



# The Bush Telegraph

*The quarterly newsletter of The Bushwood Area Residents Association*

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## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

WELL, SUMMER'S HERE AT LAST – it took a while but the weather finally seems to be changing. Whether the sun decides to shine or not, it looks as though there'll be plenty going on this summer in Leytonstone and it is for this reason that this edition of *The Bush Telegraph* is larger than usual.

The **Leytonstone Festival** goes from strength to strength and the **Arts Trail** has extended its run to three weeks. Whether you like *jazz, comedy, theatre, opera, film or local history*, we've got details of events you're sure to be interested in – see "What's On", page two. Why travel into the West End when so much is available on your doorstep?

Supporting these local enterprises boosts the Leytonstone economy and keeps our community alive. In some cases, for example the **Luna Fringe** and **Misfits Comedy Club**, we have only been able to include details of the most current events. To help you keep up to date with what's happening in between editions of *The Bush Telegraph*, we've put together a useful list of local websites on **page six**.

On a slightly different topic, there are a number of residents' associations ("RAs") covering different parts of Leytonstone. **BARA, FARA** (covering the area around Ferndale Road) and **FORA** (covering the Forest Ward) are all well established, but until now an RA for the Leytonstone Ward has been noticeable by its absence. So I'd like to congratulate residents in the Upper Leytonstone Area on establishing **Leytonstone Area Residents' Association (LARA)**. We all know that it's a daunting task to set up an RA from scratch and the BARA Committee has been impressed by this significant achievement. We also look forward to working with FARA, FORA and LARA in the future, as we believe that where there are issues that affect all Leytonstone residents, the cumulative influence of these RAs working collaboratively will amount to far more than the sum of their parts.

Finally, I would like to mention the **Fill Bushwood with Art** project which is being run by Hilary Douse from Stanmore Road. Hilary had the fantastic idea of making Bushwood itself a venue for art during the period of the Leytonstone Arts Trail. All venues in the Arts Trail have to pay a registration fee and Hilary has even paid this fee herself, so let's see if we can support her project and make it a successful event for Bushwood. **Full details can be seen on this page and details for the Arts Trail as a whole can be found on page eight.**

That's all for now, so enjoy the summer and hopefully see you at one of the forthcoming events.

LIZ HAYMAN

## **Fill Bushwood with Art**

AS PART OF the Leytonstone Arts Trail and the Leytonstone Festival, we are making a special request that every house in Bushwood tries to put a piece of "home" produced art in their window.

From Saturday 27 June to Sunday 19 July, people will be walking between various venues in the area to attend events and exhibitions, so to make the area look really colourful and to add to the general "festive feel" - we suggest that people use their windows to display something creative.

*There will be a dot for Bushwood on the Arts Trail map, so let us make a journey through the area a worthwhile experience.*



The more windows with art displayed the better – whether that's a painting, a photo, a sculpture or even just an artfully displayed vase of flowers. It will all look interesting and cheerful, so let your imagination and creativity run wild.

**Anyone with a window can join in and children's art is especially welcome.** We know they make lots of it, so take it off the fridge and stick it in the window for everyone to appreciate.

Enjoy your creative moment and thanks in advance for all your support.

HILARY DOUSE

## **THE BARBER OF SEVILLE**

Big-screen opera in Walthamstow Town Square  
High Street, Walthamstow

**Wednesday 15 July.** Free open-air link from **Royal Opera House, Covent Garden**. Pre-screen events 7pm, opera starts 7.30pm, approx run-time three hours. Seating provided but bring cushions or blankets. Food and drink sold on-site or bring your own picnic – but no alcohol, no portable seating and please bin your litter. Children must be accompanied. More info on: [www.roh.org.uk/whatson/bpbigscreens/venues/walthamforest.aspx](http://www.roh.org.uk/whatson/bpbigscreens/venues/walthamforest.aspx)

## WHAT'S ON

### Sunday 21 June

*Last day for submitting your pictures to FARA's photo competition* (details on page 6)

### Monday 22 June

*Leytonstone Community Council meeting* at the Epicentre, West Street (details on page 11)

### Thursday 25 June and last Thursday of each month

*Luna Fringe* – experimental music at the Luna Lounge, Church Lane (details on page 10)

### Saturday 27 June

*Misfits Comedy Club* at the Sheepwalk (details on page 9)

### Saturday 27 June to Sunday 19 July

*Leytonstone Arts Trail* (details on pages 1 and 8)

### Also in June – BARA's Annual Front Garden

*Competition* (details on page 3)

### Sunday 5 July

*Summer Fete* in Henry Reynolds Gardens (details on page 7)

### Wednesday 8 to Saturday 11 July

*High Society* – the classic musical – by the Waltham Forest College Amateur Operatic Society (details on page 5)

### Friday 10 to Saturday 11 July and

### Friday 17 to Saturday 18 July

*The Diary of Anne Frank* – by the Woodhouse Players at the Welsh Church (details on page 4)

### Saturday 11 July

*Misfits Leytonstone Festival Show* at the Sheepwalk (details on page 9)

### Monday 13 July

*Leytonstone Festival's Cornelius Night* (details on page 10)

### Wednesday 15 July

*The Barber of Seville* – Rossini's famous opera, big-screen linked from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden to Walthamstow Town Square (see page 1)

### Saturday 18 July

*Local History Walk* – starting from St John's Church and led by Revd Raymond Draper (details on page 7)

### Sunday 19 July

*What's Cookin'* – soul, rock and blues music at Henry Reynolds Gardens (details on page 9)

### Also in July – Leytonstone Film Club presents

*Bronco Bullfrog* (details on page 9)

## Knock knock – it's no joke!

THERE HAS BEEN yet another spate of "burglary artifice" in the area, which we have mentioned before. These are burglaries committed by people pretending to be officials from one of the public services or by offering services such as roof repairs. They ask for access to your home to make checks or search for problems, and have a wide range of disguises at their disposal. Don't take anyone at face value – always ask for evidence of their identity and call the company or organisation concerned to check that their ID is genuine. If they are who they say they are, they won't mind giving up a few moments while you double check.

## Planning

BARA has made an objection to the following planning applications for development of land at:

- ◆ **680 High Road, backing on to Carlton Road and**
- ◆ **31a Woodville Road between Leyspring and Leybourne Roads.**

Both these proposed developments would result in the overdevelopment of small areas of land to the undoubted detriment of some Leyspring, Leybourne and Carlton Road residents. The BARA Committee would like to thank the affected residents for their proactive and co-ordinated approach to opposing the applications.

We are pleased to report that both these applications have been refused.

LIZ HAYMAN



THE E11BID COMPANY has had a busy start to the year and the fruits of that hard work should hopefully start to be seen by the local community. Already parts of the town have been brightened up with wonderful flower baskets mainly in the area around Church Lane and Kirkdale Road. The baskets network will continue to grow adding colour to the area.

The first lamp column banners have been erected and we hope the chosen design will add to the feel of the area and promote events that will be taking place in the area. We're happy to report that we have now received approval for the first stage of our pavement deep-cleanse and chewing-gum removal.

We have also completed necessary research and processes for the implementation of a CCTV system covering the whole area, which we hope will greatly increase the security for the area and provide a safe haven for the community. JOHN CLAPMAN & FAWAAD SHAIKH

## BRAINTEASERS AND BHAJIS

THANKS TO EVERYONE who came out on 25 April to support the BARA quiz at a different venue. We decided to try out the **Leytonstone Social Club** and the feedback we got from the 60 or so people who attended suggested that the change of scene was very much appreciated. We were very grateful to the friendly bar staff who kept the drinks flowing, and of course to Shah and the *Star of India* team who once again provided a fantastic curry buffet. It was also great to see our friends from FARA in attendance – maybe in the future we can team up for a joint event.

We've decided that, since the evening was such a hit, we'll be hosting our next quiz at the social club as well. We hope to see you there!

**Use it or lose it ?**

**A funny thing happened on the way to the Forum**

IN MAY 2007 we set up a BARA Yahoo Group Community Forum (the "Forum") to provide a site for members where local issues could be discussed and information shared. When the Forum was first established it seemed to be quite popular and in the first eight months around 100 messages were posted.

During the whole of 2008 there were only 46 messages and so far this year this has dwindled to an average of fewer than two per month. We originally set up the Forum in response to requests from BARA members but as only 38 members out of 400 have joined we are questioning whether it is something that our members wish to see continue.

We would certainly like the Forum to be more successful and think that it could be a valuable resource, especially as *The Bush Telegraph* is only published quarterly. Examples of the many types of use it could be put to are:

◆ Discussion of local issues (e.g. CPZ or new recycling bins)

- ◆ Recommendations for local businesses or tradespeople
- ◆ Items for sale or items you are willing to give away
- ◆ Requests for help or requests to borrow unusual items (e.g. a long ladder)
- ◆ Information about community events
- ◆ Lost/found items or animals

So if you haven't joined yet, why not give it a go, just visit <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/bara-leytonstone/> to register.

I would also like to thank Carl Moss, the webmaster of the london-e11 website, for his help and advice on the running and potentially revitalising the Forum.

LIZ HAYMAN

**ANTI-SOCIAL DRINKERS STILL MAKING TROUBLE FOR RESIDENTS**

YOU MAY RECALL updates about the anti-social behaviour outside the Sheepwalk in previous issues of *The Bush Telegraph*. Well, unfortunately, although a short-lived improvement in the situation did occur, the problems that residents were experiencing have not been resolved. We are continuing to work with the Safer Neighbourhoods Police team to try to improve the situation.

The advice given in the last issue, that residents who are affected should call 999 **EVERY TIME** there is disruption and to keep a diary of events with dates and times, still stands. Another course of action is to write to the Police Licensing Officer (details below) asking that action be taken on removing the pub's licence. Again, when doing so, be sure to include specific details of the anti-social behaviour.

The more letters they receive, the more grounds they have for taking action. It's always better for individual residents to write letters rather than everyone signing a single letter. This is also a far more effective course of action than sending in a petition.

PC Radley  
Licensing Officer  
Waltham House Police Station  
11 Kirkdale Road  
Leytonstone  
E11 1HB

**Lincoln's pub to be rebranded**

THE FUTURE of Lincoln's public house has been in the balance for a while. Unruly behaviour and bad management had led to the pub's licence being removed. In March a compromise was reached between Trust Inns (owners of Lincoln's), London Borough of Waltham Forest, the police and Ferndale Area Residents' Association.

It was agreed that Lincoln's will remain closed for six months, to be refurbished and rebranded, and then reopen as a traditional-style pub catering for the immediate local community, selling real ales and running events such as quiz nights. A number of conditions were also imposed, including a requirement that Trust Inns must hold quarterly meetings with the local residents, the police and LBWF.

**Annual Front Garden Competition**

• WITH THE horrible winter weather now just a memory, people across Bushwood are taking to their gardens and adding some much-needed colour to the area. In June we'll be holding our annual Front Garden Competition, with members of the Committee walking the streets to find BARA's finest frontage. Whether you've got a couple of window boxes or something to rival the Chelsea Garden Show, make sure your front garden is looking lovely to be in with a chance of winning some gardening vouchers. Results will be announced in the next issue of *The Bush Telegraph*.

