



# The Bush Telegraph

*The quarterly newsletter of The Bushwood Area Residents Association*

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## **Editorial**

AS RESIDENTS of Leytonstone and members of BARA, we are all concerned about the environment in which we live – not just the “green” environment, although that’s of course important, but also the state of the High Road, traffic congestion, shopping, schools... But at the heart of the way we live and the things that concern us is our town centre, and the extent to which it meets our needs.

That’s why the BARA Committee was very pleased to welcome Anne Bonsor, the Head of Regeneration Programmes in the Chief Executive’s Office at Waltham Forest Council, to our June meeting. Waltham Forest has three town centres but only two posts involved in town centre management. This means that something has to give and Anne has been looking at how the impact of Regeneration Programme resources can be maximised through the use of a team approach. In the last year, Rubie Charalambous has been covering both Walthamstow and Leytonstone town centres with support from the Council’s business support officers, for instance on the Leytonstone Business Forum. This is an approach the Council is keen to continue, as there are many small business issues in Leytonstone.

BARA’s view is that there should be a named individual responsible for our town centre and this was one of the points we made to Anne. She is now looking at including within the team approach (which the Council plans soon to adopt formally) a named contact for us and the other Waltham Forest town centres, an approach which we welcome.

The other areas we discussed with Anne included parking, farmers’ markets, the use of St. John’s Churchyard, public conveniences, street cleaning, graffiti, CCTV, planning delays and how to attract more and better shops to the area.

### **Park free**

On parking, we argued strongly that there was a need for shoppers to be able to park free in the Church Lane shoppers’ car park and the parking bays in the High Road. Our concern was that shoppers are at present unable just to pop into local shops when they are driving home, for instance, because there is nowhere to stop for a few minutes without payment or the risk of a parking ticket. Ann will discuss these points with colleagues who have responsibility for parking policy.

On farmers’ markets, the prospects were gloomy, Anne said. The Council had tried to persuade such markets to come here, and would try again. However, those responsible for such markets had so far said no to Leytonstone (and indeed to Walthamstow).

### **Attractive feature**

Both we and Anne were keen to find a way to enable the public to make better use of St. John’s churchyard, which Anne described as a very attractive feature of the area. The problem is finding a way of using it which preserves the nature of the land. Not easy, but we’ll all keep thinking – please do let us have your views!

We argued that the town centre needed public conveniences which opened later than those near to the

Matalan Car Park. Money is the problem here – the Council see a need for conveniences to be attended while open – but Anne recognized our concerns and will look into the issue. On CCTV, our point was that there was confusion about whether the existing CCTV cameras actually worked. Again, Anne will check on the position and see what can be done.

### **More retail shops**

Finally we argued that although we were very pleased with some of the developments in the town centre - the new Horizon patisserie, for instance, and the new-style Café La Rosh – we felt there was a need for more retail shops. Were there any incentives the Council could offer? And could planning permission for such shops – which we understood was sometimes very slow in coming – be speeded up? Anne explained the problems of attracting retail shops to an area where the local use of local shops (because so many of our residents shop in town after work) was relatively low. She pointed out that the town centre had a thriving evening economy and we accepted and welcomed this. However, we all agreed that if parking could be reformed, if the area could be looked after properly – street cleaning is fine, but there is still room for improvement as far as the removal of graffiti is concerned – and if residents themselves were to make better use of local shops, there was a chance of improving our retail coverage. This is something the Town Centre Manager, when appointed, will need to address and Anne agreed to let us have a copy of the town centre business plan to see whether there are any constructive suggestions we can make. We intend to meet the new Town Centre Manager when s/he is appointed and on a regular basis thereafter.

We were very grateful indeed to Anne for giving up an evening to come to talk to us – thank you, Anne!

### **Musical chairs!**

And finally, an entirely different subject – musical chairs! BARA’s Chair, Bern Lowe, has taken on a lot of additional commitments recently and has had to step back just a bit from the demands of chairing our organisation. With the full support of the Committee, therefore, Bern has swapped places with Katy Smith, our Vice-Chair, and Katy has agreed to lead BARA forward, at least until our AGM in September. Thanks very much for all your hard work, Bern, and for agreeing to continue as Vice-Chair. And Katy – don’t work too hard!

