

# BUSH TELEGRAPH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BUSHWOOD AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## FETE, FUNDAY AND FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

The Funday wasn't as successful as we had hoped due mainly to the awful weather, and our position in a remote corner of the soggy field. Our stall offered a Raffle, and "Guess the Sweets in the Jar" competition, and the Bottle Tops game. Despite the valiant efforts of our helpers, trade was slow and we only managed to take £18.15 for the whole day.

Three weeks later at the Whipps Cross Fete, the weather made amends, and a beautiful sunny afternoon gave us a good attendance. Thanks to your response, we were able to set up a colourful, attractive stand packed with all kinds of home-made produce. We continued the Raffle and "Guess the Sweets" (neither of which had been won at the Funday) and our old faithful the "Bottle Tops" was squeezed in down one side.

At the end of the day, with only a few plants and small cakes left over, we had £82.42 and four prize winners. In the Raffle, the Victorian Doll (1st) was won by Lynn Standen of 10 Barclay Road, E11; the Pooh Bear

(2nd) by the Piggott family of Poppleton Road, E11 and the Teddy Bear (3rd) by a Leyton family.

Anne, of 75 Barclay Road, E17, guessed correctly that the jar contained 175 sweets and we hope they didn't make her ill! Of the takings, we are donating approximately £25 to the Whipps Cross Hospital Fund.

The Festival of Flowers took place at St. Johns Church and we have Janet Brindley to thank for organising and arranging eight window ledges of flowers and shrubs from members gardens.

Thanks also to the other members, too numerous to mention by name, who helped and contributed in all three events; but especially to Jan Gunner who hand-made the Raffle prizes.

**AND..** Like it or not, our stall at these occasions certainly takes a lot of time and effort to conjure up from the hotch potch of tables, banners, poles, tents and cloths that we had begged or borrowed. If someone can suggest a knock-down stall to suit these occasions, that we can make or buy cheaply, we would be MOST grateful!

**CHRISTMAS ALREADY!**  
Jan Gunner, who made the raffle prizes, is taking orders for Christmas.  
Phone her on: 989 8879

## SUBS!

To those of you who have renewed theirs, thank you. To those who are going to, but haven't got round to it yet, please hurry. Subs please to our membership secretary, Cherry Allen (38 Lister Road), or your nearest committee member.

To those who don't wish to renew them - we're sorry!

## IN COMMITTEE

Due to holidays and other commitments, only a few committee members were able to attend our last meeting on August 28th. Our main business was the organisation of the imminent Whipps Cross Fete and the Festival of Flowers.

We also discussed the "Funday" which had taken place on the 17th, to rather disappointing results. We only managed to take £18.15, but were consoled by the fact that other stallholders reported lower takings than previous years also.

We noted a planning application reported in the "Guardian" for a nursery at 23 Bushwood for 25-30 children, open Monday-Friday, 8.30a.m. to 5.30p.m. As soon as we have more details, we will pass them on to you.

Our letter to the Post Office requesting the erection of a telephone kiosk in the area remains unanswered. Hopefully, they are giving it some consideration.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME!**

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## BRIEFLY...

With the start of the new year for adult education in the borough, it is possible that journeys are duplicated by Association members attending classes at the same place at the same time.

If you travel by car to a class and can offer someone a lift, or if you have to travel to a class by foot or public transport and would like a lift, please let us know. We will match journeys to the same place at the same time and put you in touch with each other.

We have a local plumber on our register who rings when he says he will, arrives when you expect him to and does the job you asked him to do for the price he told you he would! What's more, he's very reasonable.

Don't ask us why, but his wife does a sideline in ice-cubes - in bulk for parties, weddings etc. Let us know if you have need for either of these services.

The coach trip to Whipsnade Zoo took place on October 5th, which at the time of writing is two weeks in the future! Twenty people are going so far, and hopefully it will be a full coach by the 5th.



## BRIDGE CLUB

The first meeting of our Bridge Club took place on October 2nd - or it should have done! At present, there are ten members, which is unfortunate for two of them, so please can we have at least two more members as soon as possible. The club plans to meet regularly on Thursday evenings, and caters for learners as well as seasoned players. Contact Dave Gunner on 989 8879, 44 Woodville Road - especially anyone who knows of card tables for sale or loan!

## M11



The government has promised to make a decision on their preferred route for the M11 Link Road in September, but as we go to press, there is no further news. The Evening Standard carried a report on September 11th of a row between Social Services Secretary and Woodford/Wanstead MP Patrick Jenkin; and Transport Minister Norman Fowler. Mr. Jenkin, supported by local MPs, Borough Councils, Action Groups and Euro MPs wants to "Tunnel it"; while Mr. Fowler, mainly on grounds of cost, does not.

The 11th was the day Junior Transport Minister Kenneth Clarke was due to make a visit to the area, but we have no information yet as to what happened when he did. We are keeping a close watch for further developments.



If you are unfortunate enough to discover a wasp's nest somewhere in your house or garden, call the Council. They will get rid of it (or at least kill the wasps) for a fiver.

## WHIST DRIVES

We are happy to pass on information from Clive and Elaine Atkins about their Whist Drives.

So far, they have had two successful evenings. Sixteen friends were bullied into attending the first, and they had so much fun that next time they all volunteered, and increased their number to twenty. As a result of the excitement and enjoyment experienced by all concerned, Elaine and Clive are extending their invitation to members of the Association.

Young or old, novice or expert - all are welcome. Teach-ins are held prior to each session, and we are assured of the games simplicity. A charge of 30p maximum (depending on the number of people) is made to cover cost of sandwiches/coffee and prizes.

The next Whist Drive will be held soon, probably on a Thursday or Friday evening at 8.00p.m. Anyone interested is urged to drop their name and address in at 28 Barclay Road, and Elaine or Clive will contact you with more information and answers to your queries.

## SCRABBL

Joyce Wood hopes to hold a scrabble competition between now and Xmas. The idea is for a knockout contest, matches to be held in participating members homes, rules as printed under the lid! The final will be held during our Xmas party, and doubtless there will be a suitable prize for the winner (perhaps a dictionary?) All ages and levels of play are welcome - interested parties contact Joyce on 530 3473, 34 Bushwood.