As part of the Leytonstone Festival, the Woodhouse Players are presenting a production of

## *The Diary of Anne Frank*

The director of the play, Anna Heinink, has written about her feelings regarding bringing this important story to the stage:

**As a first-time director, what better preparation for directing the dramatisation of the Diary of Anne Frank than a visit to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.**

It wasn't until I stepped through the door concealed by the bookcase leading to the annexe that I understood just how dangerous their situation was. I expected the annexe to begin on another floor, but it is separated from the offices by just a thin wall, so they must have had to keep very still and quiet during the day.

On the other side of this wall are pencil lines recording Anne and Margot's heights on the wall paper. It was on seeing these that the sense of Anne as a real person who lived in this space, rather than a figure from literature, really hit me. The house is very well laid out as a museum, with the visitor being led round by excerpts from Anne's diary.

Particularly poignant were the videos of Anne's dear friend Hannah Goslar describing a chance encounter with Anne in Bergen Belsen shortly before Anne's death, and the record book listing all the people who died in the holocaust. These things made the experience all the more 'real', reminding you that eight people really did live in

that space for two years. The tour draws to an end with a video of Otto Frank describing reading his daughter's diary for the first time, saying "it just goes to show you never really know your children". Finally, of course, Anne's diary itself is there to view in a glass box preserved forever.

First performed in 1956, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play is a stage adaptation of the published version of 13-year-old Anne's diary, *The Diary of a Young Girl*. It opens with Otto Frank returning to the annexe to

find Anne's diary, before going back in time to the family first entering the annexe and beginning their time in hiding.

The entire play is set within the secret annexe where the Franks, along with the Van Daans and Mr Dussel, hid from the Nazis for two years, relying on help from two non-Jewish friends.

In what would have been Anne's 80th year, the Woodhouse Players present a very tender account of a typical adolescent in extraordinary circumstances.

*The Welsh Church Hall*  
*Friday and Saturday 10 and 11 July*  
*Friday and Saturday 17 and 18 July*  
*8pm nightly and 3pm Saturday*  
*matinees*

*£7.00/£4.00 (concs)*

*Phone 020 8504 3872 or email*  
*tickets@woodhouseplayers.co.uk*

*Full details on*  
*www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk*

## **TWO MORE FOR BARA'S LIST OF LOCAL TRADESPEOPLE**

IN THE LAST BT we published a list of local tradespeople and invited members to add to our list. The following additions have been made:

**Window cleaner – Simon Wraith: 07739 743488**

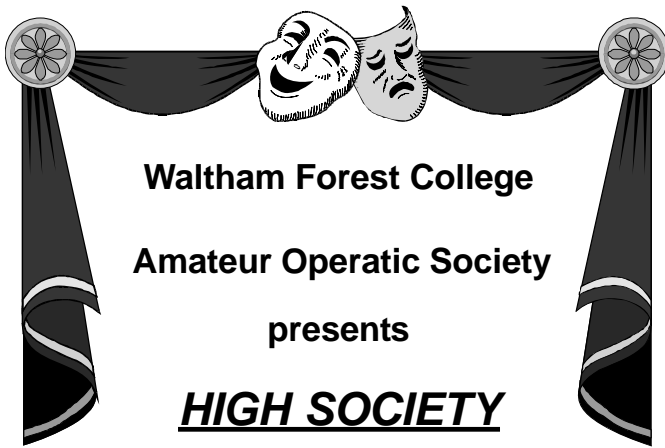
**Carpenter and joiner – David Kallar: 07958 511770/020 8598 9012 or davidkallar@aol.com**

A BARA member reports "He did a very good job on fitting a new front door, frame and side window on our house". The full list can be found on the BARA website or can be obtained by contacting a member

of the Committee (see page five). We would welcome any further recommendations from members.

**And now for the dull but necessary bit:**

**DISCLAIMER:** These details are published as a free service to the community, and are based on the experiences of individual members. Bushwood Area Residents' Association does not accept any legal responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from dealings with the businesses or trades people mentioned above. It is up to readers to make their own assessment of the skills and trustworthiness of the business or person concerned, before entering into any contract with them.



**Waltham Forest College**

**Amateur Operatic Society**

presents

**HIGH SOCIETY**

THE WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE Amateur Operatic Society was established in 1938, when the College was first founded. We perform two shows each year, a major summer production at the Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, and a Christmas event staged at the College in Forest Road, Walthamstow. We also conduct regular fund-raising events.

Our main show this summer is *High Society* at the Kenneth More Theatre, Oakfield Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1BT (Box Office 020 8553 4466) from **8 July to 11 July**. We're hoping to build on the huge success we enjoyed last year with our sell-out production of *Oliver!*.

DOREEN HARDING

*Interested? For more info visit [www.kenneth-more-theatre.co.uk](http://www.kenneth-more-theatre.co.uk), then click on the Booking Period which includes the dates 8-11 July.*

### **TRAFFIC ON HARVEY AND MORNINGTON ROADS**

WE ARE PLEASED that, at last, LBWF has decided to take some action on the very unsatisfactory and dangerous situation concerning rogue drivers who ignore the one-way system and "no entry" signs in Harvey and Mornington Roads.

The junction between Harvey and Mornington is going to be altered to deter cars from entering Harvey Road in contravention of the "no entry" signs. In addition, speed humps are to be placed on these roads.

### **The BARA Committee 2008/2009**

<b>Karen Bateman:</b> <i>Social &amp; Retail Liaison Representative</i>	4 Barclay Road
<b>Desirée Clarke-Noble:</b> <i>Community Council &amp; Social</i>	48 Leybourne Road
<b>Gareth Dimelow:</b> <i>Editor &amp; Social</i>	11 Barclay Road
<b>Kate Duffy:</b> <i>Social</i>	29 St Augustine's Court
<b>Robert Gay</b> (leave of absence)	Mornington Road
<b>Liz Hayman:</b> <i>Chair, Membership, Planning &amp; Safer Neighbourhoods</i>	54 Leyspring Road
<b>Janet Lee:</b> <i>Secretary</i>	27 Beacontree Road
<b>Doug Sheedy:</b> <i>Treasurer</i>	11 Barclay Road
<b>Katy Smith:</b> <i>Deputy Chair &amp; Social</i>	37A Harvey Road

### **BARA SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

Single people: £2 per year      Households: £3 per year

## **ROAD REPRESENTATIVES**

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 your road. Can't find your Road Representative? Then take your query to your nearest Road Rep.

