

# BUSH TELEGRAPH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BUSHWOOD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS


To everyone we wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Good luck to the Association, which we hope will expand and prosper in 1981 - we thank you for your support in the past and ask for it again in the future. Now is the time to consider the Association's activities for the coming year - let us know which ones you think we should be involved in. And, during the cold winter months ahead, please be concerned for our elderly and lonely residents.

We would have liked this to reach you earlier, but because everyone is so busy at this time of the year, it wasn't possible to start production when we wanted to.

Another reason is that we wanted to include a report on the Christmas party. This took place on December 6th in the Pastures Hall. In the afternoon we had a children's party and in the evening a social for adults. The venue was a new one for us and the general feeling was that it is more suitable than the Church Hall. Both functions were well attended - in the afternoon there were nearly 50 children (plus many helpers and Father Christmas) and in the evening we had close on 100 people enjoying (we hope) food, wine, dancing, singing and a raffle.

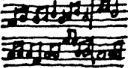
We thank everyone who helped us organise these events, and we thank all of you who attended. Mr. Fred Terry did a marvellous job on the awesome task of keeping the children occupied in the afternoon; and Mrs. Cross and Joyce Clarke whizzed around in the background all the time doing those jobs which everyone leaves to everyone else. To these three stalwarts, our special thanks.

Let us know what you thought of the Pastures Hall. We were impressed by its facilities, the co-operation of its officials and the possibility of using it for other BARA functions. (Someone was taking photographs at the children's party - could we borrow one and try reproducing it in the next issue?)



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Having mastered the art of the Whist Drive - which proved very successful and will be repeated - Elaine and Clive Atkins are moving on (in a trailer) to Carol singing in the Bushwood area. The trailer will in fact be carrying a harmonium, plus harmoniumist?, accompanied by carol singers, merry makers and people with large receptacles to collect donations. It is rumoured that there will be traditional sustenance during and at the end of the evening. Constabulary willing, this will take place on December 22nd and the very serious intention of this festive occasion is a contribution to the Mayor's Fund, which is raising money for a holiday home for the mentally handicapped. Those wishing to take part, contact Elaine and Clive at 28 Barclay Road.



### JAZZ CLUB

Are any members of the Residents Association interested in joining a jazz appreciation group? The idea being to meet regularly in one another's homes to listen to and discuss jazz on record, tape, radio and film. Jazz from traditional to modern (avant garde if you must), big bands and small groups.

Anyone interested please contact Ron Allen, 38 Lister Road.

**IF IT'S NOT TOO LATE, PLEASE SAVE THE USED STAMPS FROM YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS. WE CAN PASS THEM ON TO A CHARITY WHICH WE KNOW WILL BE ABLE TO PUT THEM TO GOOD USE.**

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As far as we know, there is no member of the committee, the Association or the Bushwood area who is in any way related to or connected with either the Great Wapping Wine Co., 60 Wapping High St., E1 9LX; or the Noble Grape, 26 The Highway, E1. We believe this therefore to be an unbiased report!

**GREAT WAPPING WINE CO**

**THE NOBLE GRAPE**

These people sell good quality wines, spirits and beers at very reasonable prices. They are wholesalers normally selling the goods by the case of 12 bottles, open Mon - Sat 10-6 and Sunday 11-5. Before a purchase a customer is invited to taste the wines and sample a variety of cheeses which are also available. We are told that a very pleasant afternoon can be spent in making a decision!

It is also a fascinating part of London to wander around. Next to it is the new St. Katherines Dock development which has an interesting assortment of restaurants, pubs, small shops and craft centres.

It is probably too late for members to go there for Christmas wines and spirits, but in the future it might be worthwhile for a group to go together and share the cost of a crate or two.

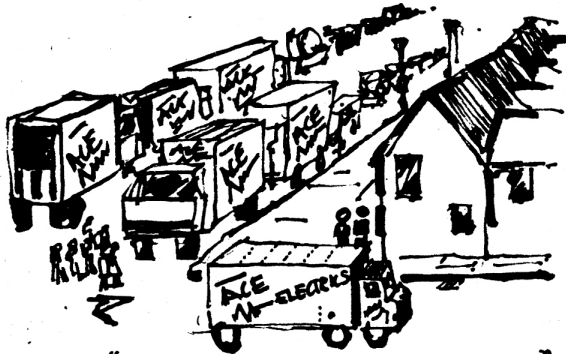
## NEW MEMBERS

We are always trying to recruit new members to the Association, so if you know anyone who you think might be interested, please let one of the committee members know - or simply pass on our membership secretary's address: Cherry Allen, 38 Lister Road. So far this year, (since July) we have 99 memberships and we are aiming to beat last years total of 145.

**\* NEXT NEWSLETTER - MID MARCH  
ARTICLES PLEASE BY MARCH 1ST.**

## SCRABBLE

The final of the Scrabble competition was not held during the Christmas party as originally planned. It actually took place on December 2nd, and we congratulate Elaine Atkins who came 1st, Norma Smallridge (2nd) and Sue Andrews (3rd), in a close fought, exciting contest. A consolation prize for the least high score went to Rose Smallridge! Thanks to everyone who took part - look out for the next one which will possibly be in the Spring.



"I ONLY WANTED A FUSE CHANGED..."

We are glad to have been able to recommend reliable local tradesmen to members. However, we are aware that you may have jobs about the house which are too small to warrant calling in a professional. Please let us know as we can probably put you in touch with a member of the Association who would be willing to help.

As you sit by the fire watching TV during the long winter evenings ahead, please remember that we need items for our stall at the summer fetes. We shall be grateful for any handmade articles or small novelty items which can be sold easily and cheaply.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR