

# Bush Telegraph

September 1994

## AGM 1994

**The BARA AGM will take place on  
27th September at St Johns Church Hall  
8pm - 10pm  
Refreshments will be available.**

**Please put it in your diary and come along with a neighbour or two. Find out what the committee has been doing on your behalf and let the committee know what issues you think it should be taking up. Elections to the committee will also take place so if you can offer a few hours a month please come along and volunteer your services.**

## DESPERATE APPEAL - HELP WANTED

At the moment BARAs committee has only 10 members. This is already uncomfortably few. Soon there will be only seven ! Alf & Nora Addison, our Treasurer and Membership Secretary who have served for a long time and done an enormous amount for the Association, wish to retire. Geoff Boucher, who has been looking at planning application is going away to college in the autumn.

We cannot continue without a Treasurer, or a Membership Secretary and keeping an eye on planning applications is one of the most important jobs of the association. We desperately need more people who can give up one or two evenings a month to help with BARA work.

The committee welcomes younger members as well as older, people new to the area and those that have lived in the area for a long time. We are particularly concerned to welcome members of the ethnic minority communities in the area.

Bushwood is basically a peaceful and attractive place to live. BARA helps to protect the character of the area for us all. On behalf of residents BARA thinks through all manner of other issues affecting the area from the point of view of residents and presents them to the council and other organisation. BARA does make a difference. You consider this work worthwhile, because you support BARA with your subscriptions. Your residents Association also needs people like you who can help with a little bit of you time. Please consider whether you might get involved

## The Committee

Alf/Nora Addison	Treasurer and membership secretary	179 Mornington Road
Colin Berry	Minutes secretary	34 Woodville Road
Geoff Boucher	Planning	73a Leybourne Road
Ada Buckhurst		52 Michael Road
Nicola Cheek	Individual members assistance	29 Woodville Road
Robert Gay	Acting Chair, traffic and parking	137 Mornington Road
Hilda Hooper	Editor, Bush Telegraph	20a Stanmore Road
Jo Pile	Social secretary	57 Leybourne Road

## THE EVENT!

The event in July was a huge success. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces enjoying a lazy afternoon on the Flats. The many stout volunteers lugged tables, chairs tea urns, a bath tub, plants, fairy cakes, a steel drum band, a hoop la stall and is required that for 'a bit of a do' through waist high grass, it was like a scene from the film 'Out of Africa'! Special thanks goes to Mervyn Balkwell who worked ceaselessly before and after the 'do' collecting and depositing the 101 things needed. Also special thanks to Bob Cheek who manned the Bouncy castle. So professional was Bob the somebody thought he came with the castle! Many thanks also to the local constabulary that turned up to generally muck in and be useful, the St Johns Ambulance Volunteer and Neil MacKenzie who manned the Neighbourhood Watch Stall. The entertainer, Mr Toots, all 5' of him, was a little surprised to see where he was to do his 'turn' but like a real professional he got on with it and enthralled the children with magic tricks and games. The bouncy castle was a great hit despite the heat the children never seemed to run out of steam. However when a few of the mums had a go at the end of the day they discovered muscles they never knew they had!

Many thanks to all the people who helped especially they new members. **Lastly a special thank you to Jo Pile who organised the whole 'do'.**

## LOST

A watch was found at the BARA do in July. If you lost a watch contact Jo Pile.