BRIAN HOPSON

### **SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

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

# SOCIAL EVENTS

Laura: 020 8532 9553

Katy: 020 8556 5162

## Litter Pick

Sunday 10 July 2005 between 11am and 1pm

Don't forget our annual litter pick in the forest! As always we will have the Gazebo pitched on the forest where Leyspring Road meets Bushwood and will be providing mechanical picker-uppers and strong plastic sacks – but do bring your own gardening gloves. To encourage you all, we will provide cold drinks and lollipops for the kids, so take the opportunity to meet your neighbours and fellow BARA members. See you there.

## The annual BARA cricket match

We are trying to find a venue to hire that won't render us bankrupt for our summer cricket match. If we succeed we'll e-mail everyone with the details, so make sure that we have your e-mail address so that you don't miss out on all the latest news and views.

◆ We'd like to keep you up to date with social events as they are arranged, so why not **join our e-mail list?** Just send an e-mail including your street address to [bara@level.globalnet.co.uk](mailto:bara@level.globalnet.co.uk)

◆ *The Social Team will be working on autumn events for the September issue of the BT to brighten up those long dark nights up to Christmas.*

◆ Don't forget that you can **borrow the BARA Gazebo** free of charge if you are a member. We also have a children's inflatable football goal for summer parties. Phone Katy: 020 8556 5162.

## Extras around Leytonstone

THE WOODHOUSE PLAYERS are putting on *Metamorphosis* by Steven Berkoff (after Kafka), an exciting and thought-provoking piece of physical theatre – right on our doorstep!! It will be at the Welsh Church Hall, Leytonstone High Road from Thursday 14 July – Saturday 16 July (8pm nightly). There will also be a matinee on Saturday 16 July at 3pm. A special schools performance will be presented at 7pm on Tuesday 12 July, followed by a Q&A session with the cast (public welcome). Prices are only £6.00/£3.00 cons. **ADVANCE BOOKING ONLY:** phone 020 8504 3872 or [www.littleboxoffice.com](http://www.littleboxoffice.com). See [www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk](http://www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk) for more information.

## Leytonstone Car Free Day

The next Leytonstone Car Free Day will be on Sunday 18 September. As before, events will be centred in the area around the Tube and bus stations. KATY SMITH

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**BOOK GROUP.** If anyone is interested in forming a Bushwood Book Group to meet monthly/six-weekly please phone Liz Hayman: 07969 407886 or e-mail [liz.hayman@telecity.com](mailto:liz.hayman@telecity.com)

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

**COMPUTER** support, Internet set-up and website design: [www.hoshii.co.uk](http://www.hoshii.co.uk). Phone Mark: 07815 823650.

**DELL INSPIRON** 5150 top end laptop for sale. 3.06 GHz Pentium 4 HT, 60 GB hard disk (7,200 rpm), 512 MB RAM, 15" screen – UXGA (1600x1200), windows XP + all original software, CD RW = DVD (burns CDs, reads DVDs), USB2 + firewire sockets, wireless networking – great for broadband. £600 ono. Phone Tim: 020 8539 4558 or 07960 637963.

**DRUM TEACHER:** Experienced drummer and teacher. Teaches all ages. Phone Josh: 07712836648

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

**GOOD** cleaner looking for more work. Reliable, honest, can supply references. Phone Sue: 020 8923 7823

**GUITAR** lessons for beginners from the comfort of your own home. 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.

**LEYTONSTONE** freelancers: Are you freelance/self-employed working from home? I'm looking for fellow freelancers to set up an informal business/social support group in this area – freelancers from the Leytonstone/Wanstead areas welcome. Members can come from all walks of life – graphic designers, management consultants, writers, researchers, artists, personal development coaches, journalists, financial consultants, PR advisers, human resources consultants, fitness trainers, IT consultants, photographers etc. If you're interested please e-mail me: [aningeneva@yahoo.com](mailto:aningeneva@yahoo.com).

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# NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

by Katy Smith

AS YOU can see from the signature at the head of this little note, I have taken over from Bern Lowe as Chair until our AGM in September, when Committee members are elected. I'd like to thank Bern for all his hard work over the last year and for his continuing contribution by attending local community and Business Forum meetings on behalf of BARA.

