

FARANews

Members' Newsletter

Summer 2010



FARA members giving out goody bags and raising awareness among dog walkers in Ferndale Road

Doggie event is a howling success

FARA's 'Doggie Doos – and Don'ts' event last Friday evening helped raise awareness among dog owners of how much local residents dislike dog fouling. A group of volunteers accompanied by a PCSO spoke to all dog walkers passing between Ferndale Road and Wanstead Flats. We handed out numerous goody bags containing dog treats (sponsored by Wagg and The Organic Pet), information leaflets and of course a free supply of 'poo bags'.

We asked the dog owners to get in touch with us, and the police, if they spot an irresponsible dog walker failing to pick up after their dog.

If you spot a dog fouling the pavement please don't approach the owner yourself, but note the time/place and a description of both dog and owner, and either contact your FARA street coordinator (see back page) or email: wishlist@fara-leytonstone.org.uk

Upcoming events

- History Walk on 23 May
- Photo competition entries due 20 June.
- Photo exhibition on 17 July
- Scavenger hunt & picnic on 15 August. See inside for more info on all events!

Let's fill Leytonstone with Art ... again!

The Arts Trail organisers are encouraging us all to put a piece of home-produced art in our windows between 23 July and 1 August. Last year's exhibits ranged from a 9-month-old who stamped her painted feet on a bit of paper to a 90-year-old who displayed her knitted socks! In one road a money tree sprouted and in another window a child made a space scene out of recycled materials... So let's all get equally creative this year and brighten up our streets with art!

Since the last newsletter, FARA has done the following...

- Continued to monitor the Tyre World shop on the High Road. Their retrospective planning application for change of use failed and we are waiting to find out whether they will lodge an appeal.
- Had a presentation from the Council's planning enforcement department at our April committee meeting. This gave us lots of useful pointers on what their enforcement powers are and how best to approach planning problems in our area.

Neighbourhood news and gossip

Mario of Mario's barber shop is retiring at the end of May after decades of providing a focus for the local community and supporting our events. We wish a happy retirement to Mario and good luck to Costa who will continue to run the business. If any residents would like to contribute towards a retirement gift for Mario please post your contribution to 1 Davies Lane by Wednesday 26 May.

Also, congratulations to our committee member **Nicholas Russell** on his election as a councillor in Cann Hall ward.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

Since the last newsletter, the following crimes were recorded in our area:

- Damage to caravan Davies Lane
- Burglary in church Ferndale Road
- Theft from motor vehicle Malvern Road
 No crimes were reported in Montague Road or Cotton Close.

Police priorities, set by residents at quarterly Ward Panel meetings, are currently as follows:

LEYTONSTONE (Davies Lane even numbers):
Alcohol-related anti-social behaviour * Burglary
Anti-social behaviour by motorists

CANN HALL (covers the rest of FARA area):
Anti-social behaviour by groups of youths
Burglary * Motor vehicle crime

If you see a crime in progress, or in an emergency, you should call 999. Otherwise contact your local Safer Neighbourhood team:

Cann Hall: 020 8721 2036 Leytonstone: 020 8721 2874

FARA membership discounts – are they working for you?

We would like to hear about your experiences of using your membership card to get discounts. Please email **wendy@fara-leytonstone.org.uk** with your feedback, or post a note to 1 Davies Lane. Also please let us know any other local businesses that you would like to see join the discount scheme.

Photo Competition

Please send in your entries for this year's community photo competition – the deadline is Sunday 20 June. The theme is "Leytonstone Life" with 3 categories:

- At Work and Play
- Nature and Wildlife
- Favourite Places.

You can enter one photo (colour or b/w) in each category. Send your photos to faraphotocomp@googlemail.com.

The size should be 5 x 7 inches (or 17 x 12 cm). 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 to: FARA Photo Competition, c/o 12 Davies Lane, London E11 3DR. Enclose captions and other details as shown above.

Exhibition and voting

All entries will be displayed at Davies Lane School on Saturday 17 July from 11am-5pm. Winners will be chosen by public vote at the exhibition so please make a note now to come and vote for your favourites!



What's On

MAY

FARA History Walk on Sunday 23 May. Meet at 2pm at the end of Ferndale Road near Wanstead Flats for a gentle 90-minute stroll through the history of our area. This family friendly event concludes at the 'North Star' pub for refreshment.

