



# The Bush Telegraph

*The quarterly newsletter of The Bushwood Area Residents Association*

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## Editorial

ANOTHER *Bush Telegraph*, another season. Here we are almost in springtime (although as I type this it's freezing outside and people are scurrying along wrapped up against the cold).

We're privileged to live in an area where all around us we can see the changes brought about by the seasons. In spring, the forest trees regain their leaves, the ferns push their curled heads up through the soil and feelings of renewal and optimism are all around. We begin to look forward to warmer weather, longer evenings, meals in the garden, chilled white wine..... This edition of the BT reflects the change in the seasons – read elsewhere about plans for the usual front garden competition, for instance, about planned improvements to Henry Reynolds Gardens and about a competition designed to inspire members to mark the changing seasons photographically.

But it would be wrong just to look forward when there is so much in our history and so many things to rediscover. This *Bush Telegraph* contains reports on progress in the ever-expanding Local History Society and a request for help and information directed at our more senior members about wartime happenings on Wanstead Flats. And it also contains an appreciation of Eileen Elliott, a member for many years who passed away recently. Our sympathy goes to her daughters Pat and Barbara.

I wish you all a peaceful and productive springtime.

BRIAN HOPSON

EDITOR, *THE BUSH TELEGRAPH*

## **HENRY REYNOLDS GARDENS**

OUR PRETTY little park closed on 13 March for planned rebuilding works scheduled to last 8 – 12 weeks. If the earlier time frame is achieved, an opening event is being planned for the late Spring Bank Holiday weekend. If this deadline is missed, a Plan B exists (of course!) but dates cannot yet be set so please watch for local publicity around June/July. We will try to let you have further information in the next *Bush Telegraph*.

The body looking after the park, The Friends of Henry Reynolds Gardens, regrets the closure of such a valued local amenity but the work is essential so that the park can be improved and become an even more valued asset, both for BARA members and people from further afield. BARA will continue to liaise with the Friends, but if you want to make your views heard why not join them?

BERN LOWE

## **SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

Single people: £2 per year

Households: £3 per year

## **THE “STATE OF THE BOROUGH” DEBATE**

ABOUT 150 people attended this debate, including local Councillors, members of the Metropolitan Police, health representatives and people from voluntary groups. Opened by Councillor Clyde Loakes, the meeting was arranged to debate pre- and post-Olympics issues.

The first issue discussed was residents' aims and aspirations in the run-up to the Games. What people wanted to see were: job opportunities for local people; training and development opportunities; more businesses; more sports, learning and environmental facilities; greater opportunities for a healthier lifestyle for local people; and increased community spirit. Some concern was expressed about the cost of these developments and the threats this posed to standards of living.

The second issue discussed was residents' aims and aspirations once the Games were over. Those present were keen to see an Olympic legacy comprising: better transport infrastructure; more skilled workers and a higher level of demand for such workers; better housing and the avoidance of “ghettos”; increased volunteering as the norm (there is a strong volunteering ethos in LBWF but more remains to be done); a higher profile for the Borough; and pride! We should be proud of local people who achieve success in the games and make use of their potential to be good role models for local youngsters.

The evening's guest speaker was Giles Long, a Paralympics swimming champion. He made an emotive presentation about his achievements in the face of adversity.

The Mayor of the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Councillor Milton Martin, drew the evening to a close by thanking everyone for their attendance and promising that the minutes of the meeting would be sent to the Olympics Steering Group.

DOUGLAS SHEEDY

## **Business Forum**

IN ADDITION to the recently announced Shopwatch scheme we now have a Pubwatch scheme, which operates along similar lines but is directed at licensed premises. Regular meetings are held which I attend representing the Ex-Servicemen's Club and as an observer for BARA. Watch for reports of issues emerging in future *Bush Telegraphs*.

BERN LOWE

# SOCIAL EVENTS

Laura: 020 8532 9553

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## BARA QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday, 8 April

An event not to miss is the BARA quiz night on Saturday 8 April at 8pm in the Ex-Servicemen's Club in Harvey Road – get your thinking caps on and your teams together! Bernie Lowe has volunteered to be our Quiz Master again and has been instructed not to tax our brains too much. You can book in advance with Katy or Laura or just turn up on the night - with or without a team. The cost is £2 per person for teams of up to six people. We always have a great turnout and a lot of fun is had by all. We look forward to seeing you there.