<b>Aylmer Road</b>	Karen Bateman, 4 Barclay Road
<b>Barclay Road</b>	Doug Sheedy, 11 Barclay Road
<b>Barfield Road</b>	Karen Bateman, 4 Barclay Road
<b>Beacontree Road</b>	Cyril Robson, 49 Beacontree Road
<b>Browning Road</b>	Janet Lee, 27 Beacontree Road
<b>Bushview</b>	Karen Bateman, 4 Barclay Road
<b>Bushwood</b>	Brian Hopson, 49 Bushwood
<b>Carlton Road</b>	Karen Bateman, 4 Barclay Road
<b>Colt's Yard</b>	Karen Bateman, 4 Barclay Road
<b>Dacre Road</b>	Karen Bateman, 4 Barclay Road
<b>Forest View</b>	Janet Lee, 27 Beacontree Road
<b>Grove Road</b>	Doug Sheedy, 11 Barclay Road
<b>Hartley Road</b>	Andrew Shields, 9 Hartley Road
<b>Harvey Road</b>	Katy Smith, 37A Harvey Road
<b>High Road</b>	Doug Sheedy, 11 Barclay Road
<b>John Drinkwater</b>	Janet Lee, 27 Beacontree Road
<b>Leybourne Road</b>	Jo Pilc, 57 Leybourne Road
<b>Leyspring Road</b>	Liz Hayman, 54 Leyspring Road
<b>Lister Road</b>	Joyce Quarrie, 42 Lister Road
<b>Michael Road</b>	Sue House, 32 Michael Road
<b>Mornington Road</b>	Kate Duffy, 29 St Augustine's Court
<b>St Augustine's Court</b>	Kate Duffy, 29 St Augustine's Court
<b>St John's Court</b>	Kate Duffy, 29 St Augustine's Court
<b>St Mary's Court</b>	Kate Duffy, 29 St Augustine's Court
<b>Stanmore Road</b>	Desirée Clarke-Noble, 48 Leybourne Road
<b>Woodville Road</b>	Desirée Clarke-Noble, 48 Leybourne Road
<b>Woodbridge House</b>	Doug Sheedy, 11 Barclay Road

**SINCE *The Bush Telegraph* only appears four times a year, you may want to stay up to date with what's going on in the local community on a more regular basis. The Leytonstone websites listed here are your best resource for regularly updated information. If you can think of any more that our readers would benefit from, please drop us a note (Committee addresses on page five) and we'll include it in the next issue**

### ***Residents' Associations***

**Bushwood Area Residents' Association (BARA)**

[www.bara-leytonstone.org.uk](http://www.bara-leytonstone.org.uk)

**BARA Yahoo Group Community Forum**

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/bara-leytonstone/>

**Ferndale Area Residents' Association (FARA)**

[www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk](http://www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk)

**Forest Residents' Association (FORA)**

[www.forestresidents.org.uk](http://www.forestresidents.org.uk)

**Leytonstone Area Residents' Association (LARA)**

[www.leytonstoneresidents.org.uk/](http://www.leytonstoneresidents.org.uk/)

(under construction)

### ***Blogs/news sites/comment***

[www.london-e11.co.uk/](http://www.london-e11.co.uk/)

[www.leytonstoneblog.blogspot.com/](http://www.leytonstoneblog.blogspot.com/)

[www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/e11](http://www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/e11)

[www.leytonstone.towntalk.co.uk](http://www.leytonstone.towntalk.co.uk)

[www.easteleven.co.uk](http://www.easteleven.co.uk) (currently being upgraded)

[www.leytonstone.net](http://www.leytonstone.net)

### ***Other organisations***

**Leytonstone Festival**

[www.leytonstonefestival.org.uk](http://www.leytonstonefestival.org.uk)

**Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society**

[www.leytonhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.leytonhistorysociety.org.uk)

**Leytonstone Film Club**

[www.leytonstonefilmclub.com](http://www.leytonstonefilmclub.com)

**Woodhouse Players**

[www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk](http://www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk)

**News from Nowhere**

[www.newsfromnowhereclub.org](http://www.newsfromnowhereclub.org)

**Luna Fringe**

[www.myspace.com/lunafringe](http://www.myspace.com/lunafringe)

**e11-bid**

[www.e11bid.co.uk](http://www.e11bid.co.uk)

**Arts Trail**

[www.leytonstoneartstrail.org](http://www.leytonstoneartstrail.org)

**Misfits Comedy**

[www.facebook.com/  
group.php?gid=45564687828&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=45564687828&ref=ts)

We ♥ Leytonstone !

## ***Grab your camera – and make it snappy!***

FERNDALE AREA Residents Association is organising a photo competition as part of Leytonstone Festival 2009. The competition is open to anyone living/working/studying in Leytonstone. The theme of the competition is ***We Love Leytonstone!*** with three categories showing aspects of life in the area:



### **Best Buildings - Hidden Gems - Green Spaces**

You can enter one photo (colour or b/w) in each category. If you wish to submit digital photos by email, please send them to:

**[faraphotocomp@googlemail.com](mailto:faraphotocomp@googlemail.com)**

Photos should be a maximum of 1500 pixels on the longest side (smaller is OK). Please include a

caption of up to 20 words for each photo, your full contact details, and your age if entering as a junior (age 12 and under).