## GARDEN CLUB

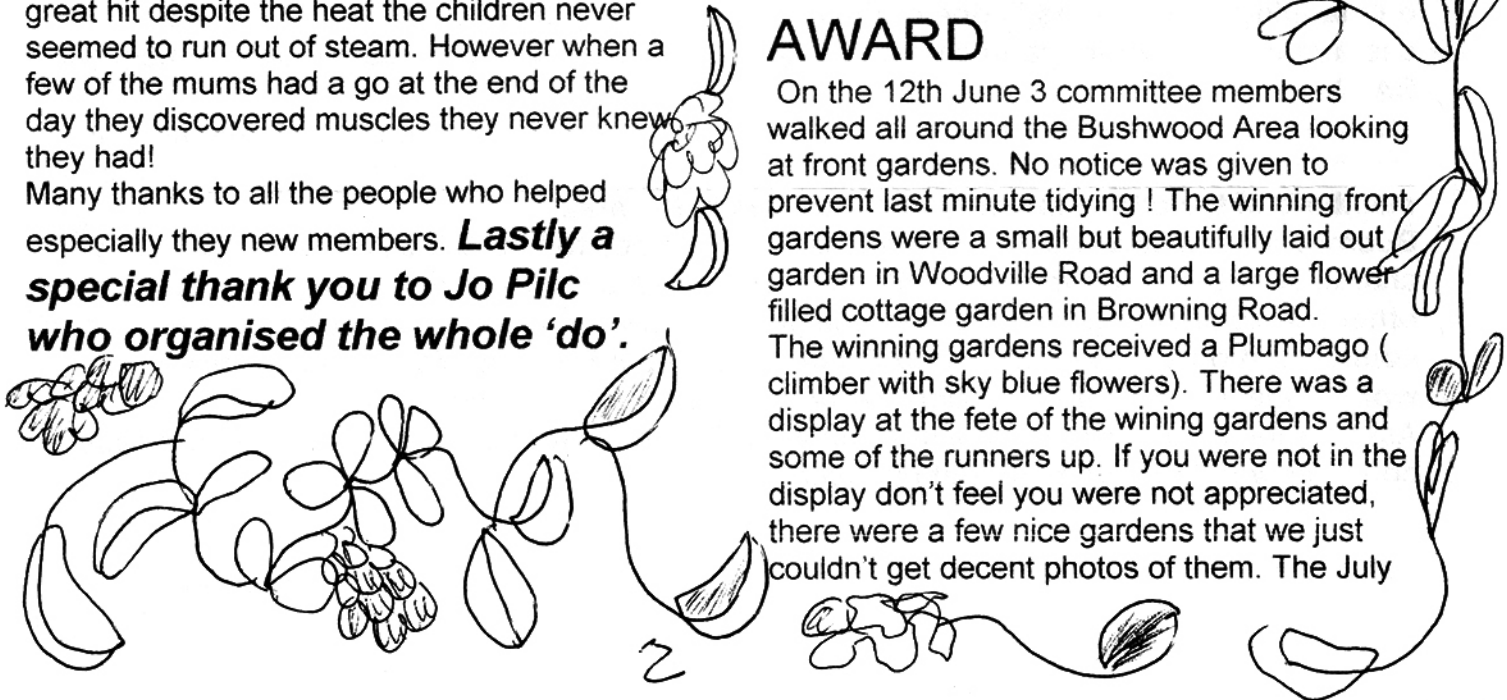
The plant stall was a great success at the BARA do. It was stocked with a wide array of plants and seedlings from members gardens and greenhouses everything from alpine strawberry plants to chillies. Perhaps members would like to start an informal garden club with meetings to exchange tips, seeds, share and solve garden problems.

Once a month or so, visits to each others gardens. Perhaps outing to gardening events could be arranged. Any professional gardeners out there could act as plant doctors. Its surprising how much talent is about in the area.

Anybody interested should contact Jo Pile or Hilda Hooper.

## BEAUTIFUL GARDEN AWARD

On the 12th June 3 committee members walked all around the Bushwood Area looking at front gardens. No notice was given to prevent last minute tidying! The winning front gardens were a small but beautifully laid out garden in Woodville Road and a large flower filled cottage garden in Browning Road. The winning gardens received a Plumbago (climber with sky blue flowers). There was a display at the fete of the wining gardens and some of the runners up. If you were not in the display don't feel you were not appreciated, there were a few nice gardens that we just couldn't get decent photos of them. The July



event. There were many gardens that were beautifully cared for in many styles and they all give pleasure to people who live or pass through the area.

**PS Jo, you will have to do something more tasteful with your motor bikes next year !**

## Bush Babies

Some years ago there was a very lively baby sitting circle in the area. Every month there would be a coffee morning in somebody's home. This was a great way for people to meet those on the baby sitting register ( and their children ! ) and also to get to know people in the area. This is especially true for people having a first baby and who often do not know anybody in the area. It is also a way for very young children to meet and play with people their own size.

People who have a child with a disability often feel alone with there particular difficulties particularly when the child is first diagnosed as having a disability. Perhaps a self help groups would be useful.

If you are interested in the self help group or the baby sitting circle please contact Hilda Hooper.

Would who ever has the baby sitting cards please let me know if the circle is still going.

## Planning Matters

**Hyams Gym** on the High Road applied for alcohol license for the cafe they run next to the gym. The license was to for the use of gym members only. After discussion the committee felt they could not support the application. The main reason being there are enough places to drink in the area and secondly the site as described in the application is not really suitable for anything other than a cafe. Interestingly the cafe opens out onto a large hall !

