households were in membership, a healthy figure but one that can be improved still further with greater publicity. With the ongoing problems of traffic in the High Road and around the Green Man roundabout, the extension of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and the impact of Thames Water's forthcoming excavations along Bushwood, it is more important than ever that BARA speaks for the majority of local residents.

Committee members reported on the many successes of the last year, including objections to unsuitable planning applications, arranging for log benches to be placed so those in need of regular

stops can enjoy the forest, insisting on a more defined role for the First Stop Shop, and promoting the interests of Harvey Road residents in relation to the management of Zulus. In addition, a wide-ranging social programme included quiz nights, a cricket match, litter pick, front garden competition and trip to Walthamstow dog track. In response to questions from the floor, we will continue to follow up complaints of inadequate signage for the CPZ, press for wider local sale of visitor parking permits and keep a watchful eye on Zulus.

During the year, we lost five Committee members – through no fault of our own! – and gained one. We were delighted, therefore, when **Ann Long** and **Liz Hayman** volunteered to join the Committee for 2004/2005. No less pleasant was the vote of thanks proposed by a BARA member for the Committee's hard work. We are pleased to accept; with your help, we hope we can be just as informed and influential over the year to come.

ANDREW SHIELDS

Leytonstone memories– from orphans to trams *continued from page four*

grown-up things but one notable feature of High Road Leytonstone was the trams. They started at the Rising Sun pub and terminated at Aldgate Pump. One consolation was, if you missed a tram there was always another one in sight.

We couldn't afford a radio in those days so a cinema was the answer. There was the Rialto where we also had an occasional stage show, the Rose Cinema which opened later, the Dome by the Midland Railway Station and another cinema near Harrow Green.

The High Road was full of a variety of shops. For instance, there were five butchers between the Midland Railway Station and the Green Man. There were also five public Houses but, alas, no public toilets! Why not? Every Sunday evening the High Road was crowded with people spilling off the pavement onto the roadway, families walking along looking in all the shops with their wonderful window displays. A well-known fruiterers, Israel's, was at the corner of Browning Road and later Swans and the Hole in the Wall sold fruit where the Two Brewers pub used to be. A local character from Harvey Road was always to be found selling fruit and vegetables – for instance, very reasonable Victoria plums at two old pence a pound – from his barrow outside the pubs.

When the trams went, the traffic speeded up. A well-known Councillor had the idea of putting a bridge over the road by Gainsborough Road, and closing his own road to traffic. But he didn't get much benefit – within a few years, he had moved.

We had trolley-buses after the trams, a great innovation. They put railings up to stop people running into the road, but all the railings did was stop the cows –



The Crystal Palace fire of 1936 – visible from Leybourne Road

which still roamed freely until recently – from getting on the pavement. I remember coming across six cows being herded back to Leytonstone by a policewoman at Stratford Church!

Other memories? Well, I remember when the Green Man crossroads was a public horse trough, a telephone box and a couple of bus stops. How different from today! I remember watching the great Crystal Palace fire from a tree in Leybourne Road on 30 November 1936! I also remember that Leytonstone suffered a lot from bombing in the Second World War. For instance, bombs fell on Kirkdale Road and Mornington Road.

In those days, Leytonstone was a good, clean and respected area. I would like to think that we can recapture the good things that have gone and keep the good things we have now.

SOMETHING NASTY IN THE CELLAR

DOES anyone else have a cellar that floods at the first sign of rain?

We moved into our house in Bushwood about six years ago and within a few weeks our cellar was knee-deep in rain water. We bailed by hand only to see it seep through the cellar walls again the next time it rained. The fire brigade couldn't help because it wasn't sewage and because it hadn't reached the electrics.

The insurance company sent investigators round and they put a camera down the drain and found that it was totally blocked. The drain is badly cracked and the water attracts tree roots which eventually block the drain and force the water back and into our cellar. There are temporary solutions but the problem recurs about once a year.

We know that other houses nearby have water in the cellar and some have installed pumps but we wonder how widespread the problem is. If you have a similar problem let us know in case we can combine forces. E-mail valerixclark@hotmail.com or ring us on 020 8530 4847.

