

Think of local football clubs and you'll probably think of Leyton Orient – founded in 1881, renamed Clapton Orient in 1898, renamed Leyton Orient post-World War II, winning Division I promotion in 1962, playing the Hammers in the FA Cup tie two years later and now going well under Chairman Barry Hearn. So who else is worth talking about? *BT* Editor BRIAN HOPSON has done his research and now tells us of another club where once again “the boys done good”. Yes, it's

LEYTONSTONE – UP FOR THE CUP!

THE BUSH TELEGRAPH has so far steered clear of football out of deference to those who believe that the best thing about the game is that it gets fans out of the house so that partners can do the shopping, sleep, watch TV, go to the pub or whatever. Well, I am about to break with the *BT*'s no-football tradition – but it's all in the interests of local knowledge, so stick with me!

When you think of Leytonstone and football and achievement, what springs to mind? As a Leyton Orient season ticket holder, I would hope that it's the team on our south-western borders, but I accept that it may not be. Perhaps it's David Beckham, captain of the England football team and world style icon. Beckham was, of course, born in Leytonstone although the newspapers constantly refer to him as “from Chingford” – that's Posh for you! Or it might be Leytonstone FC, once winners of the FA Amateur Cup and titans of the Isthmian League, but now, sadly, just a component of Conference team Dagenham & Redbridge, along with other great names from the past such as Walthamstow Avenue and Ilford.

Footballing success

Well, it could be any of these, but if it's real footballing success you're after, look no further than Forest Football Club! “Who?” I hear you ask. Well, I'm talking about one of the leading clubs in English football, the Leytonstone team which won the FA Cup no fewer than five times – you must remember the celebrations, the open-top bus ride along the High Road, the supplement in the local paper, the special commemorative edition of *The Bush Telegraph*..... Well, perhaps not, since Forest FC, renamed, was the team which won the first ever FA Cup final in 1872.

Wanderers

Forest were an amateur club, formed here in 1860. In 1863, they were one of the founder members of the



Charles Alcock and changed their name to Wanderers to mark their peripatetic status. The team was largely made up of public schoolboys and its driving force was the captain, one Charles Alcock, who was Forest's centre

forward and an amazing man who was also Chairman of the Football Association from 1870 (when he was only 28) to 1895. On 20 July 1871, it was Alcock who proposed to the FA that “it is desirable that a Challenge Cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete”. Thus the FA Cup, the world's first national football tournament, was invented in Leytonstone!

International football

Not only that, but Leytonstone also invented international football, when Alcock suggested to his FA colleagues that in order to promote the game in Scotland, England should send a team to play against a Scottish select eleven. He himself played in one international game, captaining England against Scotland (opposition was limited at that time...) on 6 March 1875. England won, and of course, Alcock scored. A man of many parts, most of them connected with football, Alcock also refereed the 1875 and 1879 Finals and as a journalist, was responsible in 1868 for putting together the first football annual (another Leytonstone invention!). To illustrate the breadth of Alcock's interests, he was also Secretary of Surrey Cricket Club and it was he who conceived the inaugural Test match to be held in England, in 1880 (and now, even Essex no longer have their Leyton Fortnight).

Road to the Final

But to return to the first ever FA Cup Final, it took place at the Kennington Oval on 16 March 1872. The road to the final was slightly shorter than it is today: each team played three rounds and a semi-final. Wanderers were drawn against Harrow Chequers FC in the first round but Harrow decided not to play, giving Wanderers a clear run to Round Two. There they played Clapham Rovers, winning 3-1. Next came the third round and Crystal Palace. The match was a 0-0 draw, but records

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THE BARA E-MAIL LIST

AS YOU'LL KNOW from previous editions of the *BT*, we've been trying to put together a list of members' e-mail addresses so that if anything crops up between *BTs* – a new Quiz Night, for instance, or information about traffic plans for the area – we can get information out to those affected as quickly as possible. The alternative is for members to find out about things when it's too late to do anything about them.