*(Hints Tips And Clues – after the very unpopular soccer round last time, here are some things you might like to consider for next time. I haven't finished setting the questions yet. In sport and at the time of writing, the Six Nations Championship is at a crucial stage; the Commonwealth Games are about to begin and will be over by the time the quiz happens and the Formula 1 season is about to start. Leyton Orient are on the verge of promotion. There might be a round devoted to any of these subjects or these clues might just be red herrings. The only way to find out is to turn up! I hope to see lots of you there to enjoy a social evening and very attractive club prices. To tempt you even further here is a sneaky peek at some of the answers - Yes, No, 16, 42, Columbus. Not much use without the questions but are these more red herrings? Bern Lowe)*

## MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATION, 26 March

You may like to wander along to Leytonstone Town Square – did you know we had one? It's the area outside the tube station in Church Lane – on 26 March to see jazz group Dr. Bone and the Rhythm Boys perform between 2pm and 4pm to celebrate Mothers' Day.

## AFRICAN MARKET, 15 April

Another attraction is the African market, which will be held in the Church Lane Car Park near to the tube station on 15 April, between 11am and 5pm. The market will feature live performances by drummers, dancers and singers and there will also be African workshops.

## LEYTONSTONE FESTIVAL, 8 to 16 July

The Leytonstone Festival will be held from 8 to 16 July this year. Look out for the programme.

The Woodhouse Players present

### TRAPPED IN THE SYSTEM

A trio of comic one-act plays about life in the world of a jail, a stage and an office – at the Welsh Church Hall, Leytonstone High Road. 6, 7 and 8 April, at 8pm nightly plus 3pm matinee on Saturday 8 April. *Advance booking only.* £6/£3 concs. Phone 020 8504 3782 or: [www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk](http://www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk)

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**News from the Chair**

Katy Smith

WE ARE NOW well into the New Year and the Committee is as busy as ever working on behalf of BARA residents. We are working on updating and improving our website and one of the ideas we came up with was to have a variety of pictures portraying Bushwood through the seasons. This led us to agree to hold a members' photographic competition. More of this below.

Sgt Parker from the Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhood Team attended a Committee meeting recently to discuss the spate of recent burglaries and the relevance of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

With regard to burglaries, the advice is to ensure that windows and doors are locked when residents are away from home and at night. Don't leave keys on view on the hall table or where they are easily accessible to burglars. Also remember to take handbags and wallets upstairs when you go to bed (most flat-dwellers can ignore this bit of the advice!).

On Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Committee members felt that setting up a BARA-wide scheme was not something they could take on but we were keen to see residents made aware of how they themselves could set up schemes on a street-by-street basis. Members of the BARA e-mail list will have received notice of a meeting which LBWF and the police put on recently to help residents consider whether they would like to start Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Those who are not yet on the e-mail list (see page six for details) and who might be interested in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme should contact Bill Nisbet, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, London Borough of Waltham Forest Community Safety Department: 020 8345 3178, e-mail [bill.nisbet@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:bill.nisbet@walthamforest.gov.uk). Bill is keen to help in any way possible.

Enjoy the spring!

**HISTORY WALKS**

DAVID BOOTE, the Secretary of the Waltham Forest Civic Society, organises walks in the Borough which may be of interest to BARA members. They take about an hour and a half and you should allow at least another half an hour to return by bus to the starting point. You *must* get confirmation of your place on the walk by leaving your contact number on low-rate phone number 0845 009 0073 or by e-mailing [david\\_boote@yahoo.com](mailto:david_boote@yahoo.com). There is no charge for participation.

Here are a couple of walks taking place over the next few months:

Thursday 11 May, 11am to 12.30pm – *Around the Edge of Wallwood*. Meet at the Gainsborough Road end of the footbridge over the Central Line and the A12.