We are now sliding into summer and the weather appears to be improving which has helped with the

judging of the Front Garden and Window Box Competition, of which more on page six. The year just seems to zoom by as we all dash about in our busy lives at work and with our families but we should take some time out to reflect on what is happening in our area and I hope that you will find this edition of the BT an interesting and stimulating read. I hope it will encourage many of you to get involved in BARA events and – who knows! – even join the Committee!

## Getting rid of worn-out furnishings? Can't get to the Council's dump?

# CLARENCE WOULD LOVE THAT OLD SETTEE!

WE ALL hate seeing rubbish dumped in our streets or on the forest, and it's all the more irritating since the Council does actually provide a very good – and usually free – special removal service for large items. Each household can ask for up to three such collections a year (1 April to 31 March) by calling

**Clarence** on 0800 23 23 23.

If you've more than that to take away, further collections can be provided at a cost starting at £23.50 (£20.00 plus VAT). All collections are carried out within 10 working days.

Here are some examples of what the Council will take away under these arrangements:

- ◆ up to 10 light sacks of household or garden waste
- ◆ a three-piece suite
- ◆ a dining room suite (table and four chairs)
- ◆ one double, or two single wardrobes
- ◆ a bed and mattress
- ◆ one item of white goods (fridge/cooker/washing machine/dishwasher/spin-dryer/freezer etc or similar appliance)

In fact, this service is available for most types of household items but it doesn't include fixtures and fittings, carpets, construction waste (bricks, rubble, concrete, patio slabs etc) or garden fixtures (sheds, garages, fencing and so on).

Remember, to request a Special Collection just call **Clarence** on 0800 23 23 23.

BRIAN HOPSON

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**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.

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

**THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE.** Therapist on your doorstep! Experience the bliss of being pampered, feeling relaxed and releasing stress. 22 Stanmore Road. Phone Helen: 0208 989 3840.

**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 from the shop manager, Patricia Robson. Phone 020 8532 8031 between 9.30am and 4pm.

**WANTED.** A sample machinist or dressmaker. Please phone Ms Scott: 020 8539 5609.

### The BARA Committee 2004/2005

<b>David Dowsett</b>	74 Mornington Road
<b>Robert Gay</b>	137 Mornington Road
<b>Liz Hayman: Planning</b>	54 Leyspring Road
<b>Ann Long: Treasurer/Membership</b>	43 Michael Road
<b>Bernard Lowe: Vice-Chair</b>	56 Browning Road
<b>Andrew Shields: Secretary</b>	9 Hartley Road
<b>Katy Smith: Chair/Social</b>	37a Harvey Road
<b>Laura Whitehead: Social</b>	44 Stanmore Road

The March 2005 edition of *The Bush Telegraph* carried Part One of Rob Wilkinson's intriguing new series on local pubs and their history, beginning with O'Neill's and Annie McNamara's. Now Part Two starts Rob's description of

## A PUB TRAWL DOWN LEYTONSTONE HIGH ROAD

LAST TIME I described the history of the Green Man/O'Neill's, which for most of its 350 years of existence was a coaching inn. In this edition we continue with three more pubs a bit less long in the tooth.

### NORTH STAR

This was not originally built as a pub but is a conversion of two cottages – you can see this in the way the bar is built into the right side and a serving hatch is knocked through into the former cottage on the left. Both are listed in the 1858 Leyton Ratebook, but by the 1861 census the North Star name appears and Frederick Wildsmith is listed as a beer retailer. The land was owned by Earl Cowley of Wanstead House, but appears to have been leased by the Charrington family, brewers, who lived nearby at Leyspring House. Interestingly this was always a Charrington house when breweries actually owned and ran pubs. They gave their permission to the Wildsmiths for the conversion. Frederick had once gone to sea on the North Star, a two-masted sailing vessel. That was his one and only voyage, but he commemorated it in the name he gave to his pub. The present rather faded pub sign mistakenly depicts a nineteenth-century steam engine of the same name.

#### **Diluting the beer**

There is very little else to add. The pub continues to be a popular back street establishment hidden away in Browning Road. It was originally licensed as a beerhouse – it could only sell beer. Only in 1939 could it stock wine – it got a full licence in 1959 enabling it to sell spirits as well. The only incident of note that I have discovered in the archives was in 1897 when the then licensee was cautioned for diluting the beer.