Or send your prints (max size A5), to: FARA Photo Competition, c/o 12 Davies Lane, E11 3DR. Please send captions and other details as shown above.

The entry period closes on 21 June – please be sure to submit your entries in time. Prize winners will receive a certificate and a large framed print of their winning photo.

Entries will be on public display at Davies Lane School on Saturday 11 July from 11am-5pm. everyone is welcome to visit the exhibition and vote for the winning photos. Refreshments and disabled facilities available.

JANE STERLAND

## Refresh yourself

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH is launching a new café service on 20 June 2009, to serve as a meeting place and haven for our community.

**Café Refresh** will be offering teas, coffees and hot chocolate, plus light snacks and lunches from Tuesday through to Saturday. Opening times are 10am – 5pm on Tuesday and Saturday, and 12pm – 5pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

It will also be running a creative programme from 5 July, launching with an exhibition of Christian artworks in the Church by local artists from the group *Commission-4-Mission*. The church will be playing host to a number of creative events during the

Leytonstone Art Trail and through into September.

For further details see:

[www.standrewsleytonstone.com](http://www.standrewsleytonstone.com)

St Andrew's Church  
157 Colworth Road  
Leytonstone  
E11 1JD

We are situated in the forest next to Leytonstone School and five minutes' walk from Whipps Cross Hospital (James Lane exit).

Email contact: [refresh@standrewsleytonstone.org](mailto:refresh@standrewsleytonstone.org)  
Phone: 07866 451744 HELEN GHEORGHU GOULD

## A LONG, LONG TIME AGO IN.....LEYTONSTONE

DID YOU KNOW that your local neighbourhood was hit by a V2? Do you know why many of the roads in Bushwood bend and curve so much? Have you any idea who Henry Reynolds was?

These questions and many more can be answered by our local Vicar, the Reverend Raymond Draper, who has kindly volunteered to impart his historical knowledge of the Bushwood area to all BARA members with a two-hour walk.

### An introduction to the Bushwood Estate

The talk will touch on topics such as wartime stories, field boundaries, Henry Reynolds, Davies Lane School and the Mosque, plus the three key areas of the forest, the roads and the railway.

The Reverend has some fascinating detailed maps and documents of the Bushwood Area from a bygone age, some of which will be given in the form of handouts for you to keep.

This promises to be an enlightening and entertaining experience so please join us on

**Saturday 18 July 10am to 12noon**

Meet at St John's Church promptly at 10am



(inside if it is raining!) Four-legged friends and children are also very welcome.

We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £2 per adult (children and dogs go free), which will go to Church funds.

Please contact Kate on 07961 104876 to secure your place or email [bushwoodra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bushwoodra@hotmail.co.uk).

Remember to book early as numbers are limited and we expect this to be a very popular outing.

KATE DUFFY



## BARA at Henry Reynolds Gardens summer fete

LOOK OUT FOR THE BARA STALL at the Henry Reynolds Gardens summer fete on Sunday 5 July. As in previous years there'll be a number of different stalls and activities, so let's keep our fingers crossed for a sunny day and a great turnout.

Wanstead Park and the former Wanstead House have had a long and somewhat chequered past. The House is no longer with us, thanks to the Hon William Wellesley-Pole, nephew of the Duke of Wellington, but the Park continues to delight us. This in-depth review by BARA member John Buniak reveals some of the secrets of Wanstead Park's history, now available on DVD

THIS WONDERFUL three-hour DVD features various aspects of Wanstead Park and the surrounding area, including Bushwood and Wanstead Flats. The DVD reminds us how privileged we are to be living on this edge of Epping Forest.

As spring approaches, the daylight lengthens, the weather becomes warmer and the trees grow greener, the splendours of the park and surrounding area are illustrated in this DVD.

I have my own memories of picnics in the park with the boys from the house on the corner of our street, Paul, Simon and their younger brother JonJon. My family also has an historical connection with Bushwood; John Evelyn, who came to Bushwood in 1667 and planted the ancient chestnut trees, was my great-grandfather 10 times removed.

The DVD covers many aspects of the park, with aerial views of the grassland and lakes, before coming down to earth with coverage of the plants and wildlife. There is also a fascinating history lesson from Tudor times through to the present day. For instance, did you know that:

◆ The park was saved from being enclosed by landlords and becoming part of the expansion of housing for London by the actions of local people and the Corporation of the City of London?

◆ In 1512 it was a hunting park for Henry VIII?

◆ Sir Isaac Newton took the maypole from The London Strand to the park for the Astronomer Royal to erect a telescope to study the stars?

◆ The park contained the palatial Wanstead House, built by Joshua Childs in 1720 with wealth from the East India Company and subsequently demolished in 1823 to pay the debts of Wellesley-Pole, who squandered his fortune?

◆ The City of London Cemetery catacombs were the site for Sunday outings and the cemetery area now has over 3,000 mature trees?

◆ Princess Elizabeth met Mary Tudor on Wanstead Flats 450 years ago?

The DVD includes sections on the grazing of cattle in the area (will they be back?), the

opening of the Aldersbrook riding school and tea hut (on the site of the boat house – will boating come back to the park?). The river Roding that skirts the edge of the park is prominent and the water system of ornamental lakes explained. One of the oldest living visitors of the park remarks on how little has changed since her first visit 94 years ago. There is even up-to-date coverage of the search for the lost Roman Villa, first uncovered in 1715.

### Springtime in mid-winter

This DVD was a welcome Christmas present in mid-winter, providing a reminder of spring and summer to come. The blue sky above and bluebells flowering below, the birds singing in the trees and the herons fishing in the lakes and the lime blossom throwing scent down Evelyn Avenue on Wanstead Flats. A DVD well worth watching. Oh, and JonJon now goes by a more grown-up name – Jonathan Ross.