Thursday 1 June, 11am to 12.30pm – *Leytonstone House to Wanstead Orphanage*. Meet at Leytonstone House, High Road, Leytonstone E11 (near Tesco)

Details about other walks arranged by the Civic Society can be obtained direct from David. BRIAN HOPSON

**The BARA Committee 2005/2006**

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<b>Liz Hayman:</b> <i>Membership, Planning and website</i>	54 Leyspring Road
<b>Ann Long:</b> <i>Secretary</i>	43 Michael Road
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**PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

ATTENTION all you budding photographers. We are holding a competition with the theme of 'Four Seasons in Leytonstone'. Your applications should consist of four photographs, one from each season of the year taken around Leytonstone. There will be three age categories: 10 years and under; 11-16 years; and over 16. We would prefer electronic entries but will accept hard copies. Please note we will not be able to return photographs after the competition. You should also be willing to allow us to display your photographs on the website.

So, get those cameras out, digital or otherwise, dust them off and insert some new film or an SD card and get clicking away. We shall announce the closing date for the competition and where you should send your entries in the September BT. Winners will be announced in the December BT and the winning entries will be displayed on the website. Indeed, if the standard of the entries is high (as it will be!), we may place a selection of the entries on the website alongside the winning photographs. And of course, there will be prizes!

## CAR PARKING IN THE BARA AREA

AS MENTIONED on page six, one of the e-mails I sent out to members of our e-mail list recently related to the introduction of double yellow lines in parts of Stanmore Road. The e-mail also touched on the question of parking contraventions, abandoned and untaxed cars and CPZs. For those of you not on the list, here is the e-mail in full:

“I thought you would be interested to hear that after representations and complaints from a number of Stanmore Road residents about badly parked cars obstructing residents’ cars and delivery vehicles, the Council has agreed to take action to prevent parking at Stanmore Road junctions. This action will take the form of the placing of double yellow lines on the relevant junctions, namely those with Bushwood, Woodville, Hartley, Leyspring, Barclay and Leybourne. They will ban waiting at any time, although loading, if necessary for up to 20 minutes, will be permitted. The work will be done within the next few days and the new restrictions will be effective immediately.

Where the lines are ignored, members can report offenders to the Council’s enforcement contractor (NCP) on 020 8520 1087 (or 07734 595654 outside office hours). Offenders apparently risk receiving a Penalty Charge Notice and their vehicle can also be towed away or clamped.

This forms part of the Council’s programme to introduce double yellow lines at road-junctions in Waltham Forest where safety and/or access problems exist. If BARA members feel that there are similar problems at other junctions in the BARA area, please do let me know.

On a separate but connected point, I know that some members feel that the existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) should be extended into Stanmore Road (and other roads) and have said so to the Council. However, the Council does not re-consult for at least three years in areas where a previous consultation showed a majority against the idea. Members will recall that consultation last took place in December 2003/January 2004. In August 2004, the CPZ was extended in areas where the majority of responses were in favour. We can therefore press for further consultation in December of this year if that is the view of members. I would be interested to hear from you on this. If you have concerns and would support or disapprove of an extension, e-mail me and I will include your e-mails in the next *Bush Telegraph*.

Incidentally, if you notice an abandoned or untaxed vehicle, don’t forget they can be reported via “Waltham Forest Direct” on 020 8496 3000, or by e-mail to [wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk).”

***Members’ views on the yellow lines were clear and are best summed up by Andrew Shields’ comments.***

He said: “the Bushwood estate was originally laid out following the ancient field patterns – which explains the straight roads and tight-angled junctions. These might have been fine in the days when cars were a rarity, but the volume and speed of traffic now using our roads, together with poor sightlines, have made many of the junctions in our area potentially hazardous. More recently, the sightlines have been further obscured by inconsiderate drivers parking right up to – and in some cases, across – the junctions. Clearly this is the result of the CPZ pushing drivers to park in any space available, no matter how

unsuitable. Anyone who regularly turns left out of Hartley Road into Woodville Road; left from Woodville Road into Bushwood; or left or right out of Stanmore Road into Woodville Road will know how difficult these manoeuvres can be when parked cars and vans make it almost impossible to see any oncoming traffic. The Council’s decision to introduce double yellow lines at the Stanmore-Woodville-Hartley junction and several others is very welcome, as it will prevent irresponsible parking. We should highlight other junctions or roads in the area that need similar traffic management schemes.”