### WALNUT TREE

Leytonstone's most recent licensed establishment, this is a typical JD Wetherspoon's conversion, in this case of a former gym in a row of shops. It opened in 1997. The name comes from the nearby Walnut Tree House. There is a display on the wall at the rear of the pub which gives the history of Walnut Tree House (plus other framed displays of local Leytonstone history).

### SHEEPWALK

This was until very recently the **Crown** (the name changed in April 1998) and was possibly named to commemorate Charles II who hunted in Leytonstone. The earliest reference I have found is on title deeds dated 1720. The annual rent of £8.00 was paid to the Lord of the Manor of Ruckholt (the manor house was where the marshalling

yards at Temple Mills now are). Because it was owned by Robert Harrington (1589-1654) who was originally from Witham on the Hill near Bourne in Lincolnshire, income from the Crown Inn and other land in Leyton and Leytonstone known as the Bourne Estate went to the poor of this small town. This was the case right up to the twentieth century. The site in 1828 comprised the pub, an adjacent cottage and a piece of land called Tumbling Mead. In 1839 the inn was described as having a yard and stabling to the rear – in the nineteenth century most of the licensed premises down the High Road had stables in order to cater for the increasing number of people going to and from London. The Nice family ran the pub for 50 years from 1832 to at least 1882, which must be a local record.

#### **Lincrusta**

In 1888 the present building was erected in the late Victorian style of the period. It was ornately decorated inside and had a wonderful embossed paper ceiling. In 1986 the local CAMRA Good Beer Guide described it thus – “Outstanding ceiling of ‘Lincrusta’ imprinted with entwined strange mythological creatures once picked out with gold leaf”. Unfortunately Charrington's, who leased the pub by then, ripped out all of the Victorian bar fittings, including the ceiling paper, soon after.

Another local connection occurs as the pub was leased in the 1890s by Barclay Perkins (later part of Courage). The Barclay side of the firm is the same family as the Quaker bankers who lived in the nineteenth century at Knotts Green, off Lea Bridge Road, Leyton.

#### **Jug and bottle**

In 1907, in common with many other pubs, a jug and bottle department was created so that small children could carry on buying their sweets (there was a crackdown on children in licensed premises because of the worry about drunkenness). During the Second World War the first floor billiards room was occupied by the Ministry of Labour and National Service. A door was sealed to prevent access to the licensed part of the premises. This was handed back to the pub in 1953.

The era of the Big Four brewing giants that owned

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## New bus scheme could improve High Road traffic flow

AS YOU'LL remember from recent editions of the BT, the Council and Transport for London (TfL) are planning works intended to improve the traffic flow in the High Road.

The main aim is to improve bus priority between the Green Man Roundabout and Gainsborough Road but the changes are also likely to help the flow of other local traffic. Work will include 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 at the Hollybush Hill entry to the Green Man Roundabout 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.

We now understand that the CCTV cameras should be installed and operating this month. The main works will take place later this year and will be complete early in 2006.

BRIAN HOPSON

## WILDLIFE RESCUED AS PIPELINE PLANS DELAYED

### Relocation project brings new homes for hundreds

AS THOSE of you on our e-mail list will know, Thames Water's application to build a desalination plant at Beckton, which would necessitate the building of a pipeline across the Flats and then along the Bushwood carriageway, has been turned down by Ken Livingstone's Greater London Authority (GLA). Thames Water tell me that they are disappointed by the GLA's decision, but that they have now provided Mr Livingstone with more information about their plans. Consultations on the decision are under way.

Meanwhile, pipeline design work is continuing and you may have noticed in recent weeks men with spades, wheelbarrows and large plastic trays working on the Flats. They have been moving some 200–300 anthills away from the intended pipeline route between Forest Drive and Bushwood. This work was done with the agreement of the Epping Forest Conservators. One of our former Committee members, Judy Scott, tells me that the ants probably owe their salvation to the need to protect the green woodpeckers in Bushwood. Apparently the birds pop across to Wanstead Flats and Wanstead Park to feed on the poor insects. If it's not Thames Water, it's a green woodpecker ....

We continue to be in close touch with Thames Water, and will let you know as soon as we have any further information about the future of the plant and the pipeline. (And the woodpeckers. And the ants.)