I'm pleased to tell you that we now have around 100 households on our BARA e-mail list but if you're not already on it, why not send me an e-mail at brianhopson@lycos.com so that I can add you to the list? I promise that we won't send you any spam, and we circulate information in such a way as to ensure that if someone clicks on "reply to all" by mistake in response to one of our e-mails, your in-box won't be cluttered up with unwanted messages. So, why not give it a go?

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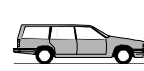
show that both teams were allowed through "under rule 8". Wanderers played Queen's Park in the Semi-Final, the match again resulting in a 0-0 draw, but it seems that like Harrow Chequers, Queen's Park decided not to turn up to the replay, given the cost of travelling down from Scotland. So Wanderers made it to the Final much, I'm sure, to Charles Alcock's delight.

The Final

In the Final, Alcock captained the side against another famous team of the time, the Royal Engineers. The crowd was 2,000, kept low, it was suggested at the time, by the price of entry – 1/-, or five pence. The referee, Mr A Stair, was from Upton Park and instead of linesmen (or Assistant Referees, as they're called now), each team provided an "umpire" – Mr Gifford for the Royal Engineers and Mr Kirkpatrick for the Wanderers. Both Umpires came from the Civil Service..

Disallowed

Wanderers won the toss and chose to defend the Harleyford Road end. The Royal Engineers were favourites, but began the match with the wind and sun in their faces. Alcock had a goal disallowed after 20 minutes because of a handling offence and the Wanderers also hit a post. The Royal Engineers had only two chances, one a fine run by Muirhead which brought the ball within a few yards of the centre of the Wanderers' posts. The faultless kicking of Lubbock and Thompson repulsed all the Engineers' attacks – reports described the admirable way they worked together as the great feature of the



LEYTONSTONE CAR FREE DAY

I HOPE most of you were able to enjoy the latest car free day on 18 September. On a warm late summer's day the French market offered tasty goodies (most of which looked fattening but fun) and at the station there was continuous entertainment. I don't like crowds but even I went to the event three times during the day and thoroughly enjoyed myself in a crowded area full of good humoured people; many times in Church Lane and Kirkdale Road I was greeted by friendly faces some of whose names I could even remember!

BARA has written to the Council in appreciation of the day.

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match. The only goal of the game was scored after 15 minutes by the Wanderers' no. 7, Morgan Betts, who for reasons lost in time played under the pseudonym "A H Chequer". According to *The Field*, the Final was "the fastest and hardest match that has ever been seen at The Oval ... (including) some of the best play on their [Wanderers] part, individually and collectively, that has ever been shown in an Association game". The "hardness" of the match can perhaps be judged by the fact that the Royal Engineer's midfielder, Lieut E W Creswell, broke his collar-bone "in a charge" after 10 minutes' play but despite severe pain, refused to leave the field and completed the match.



Morgan Betts

The Cup was presented by the President of the FA, Mr E C Morley, at the annual dinner of the Wanderers at the Pall Mall Restaurant, Charing Cross, on 11 April 1872. The FA gave each player in the winning team a silken badge commemorating the victory. They also received an inscribed gold medal from the Wanderers' committee.

After that success, Wanderers went on to win the FA Cup a further four times, the last victory coming in 1878. Fifteen of their players were capped for England, and they provided five members of the England team which played in the match against Scotland in March 1875.

But all good things come to an end. Football at that time was largely a recreation for public schoolboys and as the game became more popular, teams connected directly with the public schools such as the Old Etonians and the Old Carthusians were set up. This led to the demise of Wanderers FC, which disbanded in 1882 as its players "went back to school", closing what was without doubt the most successful chapter in the story of Leytonstone football.

HELP WANTED TO PRODUCE NEW LEYTONSTONE BOOKLET

THERE IS a proposal to publish a booklet (working title “Welcome to Leytonstone”) aimed at existing, new and potential residents of Leytonstone. There has been enthusiasm from BARA, Leytonstone Business Forum, Ferndale Residents Association, Waltham Forest Civic Society and a small band of willing volunteers. The intention is that the booklet will contain articles of local interest, advertisements, and a local classified directory.