***More contentious was the CPZ issue, referred to by Andrew. Here’s what people had to say:***

***Neil Williams:*** “Thanks for the info and all your and BARA’s efforts on this and other issues. Re extension of the CPZ, personally this would not improve things for us at all. We live in Leybourne Rd and a CPZ would merely mean we would end up paying a tax on parking that did not improve parking at all as far as we are concerned. We do not use our car during the day and only experience problems parking near our house (or sometimes in the road at all) in the evenings after 7pm or at weekends, outside the hours that a CPZ is operative.

“When I leave for work in the mornings there does not often seem to be a lack of spaces though I do see commuters parking and walking to the tube station. The problem in the evenings and at weekends must be the number of cars residents and their visitors need to park I presume and so would not be prevented by a CPZ. I often cannot park exactly outside my house, but then it is the public highway and I have no rights over it just because it is adjacent to my property. If you live in an area where residents park on the street rather than on drives or in garages, that is surely par for the course and having to park a little way away is part of the deal.

“I appreciate that sometimes residents may have to park quite a way away from their houses but that is not often in our case. I also realise that if there is a problem during the day, people who use their cars and return during the day may find spaces full. However, I don’t think a CPZ is the answer if people don’t use their cars during the day and either just disapprove of commuters using available parking space or principally have difficulties outside the hours of operation of a CPZ. How the council could help is by re-introducing the concept that new developments in the area do not add to the parking problems into the process of granting planning permission and insist on sufficient parking being part of the scheme. As I understand it, present planning guidance from the government makes the ludicrous assumption that if a development is within a certain distance of a tube station, residents will not have cars and so parking provision does not have to be made or taken into account on an application.

“PS I think the yellow lines (if enforced) are necessary

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# LEYTON & LEYTONSTONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LEYTON & LEYTONSTONE Historical Society (L&LHS), founded last year, continues to flourish, with events attracting good attendances. Over 60 people turned out on a cold January evening to hear Barney Sloane of English Heritage talk about Langthorne Abbey and the excavation work that took place on the Stratford – Leyton borders when work started on the Jubilee Line extension. Nearly 40 visited Leyton Cricket Ground in February to hear David Pracy, Archivist at Vestry House and an authoritative historian of Essex County Cricket Club, talk about the times when Essex played at Leyton, including the score that made the record books – it was made here! David’s talk was fascinating listening, both for those of us who love cricket and for those members who remain unmoved by the great game.

David is coming back to talk to the Society on 15 November 2006 at St. John’s Church, an evening not to

be missed. Much of the programme from September 2006 is still at the provisional stage, but includes a Victorian slide show, a visit to Eastbury House, Barking, a visit to Upminster Windmill, and a talk on A. V. Roe, the air pioneer, who made his early flights on the local marshes. This year sees the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the railway in Leyton and Leytonstone and we hope to commemorate this in some way. More information of Society events will appear in *The Bush Telegraph*.

New members of the Society are very welcome and at £3, individual adult membership represents very good value. Household membership (for those of any age sharing an address) is £5; student membership (for those aged 16 to 18) £1.50; youth membership (for those under 16 years of age) 0.50p. Your subscription will become renewable on 1 June 2006. Membership applications should go to David Boote (L&LHS Membership Secretary), 85 Forest Drive West, Leytonstone E11 1JZ, tel. 020 8558 1554, e-mail [david\\_boote@yahoo.com](mailto:david_boote@yahoo.com). (From 1 April 2006 you can take out a subscription lasting until 1 June 2007 at twice the rates shown above). Cheques should be made payable to “Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society” (cash is acceptable but please do not send cash through the post).

BILL MEASURE – CHAIR, L&LHS

## Public conveniences

WE UNDERSTAND that the Council was planning to close the Kirkdale Road toilets and provide instead a pay-as-you-enter “pod” which would have been sited on the other side of Kirkdale Road on the edge of the bus station. (Indeed, the Council had reached the point of putting the Kirkdale Road toilets up for auction.) But we are told that this plan has been abandoned, and the Kirkdale Road toilets are to be retained.