BRIAN HOPSON

### ***Do you have any BARA membership queries? Then read on ...***

**SET OUT below is a list of those people – Committee members and helpers – who cover individual roads in the area for BARA. If you have a membership query, please have a word with your street representative who will make sure it is sorted out!**

**Contact details for those responsible for particular areas of BARA's work are shown in the Committee list on page three of this edition of the BT.**

•Aylmer Road	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•Barclay Road	Robert Gay, 137 Mornington Road
•Barfield Road	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•Beacontree Road	Cyril Robson, 49 Beacontree Road
•Browning Road	Bern Lowe, 56 Browning Road
•Bush View	David Dowsett, 74 Mornington Road
•Bushwood	To be announced
•Carlton Road	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•Dacre Road	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•Grove Road	To be announced
•Hartley Road	Andrew Shields, 9 Hartley Road
•Harvey Road	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•High Road	To be announced
•Leybourne Road	Jo Pilc, 57 Leybourne Road
•Leyspring Road	Liz Hayman, 54 Leyspring Road
•Lister Road	Ann Long, 43 Michael Road
•Michael Road	Ann Long, 43 Michael Road
•Mornington Road	David Dowsett, 74 Mornington Road
•St. Augustine's Court	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•St. John's Court	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•St. Mary's Court	Katy Smith, 37a Harvey Road
•Stanmore Road	Laura Whitehead, 44 Stanmore Road
•Woodbridge House	David Dowsett, 74 Mornington Road
•Woodville Road	Laura Whitehead, 44 Stanmore Road

# IT'S SUMMER AND BARA'S IN BLOOM!

## Front Garden and Window Box Competition

THE Front Garden and Window Box Competition was judged on 10 June, rather than 8 June, due to unforeseen circumstances. The judges tramped throughout the Bushwood Area to hunt out worthy winners. We felt that although even more front gardens are being turned into parking spaces, there were a few more colourful gardens than last year but we all need to try a bit harder! It's difficult when we all live such busy lives but maybe we should be taking time out to relax and do some gardening to relieve the stress of modern day living.

Some of the gardens were very simple, others very colourful and others full of lovely shrubs, so it was quite difficult for the judges to agree on the final winners. However, we came to a decision without having to swap too many blows and retired to our local Chinese Restaurant for a well-earned dinner and drink to celebrate completing the task.

Out of 31 gardens picked as being good enough to be judged, eight were not eligible for a prize as they were not BARA members. So if you have neighbours with a beautiful garden, tell them what they're missing if they don't belong to BARA!

### A PUB TRAWL DOWN LEYTONSTONE HIGH ROAD

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most of the pubs was brought to an end by a 1989 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report that recommended that no brewery should own more than 200 pubs. Charrington's were forced to get rid of a lot of their estate, this being one of them, and the pub was renamed and redecorated in a vaguely Irish-themed style.

#### Information needed

If you have any memories of these pubs or indeed any other in Waltham Forest I would be very interested in recording your memories either as a customer or better still if you worked behind the bar. You can contact me on 020 8530 4847 or e-mail robert.@wilkinson1951.freemove.co.uk. You can see a comprehensive history of each establishment (including for some pubs personal testimonies of former staff) on [www.wforalhistory.org.uk](http://www.wforalhistory.org.uk). Go to "Books", then to "Behind the Bar".

#### Next time....

Two more "locals", the Two Brewers and the Robin Hood. Never heard of them? – well, one has already been mentioned in a previous BARA newsletter.

ROB WILKINSON, BUSHWOOD

#### *The winners are:*

◆ **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**      **23 Browning Road**

*Last year's winners have excelled themselves again and we will all have to work very hard to beat this lovely garden.*

◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**      **6 Beacontree Road**

*A lovely show of colour in small borders and pots.*

◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**      **12 Harvey Road**

*Very simple and minimalist with a lovely show of large white daisy-like flowers.*

The judges would like to congratulate the winners and encourage all those who have been nurturing their front gardens and window boxes to keep up the good work. Start planning now for next year's competition and see if you can come up smelling of roses and win first prize.

#### Quiz Night

### **BARA wins another victory**

WE HAD an excellent evening again at the Ex-Servicemen's Club in April when we held the first of the two Quiz Night competitions we hold each year. The date, 23 April – St. George's Day – was marked by a question round called "Saints Alive (and Dead)!" and the usual social atmosphere prevailed. Our numbers were up on last October – 54 people came from both BARA and the Club – and everyone enjoyed themselves. Even the markers took part – if they had recorded their scores, they would have come in third! Bern Lowe, who chaired the event, told us that he was a little disappointed that there was no barracking, much to his surprise and in spite of threats to the contrary, because he had prepared some ad-libs in readiness. Once again a BARA team took the coveted medals and bottles of wine for the winners; we'll draw a veil over who got the lemons.