JOHN BUNIAK, LEYBOURNE ROAD

**Chair's note: Thanks very much to John for writing this article for us. We would welcome more articles from BARA members, so if you have something you would like to write about for a future edition then do contact us (Committee addresses on page five).**

### "Wanstead Park Revealed" DVD

*Produced by Wanstead Parklands  
Community Project*

**£5 + £1.50 p&p** from:

[www.wansteadpark.org.uk](http://www.wansteadpark.org.uk)

*Also available at The Temple and the  
tea hut, Wanstead Park, or local  
libraries*

**BARA has a copy to borrow in  
return for a donation**

### Follow the Leytonstone Arts Trail

LEYTONSTONE ARTS TRAIL runs from 27 June to 19 July and involves many different visual arts events, from photography and painting to sculpture and textiles. Our aim is to get art into as many venues as possible, so that artists can show their work, and venues can benefit from added custom.

There will be some exciting venues this year – look out for us in the old Woolworths building later this year.

Arts Trail maps will be available from mid-June in a number of venues, including Leytonstone Library, Harrow Green Library, the Epicentre, One Stop Shop for Businesses and the 491 Gallery.

Come and visit the exhibitions and events on your doorstep.

**More information on our website:**  
[www.leytonstoneartstrail.org](http://www.leytonstoneartstrail.org) FLASH BRISTOW

## Them's the brakes

BLESSED WITH fantastic weather, a 20-strong horde of cyclists headed out on Sunday 31 May for a bike ride along the Lea Valley, courtesy of our regular route-master Dwight Wood. With sun lotion at the ready and several carry-seats for the little ones we covered quite a few miles, but it was a gentle route that didn't seem too taxing for the less proficient among us. Regular stops along the way for refreshments helped too! Thanks to Dwight Wood and his family for leading the way and ensuring that everyone got back safely.



## WHAT'S COOKIN' AT HENRY REYNOLDS GARDENS

COME ALONG to Henry Reynolds Gardens on Sunday 19 July for a special What's Cookin' as part of the Leytonstone Festival. There'll be a bar, bbq and craft stalls, along with an eclectic mix of music to suit every ear.

### Jawbone

Rootsy southern country soul – the perfect festival band for a sunny day in the park.

[www.myspace.com/thejawboneband](http://www.myspace.com/thejawboneband)

### Graham Larkbey & the Escape Committee

Faces-esque pub rock with a folksy edge.

[www.myspace.com/grahamlarkbey](http://www.myspace.com/grahamlarkbey)

### The Snakes

*"Really joyous guitar pop with infectious choruses"*

SHINDIG MAGAZINE

Country rock and some bluesy balladry at its very best, with melodies and harmonies the Eagles would envy.

[www.myspace.com/the\\_snakes](http://www.myspace.com/the_snakes)

### Little George Sueref & his band

*"UK's brightest blues hope"* BLUES & RHYTHM

Down-home blues and sweet-voiced soul - one of

the UK's finest and most unusual blues singers, plus three-time winner of "Harp Player of the Year".

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*"Soulful & swaggering country blues rock'n'roll"*

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Warm and soulful, country-influenced southern rock boogie, as recently featured on Mark Lamarr's God's Jukebox.

[www.myspace.com/thelovingcup](http://www.myspace.com/thelovingcup)

### The Coal Porters

*"Great harmony singing and memorable songs that often recall a British Buritto Bros or a back-porch Ronnie Lane"* MOJO

The world's first Alt-Bluegrass band, an acoustic act with its roots in punk and rockabilly.

[www.sidgriffin.com](http://www.sidgriffin.com)

KATE DUFFY

## ARE YOU HAVING A LAUGH?

### Misfits Comedy Club

HAVE YOU HEARD the one about Misfits? After a two-year hiatus, "London's friendliest comedy club" is back.

Held monthly upstairs at the Sheepwalk, Misfits is a unique showcase of the best up-and-coming comedy talent, handpicked by resident compere Ms Fit. Surprises are the order of the day – Dave Gorman of BBC2's Genius recently did an extended "secret" set and previous acts include Pappy's Fun Club, Holly Walsh, Ginger and Black and Christian Lee, all now appearing regularly on TV.

Upcoming dates are Saturday 27 June and a special Leytonstone Festival Show on 11 July. More details and photos of acts can be found on Facebook. Just search for "misfits comedy at the Sheepwalk".

Doors open 8pm, show 8.30pm – entry is £8 on the door or £6 if reserved in advance via Facebook or 07956 816133.

CLAIRE STROUD

## Leytonstone Film Club presents a classic

DETAILS for the June film were not available at the time of going to press but in July, as part of the Leytonstone Festival, there will be a screening of an East End classic – *Bronco Bullfrog*. Despite only ever appearing on TV once, this has grown through word of mouth into one of the 60s' most popular cult films.

Set in the East End of London and filmed in Stratford at the tail end of the 60s, it's the story of a young couple who decide to run away when their parents disapprove of their growing love for each other. They decide to hole up with Joe "Bronco Bullfrog" who is in hiding after going on the run from Borstal. All three realise that the law will catch up eventually, it's just a matter of time.

See the Film Club's website for full details:

[www.leytonstonefilmclub.com/](http://www.leytonstonefilmclub.com/)

Most people know of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, founded in 1947 and now recognised as the largest arts festival in the world. But if free-style music is your favourite art there's no need to travel to Scotland to hear it. Our local Fringe was founded following the last Leytonstone Festival and now curator Noel Taylor tells us the what, when and where of the

## LUNA FRINGE

**LAST YEAR'S** Leytonstone Festival commemorated the late avant-garde composer, Cornelius Cardew, who lived in the borough until his untimely death in 1981. The event marked the emergence of Leytonstone as an area where experimental music and free improvisation could be heard, and this has been consolidated with the start of a regular series of evenings called the *Luna Fringe*. Curated by Leytonstone musician Noel Taylor, Luna Fringe is held on the last Thursday of each month at the Luna Lounge in Church Lane.