The small steering group taking this forward could use a lot of help so if you have any relevant knowledge

or if you have time available, please e-mail me at booklete11@hotmail.co.uk, or put a note through my door (56 Browning Road). We need both experts and “foot soldiers” and most people will have something useful to offer, e.g. could you write a few paragraphs on “Why I live in Leytonstone”? Could you give a few hours to input data? Are you a local business (perhaps new) that wants to be listed before the next Thomson’s Directory comes out? Do you have enthusiasm but aren’t sure if you can help? Please let me know.

BERN LOWE

LICENSED PREMISES IN LEYTONSTONE HIGH ROAD

A letter from our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

DURING the summer months of 2005 it became obvious that the issue of alcohol-driven disorder was of the utmost importance to the residents of Leytonstone.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team have taken your concerns on board and are actively working to manage the problem. I have to apologise for being blown off course during July and August due to the terrorist

incidents in central London. Most of this time was spent in providing extra security for all the transport nodes within the borough. Something like normal service was resumed in September.

On Friday and Saturday 7 and 8 October we put together a high visibility operation in Leytonstone High Road with a dozen officers on patrol until 4am in the morning. On both nights we had a relatively crime-free time. Two arrests were made for drink-driving matters, one person was reported for urinating in the street and one cannabis seizure was made. The vast majority of people on the streets were in good humour.

However we followed this up in November by having officers out again, but in plain clothes, into the early hours of the morning. Again the officers formed the view that while there are indeed large numbers of people in the High Road they were in the most part well behaved.

We realise that the issue of licensed premises and late night drinking will continue to be a live issue and we will continue to look at it closely. A group of pubs centred on the High Road have now formed themselves into a Pub Watch scheme. They liaise closely with the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team. We are currently working on an innovative new scheme that will hopefully bring increased policing levels to the High Road at the crucial times of Friday and Saturday nights. We hope to have something in place in the run up to Christmas and for next year’s busy summer months.

I would like to assure you that your local Safer Neighbourhood Team are working closely with all relevant parties to help to reassure you and resolve the issues.

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas. Please take care as the Christmas period is a very active time for burglars and there have been a few residential burglaries in the area recently. Please remain vigilant.

Colin Parker PS46JC
Sergeant Leytonstone Safer
Neighbourhood Team
Leytonstone Police Station
020 8345 2522

Dick Whittington’s Cat – or How to Become Mayor in One Easy Pounce

FOR 20 YEARS the Woodhouse Players have been performing a Christmas pantomime at the Welsh Church in the High Road. This year’s play is written by Victoria Bettelheim and is the story of how Dick Whittington would never have risen to greatness had it not been for his remarkable cat. Historians pass over the fact that if it wasn’t for the cat, Dick would have been a forgotten nobody. The cruel irony is that now after all these years, the cat gets barely a mention, let alone a tin of tuna.

The story takes us back to the 18th century. The magician Mordecai is poised to unleash rats to plague the commoners and gentry alike. The King and Queen will be run out of the palace and nothing will stand in his way... Except for Dick and Kitty, who resolve to show the world that Mordecai is nothing but a fraud, and a bad one at that. With the help of Paul Pullover and Elvi Wethercock, Dick, Kitty and Mrs Whittington turn the tables on Mordecai and show that with teamwork they can defeat evil.

The Woodhouse Players are renowned for comedy that appeals to both adults and children, and for ambitious productions which use every trick in the book. *Dick Whittington’s Cat* is directed by Robert Bettelheim who directed the spectacular *Aladdin* in 1999 and the enchanting pantomime version of *Swan Lake* in 2003

Dick Whittington’s Cat will be performing on the evenings of 29, 30 and 31 December and on 6 and 7 January. There is a matinee on 7 January. To book tickets please phone the box office: 020 8504 3872, or via our website at www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk. **Tickets must be bought in advance.**



OBITUARY NOTICES

THE LOSS OF A GOOD FRIEND

THOSE WHO have lived in the area for some years will be sad to learn of the death of Tom Mann, who was our milkman in Bushwood and Mornington Road for 18 years. Tom was a cheery soul whose round must have taken him much longer than it should because of his readiness to help solve any little problems his customers, especially his elderly customers, had. One of my neighbours in Bushwood reminded me of his happy attempts one morning to mend an elderly woman's roof in between delivering the daily pinta, not a job one always associates with milkmen. Whether he succeeded I've no idea, but it's the fact that he was always ready to give it a go which marked him out as one of life's nice people.