One of our ex-Committee members who I'm sure you will all know, Jo Pilc, ran the raffle and a plant stall to raise money for a charity trip she was doing to Brazil to take part in a library project there. She's now back at home and we hope she might agree to write an article on her adventure for the next edition.

The next Quiz Night will be held in October: watch out for the date in the September BT.

**Leytonstone Business Forum**

**FORUM AIRS SUPERMARKET PARKING RIGHTS**

THE FORUM is now formally constituted and has set up four sub-committees: Traffic & Highways; Economic Development; Security & Licensing; and Environment and Community Support.

Traffic & Highways have started a dialogue with LBWF on parking in the town centre and the council is investigating additional signage for the existing car parks. It was a condition of Tesco's planning consent that their car park should not be for the exclusive use of their customers and additional signs to this effect have been requested. It was suggested that the station car park be made a multi-storey.

In conjunction with BARA, the Leytonstone Business Forum has put pressure on LBWF to activate fully the CCTV cameras at the Tube and bus stations.

BARA will continue to liaise closely with the Forum on matters of mutual interest.

BERN LOWE

**WORKING FOR A SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**Police meet BARA Committee**

**THE Community Police Team is no more, but don't worry, it's simply been renamed the Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhoods Team. Its aim remains to help deal with community issues and make the streets of Leytonstone Ward safer so that residents can lead relaxed and peaceful lives.**

The BARA Committee was very pleased to welcome Richard Cracknell and Jahangir ("J") Hussain to our May meeting to discuss the work of the Team. J and Richard are two of the three Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) members of the Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhoods team, the other being Arif Ismail. The team is headed by Police Sergeant Colin Parker and also includes Police Constables Stuart Murray and Carl Johnson.

**Meeting local people**

The Team is now up and running. Team members have been meeting local people and have been pleased with the welcome they have received. Some literature is enclosed with this edition of the BT but, in brief, they can help in a variety of ways, for instance by offering crime prevention advice, by following up reports of local problems, through intensive operations designed to clear up persistent concerns, by working with local shops and by tackling anti-social behaviour.

**Late night patrol**

One recent example of their work came about as a result of discussions with BARA and the Leytonstone Business Forum, on which Bern Lowe, our Vice-Chair, sits as an observer. The team were told about problems in the Harvey Road, Barclay Road, High Road and Mornington Road area and set up a late night patrol on Friday and Saturday 3 and 4 June. At the time of writing the final outcomes of the patrol are not available, but we're told that a number of warnings were given and recorded and arrests were made, including one for drink-driving. The Team plans more such sweeps in future in response to local concerns.

The Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhoods Team wants to know more about what we want and how they can respond to the needs of the area. They plan to hold a public meeting on Tuesday 5 July at 8pm in the Methodist Church Hall on the corner of the High Road and Lister Road. All are welcome to attend, meet the local team and let them have views on how they can best contribute to a safer Leytonstone.

**Contact the Team**

The Team can be contacted about any concerns you may have on 020 8345 2522 and on 07766 442713. If you don't get an answer, don't give up – leave a message and they promise to get back to you asap.

BARA is strongly in support of this initiative. If you can't get along to the meeting and would like to let us have your views on the Team and its work, please drop a note through any Committee member's door, or send BARA an e-mail ([bara@level.globalnet.co.uk](mailto:bara@level.globalnet.co.uk)). We'll print your comments in the next edition of *The Bush Telegraph* and will make sure that the Team is made aware of what our members think.

BRIAN HOPSON

**BARA REQUESTS EXTENSION TO STREET DRINKING BAN**

THE STREET DRINKING BAN seems to be improving things in Browning Road where most of the drinking took place, thanks to the Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhoods Team following requests from BARA. We hear that the problem might have just been moved to other areas, in particular near Hartley Road and Bushwood. We are therefore asking the Council to extend the area covered to include all of the Bushwood Area and will let you know how this goes.