Val Clark
Bushwood



Write on!



The column for BARA members

Readers' letters and comments are always most welcome. Drop yours through any committee member's door – addresses on page two. (Please note that the opinions expressed are members' personal views and they do not necessarily reflect BARA's policies.)

MEMORIES OF MICHAEL ROAD

I WAS very interested in the report in the recent BT of the local history walk. I have lived in Michael Road since I was born (1919) except for seven years prior to the outbreak of war, but my grandparents still lived here then.

Regarding Michael and Lister Road, these are quite modern names. Lister Road was originally Cowley Road and Michael Road was Wellesley Road (they were built on the estate of Earl of Cowley [Lord Wellesley]). The names were changed some time after the end of the last war because of confusion for the Post Office, there being a Wellesley Road and a Cowley Road in Wanstead with the same post code.

My maternal great-grandmother lived in, as it was then, 40 Wellesley Road, while her sons were building houses in the road – they actually finished building the house in which I live.

My grandfather attended the school that stood on the site of McDonalds. Apparently Bearman's ("Top Shop" as it was known) must have incorporated some of the school building as the head master's study was still intact when the Co-op took over.

I noticed the comments regarding Council/ex-Council property. Actually, prior to the War, there was not any Council housing in Leytonstone. Every house or block of flats built just after the War was for people who had lost their homes during the War, and they were built on bomb sites. Even John Drinkwater Tower was built to re-house people from – I think – the Cathall Estate.

My father's grandfather lived in the Hollies in what was then Cowley Road and according to my father, his grandfather bought the house from the builder (who lived in it) because his wife objected to her view being spoiled by the new houses that were being built!

Ada Buckhurst
Michael Road

Controlled Parking Zone problems

MY ROAD (Leyspring Road) was not included in the CPZ scheme. I have already written of my concern to BARA, stating that people who usually park in a CPZ are now not eligible, so park elsewhere. As a result, I have never known my road to be so congested. Why the whole area did not approve the scheme is beyond me. It has not been thought out. If I cannot park in my road or a road out of the scheme, where do I park?

Though I own one car, I do not agree with the high amount charged for second car owners.

Linda Brockless
Leyspring Road

BARA e-mail addresses

THANKS to all those who have let me have their e-mail addresses to make it easier and quicker for us to get BARA information – such as early notice of our **Star of India** evening – round to members. So far, we have around 45 addresses but many more of you must have use of e-mail. If so, why not e-mail me on brianhopson@lycos.com so that I can add you to the list? We'll only use your address to send you BARA stuff and we'll ensure that no-one can click on "reply to all" and flood your in-box. Promise!

BRIAN HOPSON

Leytonstone Business Forum news

THE LATEST meeting of the Leytonstone Business Forum was attended by our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Street Wardens who explained their roles and responsibilities.

BARA and the Forum are keen to develop good relationships with our law enforcement authorities and this is reciprocated. We can attend all sorts of meetings and put our case but in the end it is individuals who make up our community so if you see PCSOs or Street Wardens, have a chat to them. They are quite nice people!

Also at the meeting it was explained that new police officers come to Leytonstone (among other places) to get experience on the street. BARA suggested that some of this experience could be gained by enforcing the box junction regulations at the Bush Road/High Road junction which would enable pedestrians to cross the road more easily.

BARA will continue to develop the relationship with Leytonstone Business Forum and report back to you.

BERN LOWE

BARA MAKES OBJECTIONS TO NEW COUNCIL PLAN

AT THE last AGM (and the one before, and I think the one before that) I mentioned the Council's new Unitary Development Plan (UDP). This is a document setting out how the Council intends to decide planning applications; it matters to us as residents and to BARA because the buildings which the Council allows to be put up may change the character of our area.

BARA has made a number of detailed comments on the draft UDP, but we have made two main objections.

One relates to what our part of Leytonstone is *for*: we consider that the Council should be aiming to foster Leytonstone as an attractive place to live for people who are commuting to jobs (especially in central London) and who can choose to live elsewhere, and that the Council should not go out of its way to encourage employment in our area, other than the jobs which arise naturally to serve local people, like shops and hairdressers and car repairers.