Tom retired in 1994 and got a rousing send-off from his customers. In retirement, he lived alone with a cat and a tortoise but he carried on helping out his neighbours and ex-customers just for the fun of it, shopping for those less able than himself, doing odd jobs and errands. He also enjoyed spending time with his daughters, his brothers and his grandchildren. He will be missed.

BRIAN HOPSON

LEYTONSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE LATEST meeting of the Leytonstone Community Council was on 21 November.

Most of the agenda was devoted to problems in Cann Hall and Cathall wards with little of relevance to Leytonstone ward. I wonder whether this means that BARA has been successful, or that we're not doing enough?

There were two items of interest to us, however, namely discussions on the First Stop Shop on the corner of Church Lane, and the plans for Leytonstone Library. On the former, work should commence in December and be finished in March, when the First Stop Shop will re-emerge as Waltham Forest Direct.

On the latter, the refurbished library will not contain a separate reading room but there will be lounge areas with comfortable seating for those who wish to read there. The final plans will be placed on the Council's website when they are completed, although when this will be is not yet known.

Jane Brueseke and Christine Cliffe were re-elected Chair and Vice Chair of the Council respectively. The Council's next meeting will be on Monday 30 January 2006 at The Epicentre. All Leytonstone residents are welcome to attend.

BERN LOWE

MEMORIES OF ADA BUCKHURST

THERE IS a reference in the "News from the Chair" section of this edition of the *BT* to the death of Ada Buckhurst, a long-standing resident of the area and one of BARA's founder members. One of her old friends is another member of long standing, TOM COLLINGWOOD.

Tom knew Ada for well over half a century, and he writes:

"I first met Ada in May 1933 when I got my first job in butchering at the Co-operative shop in Colworth Road. She lived opposite with her mother and father – Mr. Buckhurst was an insurance agent.

"Every weekday Ada called on her friend Gladys Bushell, who lived in a flat above our shop. Naturally (I'm ashamed to say!), as the two girls climbed the iron stairs to the flat, we boys in the mess room used to wolf-whistle after them, but I'm sure Ada forgave us.

"Having been called up, I lost touch with Ada until about 1950. Her pet subject when we met again was the fact that we used to lock her and Gladys in the refrigerator in the shop, only letting them out when our manager showed himself. She forgave us for that too. What a kind woman!

"Over the years, I became friendly with a Mr and Mrs Claxton. Reminiscing one day, Mrs Claxton – Jean – told me that Ada Buckhurst had been her Sunday School teacher. Her help in those days, said Jean, was never-ending, and when term finished Ada would take the children into London to see the sights. Ada nicknamed Jean's husband "Longshanks" when he was in the 1st South Essex Boys' Brigade (which was linked to the Sunday School) because he was so tall.

"Over the years Ada and I met often and I could never resist the temptation to pull her leg about the whistling, the refrigerator or the number of houses she owned (Ada was left a house or two by her father). She would simply look up at me, sigh, and say, 'Oh, you....., always looking for a laugh!!' Wonderful memories. Ada will be a great loss."

Just a reminder

If you've paid your BARA subscription but haven't received your membership card yet, please see your road representative (names and addresses on page five).

THE COUNCIL'S UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Inspector's Report examines BARA's comments

CAREFUL READERS of past *Bush Telegraphs* may remember that in February BARA attended the Public Enquiry into the Council's Review of its Unitary Development Plan (UDP). The chief themes of what we said were *character*, *density*, and *parking*. The Inspector's Report reached me in August. I cannot say that I have read the whole of it, but I think I have checked all the places where she discusses BARA's comments.