Details about the hall on the **Leytonstone House** site which TESCOs does not want been passed to Waltham Forest Voluntary Services Council. The council does not want the building ( because of the running costs). and is available to any voluntary group who wants it free If the site cannot find a new owner it is likely to be bulldozed.

If you are involved with any voluntary or charitable groups contact Ron Presswell ext. 6192 at the Council Planning Department.

**Cycle route** There will be a sign posted cycle route through the area when the red route is in operation. It has been suggested that there will be a tarmac'd and lighted path along Bushwood where it goes behind Davies Lane school.

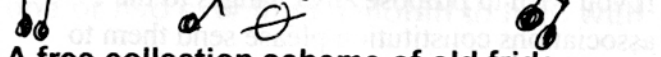

## DAVIES LANE NEWS ROAD IMPROVEMENT

At long last the council are making a proper car turning area in Davies Lane near the school. Some years ago there was a campaign to get the end of the Lane closed to traffic because of the number of children that mill around this area (there is a nursery unit, a primary school and a play group (see item below) within 100 yds).

## DAVIES LANE PLAYGROUP CLOSURE

The pastures Playgroup is close to closing down because there are not enough children attending to cover it's running costs.. There has been a play group at Davies Lane for perhaps 20 years. It is thought that the drop in children has something to do with no new families moving into the area and the council cutting the number of subsidised places (for poor families) it pays for. We will keep you informed of developments. If the playgroups closes the centre will have every morning free. If the council think centre is under used it may have thoughts about closing the centre. You may remember there was a very vigorous campaign some years ago to stop the council closing the centre and selling the land.

## Any old iron Any old iron

 A free collection scheme of old fridges and freezers from households is being tried, run by BIA Homestore (Quaker Action). They will either refurbish them for use by the needy, or break them up to recycle the metal and extract the CFC.   
Contact the Clean Team on 520 6782



## SOCIAL EVENTS & FUND RAISING

Please let Jo Pilc know of any social and / or fund raising events you would like to see in the area ( or drop a note in any committee members door). The coffers could do with some totting up after the event in July ! Here are a few suggestions to get you going

You may have been to a fund raising do elsewhere that was particularly enjoyable so please let us have your ideas.

\* **outing to the pantomime at Stratford at Christmas,**

\* **a craft fair,**

\* **table top/ car boot sale,**

\* **a jumble sale,**

\* **a family night with fish and chip supper**

\* **dog show / dog obedience demonstration**

\* **A show put on by local talented people eg music, magic, comedy recitation**

**Social events are a lot of fun and a great way to meet all sorts of local people if you are new to the area. Perhaps you would only like to help with this aspect of BARAs work ? Jo would love to from you.**

## NEW CAFE

A new cafe / ice cream parlour has opened on the High Road opposite Leos. It is nice to have something new. It serves a variety of salads, cakes, cappuccino and about 20 different ice creams ! including family tubs to take home.

## LITTER PICK UPS

Either people are getting tidier or the conservators of the forest are a lot better than they used to be. At the last litter pick up there was not much litter to pick up ( and it rained) so after a vote the committee decided not to arrange any more. Lets hope they don't become necessary again.

## BARAs Constitution

If you wish to propose any changes to the associations constitution please send them to Robert Gay Acting Chairman 137 Mornington Road by 13th September.

## PARKING MEETING

**The long awaited parking meeting with council officials, took place in July A report of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.**

## FOR SALE & WANTED

### BALLOONS

Job lot of nice balloons bought for the summer do but forgotten about . There are about 50-60 unused cost price . Contact Jo Pilc if you need some balloons especially as Christmas is coming up quickly .

**Local Friendly, Registered, Experienced Childminder (with two pet dogs) has a full time vacancy.**

**Call Lynn 558 0651**

**For sale** LEC Larder Fridge under worktop size perfect working order £30.00 Tel 530 3376

**For sale** Amstrad ASF 9512 auto sheet feeder for use with PC W9512 £15 call Lynn 558 0651

### SELF DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN

7-14 years

Are you interested in your children (boys and girls) learning self defence and kick boxing skills from a well know trainer of national champions ? Classes would be held in the early evening after school in a local hall prices between £20 -30 per child per term.

Contact Hilda Hooper 20a Stanmore Road

### GUITAR LESSONS AT HOME

Guitar lessons are offered for all age groups, both individual tuition and in groups. Teacher known and recommended by a watch member.

For more information contact Simon Golding tel 503 7058