We are glad they are to be retained, for three reasons:

The Kirkdale Road toilets include a purpose-built and properly-fitted disabled toilet, which is open 24 hours to those with the appropriate key (and there is a disabled parking bay close by).

If the Leytonstone shopping centre by Church Lane is to be welcoming, it needs to have facilities nearer than Tesco’s, and it will not be very welcoming if “spending a penny” costs 20p.

We believe that the Kirkdale Road conveniences were paid for by the Highways Agency (to replace the toilets at the Green Man bus station) and it seems shameful if our Council is ready to accept facilities paid for by others but then fails to maintain them.

However, the Kirkdale Road toilets now need to be improved, in at least two ways.

First, we understand that they may be felt not to be safe by women and the elderly. We trust that it will be possible to improve the area so that the conveniences will feel safe and be safe, especially as there is to be a large new police base on the other side of Kirkdale Road, about 100 yards away.

Second, at the moment the toilets (except for the disabled facility) close at about 7.30pm. After the tube station toilets close at 9pm, there are no facilities for anyone arriving in Leytonstone by tube. Members of your Committee (both ladies and gentlemen) know from experience that by the time one gets from the West End back to Leytonstone one may well be in quite urgent need of a convenience. We are told that it is not possible to keep the toilets open 24 hours, because they would then be occupied by rough sleepers who would bed down for the night. However, it should still be possible to keep them open until after the last tube (say, until 1am).

ROBERT GAY

## ROAD RESPONSIBILITIES

BARA has an individual “responsible” for each road falling within our area. That individual should be your first point of contact for issues affecting you. S/he will pass on your comments, concerns, subscriptions etc to the Committee member most able to help. The list below shows who is responsible for which road.

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<b>Forest View</b>	Bern Lowe, 56 Browning Road
<b>Grove Road</b>	Ann Long, 43 Michael Road
<b>Hartley Road</b>	Andrew Shields, 9 Hartley Road
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<b>Lister Road</b>	Ann Long, 43 Michael Road
<b>Michael Road</b>	Ann Long, 43 Michael Road
<b>Mornington Road</b>	Robert Gay, 137 Mornington Road and Doug Sheedy, 11 Barclay Road
<b>St Augustine’s Ct</b>	Katy Smith, 37A Harvey Road
<b>St John’s Ct</b>	Katy Smith, 37A Harvey Road
<b>St Mary’s Ct</b>	Katy Smith, 37A Harvey Road
<b>Stanmore Road</b>	Laura Whitehead, 44 Stanmore Road
<b>Woodville Road</b>	Laura Whitehead, 44 Stanmore Road
<b>Woodbridge House</b>	Robert Gay, 137 Mornington Road

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as these junctions are currently hazardous. It will put further pressure on available parking though.”

**Roger Gann:** “Yes, I’m certainly in favour of the Bushwood CPZ being extended. I live just outside the existing CPZ in Hartley Road and, thanks to the CPZ, it is now very difficult to park in my street (and the surrounding streets sometimes!)”

“In fact, to prevent this ‘boundary effect’ of crowding just outside the CPZ, I think it would make sense if the whole of the Bushwood area was CPZ’d!”

**Melvyn Brown:** “Please don’t encourage the CPZ to creep further across the estate..... It will always be that the road next to the zone will be over-parked even if it’s only by residents who don’t want to pay the charge. If... a review of the CPZ in our area ..... is introduced three years earlier than it might have otherwise been (it) will cost me personally £90, the family opposite £255 and the lady up the road with the taxi a potential £1000. This is a considerable cost to secure for your unimpeded journey to and from the estate. It might also appear that it is BARA running this campaign (see below – Ed), against the wishes of the majority of residents outside the current CPZ and giving additional encouragement to an already over eager council. I have spent time and energy writing to the Council and buttonholing Clyde Loakes to prevent CPZ creep and would be disappointed to see the subject brought up prematurely. I was pleased to see that the front page of the local paper this week is devoted to residents in Leyton fighting back against CPZ imposition — now there’s a campaign to be associated with.”