Parts of what the Inspector said are helpful (and I quote some of them, so we may all have them to hand if we need them in the future)

On *parking*, we objected to "car-free" developments in our area. The Inspector says

"My understanding of national guidance and London Plan policy is that the need to travel by private car should not be increased and should be reduced by better public transport or easier cycling and walking. The aim is not to prevent car *ownership*. The London Plan recognizes that the car will remain the main means of travel around outer London boroughs. The emphasis on reduced car *ownership* in the policy is misplaced. . . . I think the circumstances where car-free development would be justified in an outer London borough will be rare but I see no reason to exclude it."

(The Inspector also accepted our point that where a health centre is within a CPZ there needs to be space for patients to park, but she did not accept any of our other complaints about reduced requirements of off-street parking for new buildings of other types.)

On *density*, she said

"Higher density schemes are likely to be necessary in the Major and District centres if the Borough is to achieve its housing numbers and average densities *without compromising established areas of attractive character*" [my emphasis].

The Inspector also said about the Council's maps, marking out a circle 800 metres around Leytonstone Tube station

"it is surprising to see the crude "pedshed" circles for Leyton and Leytonstone at Appendix 2 to the Housing Chapter."

She attacked the Council's lack of any overall plan for where new housing is to be built ("heavy dependence on windfall sites"). It is this dependence on windfalls

which has meant, for example, that now there is no petrol station in High Road Leytonstone north of the railway bridge.

However, the Council's urge to use land for "high density" housing (in particular social housing for rent, which in this area is bound to be high density) and lack of any overall plan for where the housing is to go, may mean in practice that the Council will not respect the *character* of our area. And the Inspector rejected a lot of what we said about what might be needed to preserve the character of the Bushwood area as a residential area which could attract people who might have a choice of whether to live further out, in "leafy" suburbs or in the countryside. She said, for example

"National policy is firmly in favour of social inclusion and that does not support segregation of different tenures and income groups"

and

"increasing dependence on jobs outside the Borough would not be consistent with national or London wide policy" [that is, she rejected our comment that the Council should see our area as basically a residential area for people commuting into central London and should not be trying to encourage jobs in our area, other than those involved in serving residents]

In particular, BARA argued that houses or flats for families with children need garden space. The Inspector said, however,

"Developers should not be required to provide more private amenity space than they consider necessary for their customers."

On one point, dealing with Areas of Special Character, she seems to me to have dealt not with what we said, but with a slanted summary provided by the Council. However, she did at least say "The Bushwood area is a pleasant residential area". Let us hope it remains so.

ROBERT GAY

LOCAL TRAFFIC WORKS DELAYED

READERS will recall from articles in recent *BTs* that work to improve traffic flow in the High Road was expected to start in October. There has, I'm afraid, been a delay and the works at the Green Man Roundabout are now programmed to start in spring 2006. The reason for the delay is that the new scheme requires the use of a small plot of Epping Forest land and negotiations are taking longer than expected.

BRIAN HOPSON

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.

- MELVYN BROWN** £10 – i.e. 20% – off first hour's labour for local area calls.
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 phone: 020 8530 3569
- CAFÉ LA ROSH** 10% off the price of all purchases.
 Church Lane
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 phone: 020 8556 8363
 mobile: 07956 437372
 e-mail: jas@beingsound.com
 website: www.beingsound.com
- 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.
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 829 High Road

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 Carlton House, Aylmer Road

PLANNING

SINCE the last *BT*, BARA has continued to monitor all planning applications in the area but has not needed to submit any comments or objections to the Planning Department.

However, you may be interested to know that the Snooker Hall on the corner of Harvey Road and the High Road tried to open officially a couple of weeks ago, but the Council's Enforcement Officers closed it down straight away for being in breach of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). Under DDA, and therefore under Planning Regulations, this kind of facility has to be accessible to all and this was made very clear in the planning conditions when planning permission was given for the owner to develop this site. During that week the owner had also failed to secure either an alcohol licence or a gaming licence at the Magistrates Court. We shall continue to monitor the situation.

LIZ HAYMAN

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