The other main objection relates to so-called "car-free developments", where blocks of flats or small houses may be deliberately built inside the CPZ with too little car parking for all the residents and they are not allowed to get permits to park in the CPZ. We do not think this idea will work: for one thing, the residents in these developments will still own cars, and may just park them as near as they can, increasing the overcrowding on the streets just outside the boundary of the CPZ.

The public enquiry into the draft UDP has now (at last) been arranged and will take place in January 2005. BARA will be heard on the morning of **Thursday 13 January, beginning at 10am.** (Unfortunately, there is no flexibility about the time which has been allocated to us, and in particular it seems impossible for us to be heard at a time outside normal working hours.)

I will be presenting BARA's case at the enquiry. On car-free developments, I will try to say what is needed on my own. **On what Leytonstone is *for*, it would be very helpful if there were also some other BARA members to explain why they have chosen to live here and stay here when they could have moved elsewhere.**

We already have three or four volunteers, but one or two more would be very welcome. (Also, someone living in Harvey Road told us on our form at the beginning of 2004 that they would be willing to do this, but did not give their name or any contact details.)

This should only involve spending perhaps half an hour with me so I can check what you will be saying and make sure I ask you the right questions, and then attending the enquiry to answer questions first from me on behalf of BARA and then from the Inspector and the Council's representatives. If you are able to help in this way, please be in touch with me at 137 Mornington Road (020 8539 9783). ROBERT GAY

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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| <p>STAR OF INDIA restaurant
875 High Road
phone: 020 8989 4028</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>VIDEOBUFFS
696 High Road
phone: 020 8539 9695
10am-10pm seven days a week</p> | <p>Discounts are: Rent a movie and get second free. Buy one hour on Internet and get second hour free.</p> |
| <p>BILLINGFORD LTD
phone 020 8533 1188</p> | <p>25% off all Corgi plumbing and heating services. All types of work undertaken.</p> |
| <p>NATURE'S CHOICE
(health food) 47 Church Lane</p> | <p>10% off all items.</p> |
| <p>DOOR TO DOOR (ready meals)...
phone: 07870 157392
(Sally or Mary)</p> | <p>Lunch and dinner on a weekly basis (M-F). £10 a day, delivered to your door. 10% discount.</p> |
| <p>BUBBLES (hats and clothes)
698 High Road</p> | <p>10% off everything.</p> |
| <p>PRIMROSE FLORIST.....
741 High Road</p> | <p>10% off purchases over £50.</p> |
| <p>CENTURY 21 (estate agents) ...
Church Lane</p> | <p>30% off standard commission rate.</p> |
| <p>ZAIN GREETINGS
(cards, gifts, stationery)
48 Church Lane</p> | <p>10% off all cards and gifts (except special offers/sale items).</p> |
| <p>DOGS DINNER
(pet and garden shop)
23 Kirkdale Road</p> | <p>10% off accessories. Other items 5% off purchases over £5.</p> |
| <p>DEANNA DONOVAN (beauty...
and skincare):working from home</p> | <p>10% off treatments
phone: 8558 7223.</p> |
| <p>BANSAL OPTOMETRISTS
775 High Road</p> | <p>10% off goods over £50.</p> |
| <p>NATIONAL SCHOOLWEAR...
841 High Road
(Near McDonalds)</p> | <p>10% off general schoolwear. They also stock things like Brownie uniforms.</p> |
| <p>IRONICA (ironware and gifts)...
853 High Road</p> | <p>10% off everything (except Sale items).</p> |
| <p>MONARCH SPORTS
815 High Road</p> | <p>10% off purchases over £100.</p> |
| <p>MEMORIES
Photographic Services
829 High Road</p> | <p>10% off one-hour or 24-hour film processing. 10% off 35mm and APS reprints. 5% off films.</p> |
| <p>FRESH WATER FILTER CO....
Carlton House, Aylmer Road</p> | <p>10% off all purchases.</p> |
| <p>THE RELAXATION PLACE....
(aromatherapy face & body treatments):corner Browning Road and High Road (740A)</p> | <p>Free aromatherapy treatment with your first appointment: phone 8539 0001.</p> |

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