London is one of the foremost cities in the world for this area of musical activity. In spite of this, the number of places where this music can be heard is quite small, which at least enables Luna Fringe to feature some very well known artists, such as Lol Coxhill, Steve Beresford, Clive Bell, Veryan Weston, Phil Minton and Alex Ward.

Several musicians from other European countries are also looking to add an additional event to their British tours. As a result, they could well be playing at the Vortex one night, and here in Leytonstone the following day.

Each Luna Fringe evening hosts three separate acts. The upcoming June event features former Leytonstone resident Dave Ryan on bass clarinet, Tanya Chen on piano and David Leahy on double bass. They'll be joined Birmingham duo Mike Hurley on piano and Paul Hession on drums. The third act is German pianist Niko Meinhold, with Anna Kaluza on alto sax. Admission is £5 (£4 concessions) and the music starts soon after 8pm.

Most of the evenings are held together by a loose theme, either pitching together artists who have similar concerns, or artists who use similar techniques. Examples would be the laptop-based evening in October, or the recent "noise art" event in April, where all the performers used contact mikes to generate sound. This music can be quite demanding to listen to, and if you've never heard anything like it before, prepare to be pleasantly surprised. Even experienced listeners will confess that they sometimes find it all too much – but they know that just around the corner, a sudden and inexplicable converging of minds and musical instincts can result in something quite beautiful.

**In addition to the monthly Luna Fringe this year's Leytonstone Festival is mounting a second *Cornelius Night* on 13 July.** In an ambitious move, the Festival has invited the clarinet virtuoso and free Jazz musician, Theo Jörgensmann, to make his first-ever appearance in the United Kingdom. He will be playing with the drumming sensation and former Mercury prize nominee, Seb Rochford. Seb is the leading light of *Polar Bear* and *Acoustic Ladyland*. Their trio will be completed by the hugely experienced bassist Dominic Lash.

The evening will also have a rare performance of Cornelius Cardew's virtuoso work for solo bass clarinet, *Mountains*, given by the up-and-coming Shabaka Hutchings. Shabaka is a regular member of Courtney Pine's *Jazz Warriors Afropeans*, and fronts the band 'Zed-U'.

The Luna Fringe could not have happened, of course, without the support of Suja, the proprietor of the Luna Lounge, and the Leytonstone Festival has also been a very active partner.

**You can find the full programme of events at the Luna Fringe at: [www.myspace.com/lunafringe](http://www.myspace.com/lunafringe)**

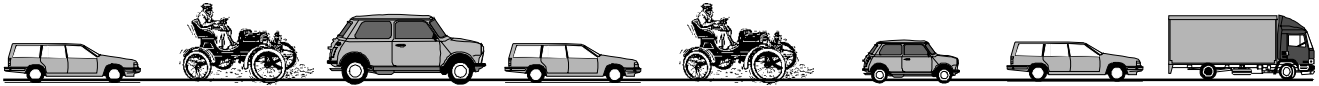
### New blue-topped recycling bins bring mixed reactions

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED that some roads in the BARA area (Leybourne, Leyspring, Bushwood, Hartley, Stanmore and Woodville Roads) have acquired new blue-topped wheelee bins. This is part of a three-month trial by LBWF to experiment with a "co-mingling" recyclable rubbish collection. Co-mingling means that all recyclables are collected together and then sorted at their destination.

Residents' views on the new system will be invited by LBWF at the end of the trial, but in the meantime you can give feedback by emailing Bob Belam, who is the councillor responsible, at: [cllr.bob.belam@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.bob.belam@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Alternatively, if you experience any problems with the day-to-day operation of the trial, then contact the contractor, Verdant, on 020 8496 2375.

Early feedback to us from our members has been mixed – some people have welcomed the bins and others (usually those with smaller front gardens) have objected to having another large bin in a limited space. If you are finding that space is an issue, why not join together with your neighbour(s) and share a bin? LBWF will be happy to remove any unneeded bins on request.



## CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE EXTENSION – BARA MEMBERS VOTE FOR LOBBY

AS MEMBERS may be aware, BARA circulated a letter with the last issue of *The Bush Telegraph* asking those members in non-CPZ roads whether they would like us to lobby the London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF) to conduct another survey of residents as to whether the CPZ should be extended. The feedback from members was overwhelmingly in favour of us lobbying LBWF (67% of votes cast) and therefore we have written to LBWF asking them to re-survey residents.

As a Committee (whatever our individual opinions on the matter) we are not taking a position for or against the extension of the CPZ but have taken the democratic approach of enabling residents to make that decision for themselves.

However, having said that, if LBWF does

survey residents again (which WILL happen sooner or later, whatever BARA does) the Committee is likely to be making representations on at least two specific issues. First, that any extension of the CPZ area should be on an “all or nothing” basis - no more of the road-by-road approach which has been taken in the past. Secondly, that LBWF should change the operating hours of the scheme (for example to between 7am and 10am) to deter commuter parking, whilst enabling shopper parking, so as to encourage trade on the High Road.

*Apologies to residents in Leybourne Road who may have been confused by an additional letter on this subject from a Leybourne resident. The views expressed in that letter do not reflect those of the BARA Committee.*

## LEYTONSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Nationwide “fast foods” first for Waltham Forest Council and first victory for ban  
£10,000 on offer at 22 June LCC Meeting**

HELD ON 9 MARCH, the last Leytonstone Community Council meeting was very well attended by local residents, councillors, street wardens and safer neighbourhood teams.