**Andrew Briggs:** “Thank you for your very informative e-mail. I have long been unhappy that the CPZ does not extend into Leyspring Road. I have become very tired of seeing commuters park their cars early in the morning and return to them late in the evening. Free parking for them but very inconvenient if you have a family of small children to ferry around by car during the day. So, yes I would be interested in extending the CPZ.”

**Jo Pilc:** “I am against any extension of the CPZ. You may have seen the from the front page of the local *Guardian* how a new CPZ in Leyton has caused such divisions that court action against the Council is now threatened.”

I asked the BARA Committee for a definitive statement of their view on the CPZ, and here it is:

“The Committee is well aware that there are differing views on whether CPZs are a good thing for residents. On the one hand, they can make parking a lot easier; on the other hand, they mean that one has to pay to park outside one’s own house.

“We have considered that it would be better if we did not have a CPZ extending to the whole of our area (all the way from the High Road to Wanstead Flats). We would have preferred it if the Council had taken a single vote of our whole area as to whether residents of the area as a whole wanted a CPZ. The way the Council holds ballots, street by street, means that each time there is a ballot the CPZ can expand by one or two streets until eventually it may reach the Flats.

“We do appreciate that now there is a CPZ in part of our area, there is bound to be pressure on the streets just outside the boundary. However, in the interest of our area

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

SINCE the last *Bush Telegraph* BARA membership for 2005/6 has increased to nearly 33% (from around 30%) of households in the area, with a total of 391 households being members. We have received £749 in membership fees to date with the vast majority of these being at the 2004/5 fee levels of £1 per single person and £2 per household. Although this level of membership is very good for a residents’ association, the Committee is very keen to increase membership even more, so if you know neighbours who are not members, or if a new neighbour moves in next door, why not encourage them to join? The Committee would like to thank Dee Diabour and John and Judy Flanagan for their donations.

LIZ HAYMAN

## JOIN BARA’S E-MAIL LIST

OUR Membership Secretary, Liz Hayman, mentions above that we currently have 391 households in membership. As many of you know, members are encouraged to let us have their e-mail addresses so that if something crops up in between BTs, we can get information out quickly. We currently have 112 households on our e-mail list, which sounds impressive until you realise that it means that 279 households haven’t yet discovered the joys of e-mail list membership – and lots of those households must have access to the net either at home or at work. Let me reassure waverers – we don’t send out many e-mails, and we work on a “blind copy” basis, which means that no-one can see who else is on the list and your in-box doesn’t get jammed with correspondence from people who click “reply to all” when they want to respond to one of my messages.

Examples of the kind of information I’ve sent out over the past few months are: advance notice of parking changes in Stanmore road (see page four); a request for help in recovering a member’s stolen bag (we found it); a report of a meeting with our local police about burglaries in the BARA area, describing the modus operandi of the burglars and suggesting action to minimise risk; details of social events; and members’ ads which failed to make it into the BT (because I forgot them!).

If you’d like to be added to the list, e-mail me at [brianhopson@lycos.com](mailto:brianhopson@lycos.com), including your street address in the text so that I can match up membership details with e-mail addresses. If you think that you are on the list but haven’t received e-mails like those described above, please e-mail me again so that I can check your address.

BRIAN HOPSON

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as a whole, we are not keen to see the CPZ extended by another street, since that may only put the same pressure on the next street. ROBERT GAY”

So that’s where things stand at present. On this, as on all other issues concerning BARA, you are welcome to use the BT to make your voice heard. Letters, e-mails, petitions, street demonstrations all to me please at 49 Bushwood or [brianhopson@lycos.com](mailto:brianhopson@lycos.com). BRIAN HOPSON

## BARA SKILLS & TALENTS LIST AND DISCOUNTS AND ADS IN THE BT

MANY MEMBERS will know that we can supply a list of BARA members who have various skills and talents including a locksmith, a music teacher, a repairer of photocopiers, faxes and printers, IT experts, a holistic massage therapist, a web designer, a general handyman and a carpenter and general builder. Readers will also be aware that we include members' advertisements in *The Bush Telegraph*, alongside a list of discounts offered to members by local businesses. There is sometimes confusion about the lists and who can be on them, so I thought it might be helpful to set out the basis on which the lists operate.