BERN LOWE

**BETTER VALUE FROM BARA!**

**LOCAL SHOPPING DISCOUNTS!**

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!!**

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| <b>MELVYN BROWN</b> (photocopier and office machine repair)<br>phone: 020 8530 3569  | £10 (i.e. 20%) off first hour's labour for local area calls.  |
| <b>CAFÉ LA ROSH</b> .....<br>Church Lane   | 10% off the price of all purchases  |
| <b>BEING SOUND</b> (voice workshops and 1to1 voicework, counselling, psychotherapy)<br>phone: 020 8556 8363<br>mobile: 07956 437372<br>e-mail: jas@beingsound.com<br>website: www.beingsound.com | 15% discount on day workshops, half of full price for Friday evening workshops. Negotiable reductions on 1to1 work. |

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| <b>STAR OF INDIA</b> restaurant .....<br>875 High Road<br>phone: 020 8989 4028 | 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. |
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| <b>VIDEOBUFFS</b> .....<br>696 High Road<br>phone: 020 8539 9695<br>10am–10pm seven days a week | Discounts are: Rent a movie and get second free. Buy one hour on Internet and get second hour free. |
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| <b>BILLINGFORD LTD</b> .....<br>phone: 020 8503 0404 | 25% off all Corgi plumbing and heating services. All types of work undertaken. |
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| <b>NATURE'S CHOICE</b> .....<br>(health food) 47 Church Lane | 10% off all items. |
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| <b>DOOR TO DOOR</b> (ready meals).<br>phone: 07870 157392<br>(Sally or Mary) | Lunch and dinner on a weekly basis (M-F). £10 a day, delivered to your door. 10% discount. |
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| <b>BUBBLES</b> (hats and clothes) .....<br>698 High Road | 10% off everything. |
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| <b>PRIMROSE FLORIST</b> .....<br>741 High Road | 10% off purchases over £50. |
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| <b>CENTURY 21</b> (estate agents) .....<br>Church Lane | 30% off standard commission rate. |
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| <b>ZAIN GREETINGS</b> .....<br>(cards, gifts, stationery)<br>48 Church Lane | 10% off all cards and gifts (except special offers/sale items). |
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**PLANNING**

THE Planning Department allowed the application mentioned in the last BT for three additional rooms to be added to 2 Hartley Road. New planning applications which have been sent to us by the Council's Planning Department and on which we've commented are:

**646-648 High Road:** change of use of ground floor from offices to sandwich/coffee bar.

**Thames Water pipeline:** application now on hold – see separate article, page five.

**6-8 Carlton Road:** erection of 2x2-bed two-storey houses.

**Rear of 682-684 High Road (backing on to Carlton Road):** demolition of existing warehouse and erection of 4x2-bed houses and provision of paved courtyard.

**Primark:** alteration to front elevation involving installation of a new goods entrance.

Further information and copies of BARA's submissions on any of the above applications can be obtained from me (contact details in the Committee list on page three).

LIZ HAYMAN

**BETTER VALUE FROM BARA (continued)**

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| <b>DOGS DINNER</b> .....<br>(pet and garden shop)<br>23 Kirkdale Road | 10% off accessories. Other items 5% off purchases over £5. |
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| <b>DEANNADONOVAN</b> (beauty..... and skincare):working from home | 10% off treatments<br>phone: 020 8558 7223. |
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| <b>BANSAL OPTOMETRISTS</b> .....<br>775 High Road | 10% off goods over £50. |
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| <b>IRONICA</b> (ironware and gifts).....<br>853 High Road | 10% off everything (except Sale items). |
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| <b>NATIONAL SCHOOLWEAR</b> .....<br>841 High Road<br>(Near McDonalds) | 10% off general schoolwear. They also stock things like Brownie uniforms. |
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| <b>MONARCH SPORTS</b> .....<br>815 High Road | 10% off purchases over £100. |
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| <b>MEMORIES</b> .....<br>Photographic Services<br>829 High Road | 10% off one-hour or 24-hour film processing. 10% off 35mm and APS reprints. 5% off films. |
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| <b>FRESH WATER FILTER CO</b> .....<br>Carlton House, Aylmer Road | 10% off all purchases. |
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| <b>THE RELAXATION PLACE</b> .....<br>(aromatherapy face & body treatments): corner Browning Road and High Road (740A) | Free aromatherapy treatment with your first appointment: phone 020 8539 0001. |
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**More discounts in column two...**

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