An interesting presentation was given by Gordon Glenday, Head of Spatial Planning from Waltham Forest Council, on their plans regarding fast food outlets in the area. A significant amount of media interest was generated earlier this year when the Council became the first in Britain to ban all new fast food outlets from opening within 400 metres of schools, leisure centres and parks, with further restrictions in place to limit the number of outlets in town centres and residential areas.

The policy has proved effective so far with the closure of the *Bamboo Joint* in the High Road for operating without planning permission. Gordon also reminded the meeting that it is important for residents to object to planning applications through the proper channels, and gave the example of an application for a 24-hour off-licence in the High Road which had received just one formal objection. So, if we want our High Road to have less noise, litter and anti-social behaviour we must make our voices heard.

**The next Community Council meeting is on Monday 22 June at the Epicentre in West Street.** Applications and suggestions can be made at the

meeting for the Community Council fund, £10,000 is available for the Leytonstone ward with an additional £5,000 across the whole Community Council area. So, if you have some ideas on ways to improve our ward or would like to apply for funding for a voluntary organisation or group then do attend the next meeting. Further information can be found here: <http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/council/community-councils/community-councils-annual-fund.htm>

DESIRÉE CLARKE-NOBLE

### Discounts update – one in, one out

WE'RE PLEASED to announce that we've managed to negotiate a new discount offer for BARA members, courtesy of **K Rayner Butchers opposite the tube station**. A number of our members have written to us to compliment the great service, high quality meats and fair prices on offer, so we're particularly happy that they will now be offering a **10% discount on purchases over £20 when you show your BARA membership card** (see discounts list on page 12).

You might also want to ask about their Christmas Club next time you pop in.

**Please note that, unfortunately, Ocean Dry Cleaners in the High Road no longer offers a BARA discount, we will be trying to find another dry cleaners to replace them.**

**LOCAL SHOPPING/SERVICES DISCOUNTS**

**Don't forget to take your BARA membership card with you when you claim your discount**

- Adult Literacy** ..... 10% discount  
Qualified adult literacy tutor:  
020 8530 3484
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Hair and Day Spa salon  
9 Church Lane  
020 8556 4348
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- Billingford**..... 10% discount  
General builders including Corgi  
plumbers and certified  
electricians  
020 8503 0404
- Bumblebee Florists** ..... 10% discount when you spend  
£10 or more  
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(lunch and dinner M-F)  
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07951 048819,  
www.marcfletcher.com
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**MRNT, IIHHT**  
Fully qualified personal trainer  
and sports therapist:  
07956 239690
- Melvyn Brown** ..... £10 (20%) off first hour's  
Photocopier and office labour in local area  
machinery repairs:  
020 8530 3569
- Monarch Sports** ..... 10% on purchases  
over £100  
815 High Road
- One Stop Shop for Business** ..... 10% discount  
841 Leytonstone High Road
- Star of India** ..... 15% on dining in (except buffet  
nights and other promotions),  
020 8989 4028 10% on takeaways
- Trading Places Ltd** ..... 10% off standard sales and  
Estate Agents, Letting Agents letting fees for BARA members  
and Property Management Specialists  
020 8558 1147 or email  
jennifer@tradingplacesproperty.com
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Cards, gifts and stationery items  
48 Church Lane

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Please send your advert to any  
Committee member – see page five

**AVON.** Patricia Roche: 020 8989 9728 (eve).

**CAT** carrier for hire. Donation to BARA. Helen: 020 8989 5845.

**DIGITAL HOMES.** Consultancy and installation of TV/plasma/surround sound/Internet networking/scene lighting/CCTV. Free consultation. Ian at Gemini AVL: 07905 352972.

**DJ TUITION.** Experienced DJ offers mixing/scratching tuition plus discounts on equipment. Ian (DJ Blaze): 020 8558 5870.

**FACE PAINTER** available for children's parties etc. Jessica: 07817 880741 or 020 8556 7801.

**FACIAL TREATMENTS** using Dermalogica products. Surprisingly therapeutic! £5 discount with this issue of *The Bush Telegraph* for limited period. Yumiko: 07980 488568.

**GAZEBO.** BARA gazebo available to borrowers **for free**. Also available is BARA's new gazebo for a deposit of £90, fully refundable if new gazebo is returned undamaged. Katy: 020 8556 5162.

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**LAKE DISTRICT HOLIDAY HOUSE.** Stylish and comfortable house in Keswick, sleeps 8. 10% discount for BARA members on holidays in 2009. Jocelyn: 01768 780894 or see www.borrowdalehouse.co.uk.

**LOCKSMITH.** Richard Boynton: 020 8989 8532 or 07963 713506.

**MAID OF ALL WORK.** Early retired professional woman seeks paid employment. Anything moral and legal considered. Specialities: gardening, writing, shopping, fetch/carry service and dog walking. Jennie: 07916 329595.

**MUSIC EQUIPMENT AND BOOKS.** Equipment: two Clarinet Mistral student good condition and case £65 each; folding metal music stand £5; music bag £2. Books: *Usborne Easy Clarinet* £3; *First Book of Clarinet Solos* £2; *100 Solos Clarinet* £3; *Clarinet 100 Classical Themes* £5; *Making the Grade* Grade 1 £5; *What Else Can I Play* Grade 3 £3; *Learn as You Play* £3; *Time Pieces for Clarinet* £1.50; *Five bagatelles* £5. Or £140 for everything. Tel 020 8530 3484.

**PC SOLUTIONS.** Having trouble with PC networking? Has your Wi-Fi gone pear-shaped? Want to share a broadband Internet connection? PC specialist with over 15 years' experience. Roger: 020 8530 5656 or email: roger@gann.com.

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**SHIATSU MASSAGE,** excellent for neck/shoulder and back-aches. Yumiko: 07980 488568.

**SPANISH HOLIDAY HOME** for rent. www.ownersdirect.co.uk Ref S2506.

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