First, the *Skills & Talents List*. All those included are members of BARA, although BARA cannot of course formally endorse them. So, as a member of the

Association, if you have relevant skills or talents, why not let me know so that I can add you to the list? The more skills we can include, the more useful the list will be to our members.

Next, *members' advertisements*. We are happy to include ads from members for free. Send them to me, keeping them short please – and please, when the ad is no longer relevant (i.e. you've sold your bicycle!) remember to let me know.

Finally, the *discount list*. This consists of ads from both members and non-members who, as the name implies, offer discounts to members of the Association. Again, please send ads to me and let me know if your details change.

I hope that's now a bit clearer!

BRIAN HOPSON

## PRISONERS OF WAR ON WANSTEAD FLATS

ARE THERE ANY older BARA members who can help us?

We represent the Wanstead Flats working group – part of the Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society. As part of our work we've been researching what happened on Wanstead Flats during the Second World War.

We know the Flats looked very different in those days with army camps, barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns, not to mention a small village of prefab buildings erected to house those made homeless by German bombing.

But one aspect of the history is particularly cloudy – and that's the prisoner of war camp that also stood on the Flats during the war. We know that the prisoners of war

were marched along Capel Road to work on the construction of the prefab houses and we also understand that a direct hit on the anti-aircraft guns in 1944 led to a fire that nearly burnt the POW camp to the ground. But there are unanswered questions. In particular we've heard conflicting accounts of the nationality of the prisoners in the camp. Most agree there were Italians there but were there Germans as well? And where did they come from? Were they captured combatants or actually interned civilians who just happened to find themselves in the wrong country at the wrong time?

The other thing we've struggled with is where exactly the camp was based. Some locate the camp roughly where the Site of Scientific Interest is now, others nearer the site of the fair and they even suggest that a concrete base near the exit gate to Centre Road was the foundations of one of the camp buildings.

It's all very intriguing but if any *Bush Telegraph* reader can shed further light on this, we'd be immensely grateful. You can either email us at [a.cole71@ntlworld.com](mailto:a.cole71@ntlworld.com) or phone 020 8530 3002. We'd love to hear from you!

ANDREW COLE, TERESA HEDGE

WANSTEAD FLATS WORKING GROUP

LEYTON AND LEYTONSTONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### EILEEN ELLIOTT: AN APPRECIATION

IN THE LAST edition of *The Bush Telegraph*, we announced the sad loss of one of our long-standing members, Ada Buckhurst. I'm sorry to say that we have lost another of our friends and members, Eileen Elliott.

Eileen was born in 1920 and spent her early years in Seven Kings. She went to St Winifred's School in Goodmayes and formed lifelong friendships there. Returning from evacuation in Shrewsbury during the War, Eileen volunteered for service as a fire watcher, worked in the NAAFI and in the St Dunstan's Rehabilitation Centre, where she helped young men who had lost their sight through war injuries regain their independence. At the same time, she managed to qualify as a chartered librarian, play the piano and marry a gallant young soldier, Bill Elliott! The couple had two daughters, Pat and Barbara. Bill died in 1997, but Pat and Barbara never ceased to provide love and support to their mother – the perfect daughters.

Eileen volunteered to help run the trolley shop in Whipps Cross hospital, cared for her garden and wrote letters to her many friends. However, as the years passed, her health worsened although she remained strong and independent to the end. Her funeral was attended by family, friends and neighbours, including neighbours who had moved away from the area many years ago. Eileen will be much missed by all.

BRIAN HOPSON

### FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

WE SHALL hold our Front Garden Competition again this June so all you budding gardeners get out into your gardens this spring and get planting. We look forward to judging the usual wonderful variety of lovely gardens.

### NEW ROCK BAND IN LEYTONSTONE

ALL YOU young rock music fans might like to know that we have a new band living in Leytonstone who appeared on Top of the Pops on 28 February. The band is called 'Boy Kill Boy' and you can catch up with their news and music on their website if you Google Boy Kill Boy. When they are not away on tour, the lead singer and guitarist lives in Harvey Road and the drummer in Barfield Road. They have a recording contract with Sony, so there could be big things ahead.

KATY SMITH

**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 photocopier and office machine repair  
phone: 020 8530 3569  
hour's labour for local area calls.

**CAFÉ LA ROSH** ..... 10% off the price of all purchases.  
Church Lane

**BEING SOUND** ..... 15% discount on day voice workshops and one-to-one voice work, counselling, psychotherapy  
phone: 020 8556 8363  
mobile: 07956 437372  
e-mail: jas@beingsound.com  
www.beingsound.com  
workshops, half of full price for Friday evening workshops, negotiable reductions on one-to-one work.

**STAR OF INDIA RESTAURANT** ..... 15% on dining in, 10% on takeaways (including deliveries). Discount applicable every day of the week, but does not apply to buffet evenings or other promotions.  
875 High Road  
phone: 020 8989 4028

**VIDEOBUFFS** ..... Discounts are: Rent a movie and get a second free. Buy one hour on Internet and get second hour free.  
696 High Road  
phone: 020 8539 9695  
10am–10pm 7 days a week

**BILLINGFORD LTD** ..... 25% off all Corgi plumbing and heating services. All types of work undertaken.  
phone: 020 8503 0404

**NATURE'S CHOICE** ..... 10% off all items.  
health food  
47 Church Lane

**DOOR TO DOOR** ..... Lunch and dinner on a ready meals weekly basis (Mon-Fri).  
phone: 07870 157392  
(Sally or Mary) £10 a day, delivered to your door.

**BUBBLES** ..... 10% off everything.  
hats and clothes  
698 High Road

**PRIMROSE FLORIST** ..... 10% off purchases over £50. Also offers free delivery **in our area**.  
741 High Road

**BANSAL OPTOMETRISTS** ..... 10% off goods over £50.  
775 High Road

**DEANNADONOVAN** (beauty and skincare): working from home  
20% off treatments  
phone: 020 8556 0133

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

**PLANNING**

***Update:*** the Snooker Hall on the corner of Harvey Road and the High Road has now opened although without a drinks licence. The BARA Committee met with the owner and manager of the Snooker Hall who expressed their desire to operate without disruption to local residents and indicated that they would not be applying for an alcohol licence at present. We will continue to monitor the situation.

***New planning applications:*** since the last BT, BARA has submitted comments/objections to the Planning Department on the planning application for the conversion of the hostel at 16 Bushwood into flats. Further information and copies of BARA's submissions on this application can be obtained from me.

LIZ HAYMAN

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

THERE HAS BEEN little of much relevance to the Bushwood area arising from the last two meetings of the Community Council but BARA will continue to attend meetings to keep a finger on the pulse and to maintain and develop contacts. When the next meeting date is announced, all residents of Leytonstone will be welcome to attend. The date will be published in the local paper and there will also be posters in the First Stop Shop, soon to become Waltham Forest Direct.

BERN LOWE

**MARK RAHAMAN** ..... Home visits or at your gym. Discounts for BARA members.  
Dip PT, MRNT, IHHHT  
fully-qualified personal trainer and sports therapist,  
nutrition & massage.  
phone: 07956 239690  
16 Hartley Road

**UK CREATIVES** ..... Initial consultation free, 15% discount to BARA members.  
life coaching services  
focusing on work/life balance, career transition/progression, goal setting/attaining  
www.ukcreatives.net  
phone: 020 8926 0319

**ZAIN GREETINGS** ..... 10% off all cards and cards, gifts, stationery  
48 Church Lane  
gifts, except special offers/Sale items.

**IRONICA** ..... 10% off everything, except Sale items.  
ironware and gifts  
853 High Road

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

**MONARCH SPORTS** ..... 10% off purchases over £100.  
815 High Road

**FRESH WATER FILTER CO** ..... 10% off all purchases.  
Carlton House, Aylmer Road