Crime Prevention Vehicle is at Tesco Leytonstone, Friday 28 May, 10am-4pm approx. Get advice from the police and security screws for your number plates.

Woodhouse Players: Stags and Hens by Willy Russell on 28-29 May and 5-6 June at the Welsh Church. See www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk

JUNE

FARA Committee Meeting 7.30 to 9pm on 15 June at Leytonstone Social Club. FARA members are welcome to attend as guests but please inform us in advance. www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk

JULY

78 rpm gramophone records demonstrated and explained by Tony Regan, 14 July, St John's Church Hall. See Leytonstone Festival programme, or www.leytonhistorysociety.org.uk

FARA Photo Exhibition: 'Leytonstone Life' 11am-5pm on 17 July at Davies Lane School. Come and vote for the winning photos in our competition. See www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk

Leytonstone Festival 15-23 July. See www.leytonstonefestival.org.uk

E11 Art Fest Saturday 24 July, Church Lane. A street party to celebrate the end of Leytonstone Festival and the start of Leytonstone Arts Trail. Stalls and entertainment for all the family.

Leytonstone Arts Trail 23 July-1 August. www.leytonstoneartstrail.org

AUGUST

FARA Scavenger Hunt and Picnic on Wanstead Flats, Saturday 15 August. Pick up a quiz sheet at 10.30am then return to the picnic from 1pm (bring food to share). Suitable for all ages: look out for posters nearer the time.

Money Off For FARA Members!

Shop locally to get some great savings and support

businesses in our area. We have negotiated discounts with the following local businesses: Artistry Loyal, 9 Church Lane......5% off wash/cut/blowdry Ayesha's, Hair & Beauty Salon, 767 High Road15% off laser treatment; eyebrow & lip treatment £4.50; full facial £30 Babysitting by qualified career nanny, CRB, 1st aid, great referees, contact Nicola – nextoutrage@yahoo.co.uk, 07944 897483£8 / hour Barbara Lond, Professional coaching psychologist who will help you understand yourself - email occpsych2002@aol.com10% off Being Sound, 698 High Road10% off **Computer Guru.** PC specialist with over 18 years experience. Contact Roger - 020 8530 5656 roger@gann.com......10% off first hour Elche Restaurant, 567 High Road 10% off lunch or dinner Mon-Thurs Golden Orient, 639 High Road 10% off food (eat in) Mon-Thurs Horizon Patisserie, 809 High RoadFree coffee, Americano or tea when you buy a meal or cake K Rayner Butchers, 32 Church Lane 10% off over £20 Krypto Security, 560 High Rd10% off in the shop and 10% off call out charge for locksmithing **Leytonstone Film Club** £1 off normal prices Luna Lounge, 7 Church Lane 10% off food over £10 Meze Patisserie, 3 Church Lane 10% off over £10 Mudra, 715 High Road 10% off over £10 Sunday-Wednesday 50% off fashion training courses Petch Sayam Thai Restaurant, 682 High Road 10% off San Marino Coffee, 668 High Road 10% off over £10 Seebo's Restaurant, 761-763 High Road 10% off Simon Owen, 07973 523237, simonyoga@btinternet.com 10% off yoga when booking a term; £5 off Alexander Technique for 5 sessions Sunrise Dry Cleaners, 781 High Road 10% off all services T & S Halal Meat, 765 High Road5% off meat and poultry over £25 The Eatery, 7 Church Lane 10% off food over £10 UK Appliances, 757 High Road 10% off **Woodhouse Players** Free programme & drink at any performance

Zain Cards & Gifts, 48 Church Lane 10% off

You **must** show your membership card in order to get the

discount. Check our website for full details and latest

offers: www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk/discounts

What's new on the website?



- Wishlist information how FARA is tacking the issues you raised at our AGM, and crime prevention steps that you can take to protect your property.
- A review of the British Heart Foundation charity shop. If you'd like to review a local business, be it shop, tradesperson or eatery, just follow the format of reviews already on the site and send it to **info@fara-leytonstone.org.uk**.
- If you are on Facebook, please visit our new page (search for 'Ferndale Area Residents Association' from within Facebook). If you click the 'Like' button you will receive occasional updates from us automatically.

Our main website address is: www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk – come and take a look!

Join our email list - the best way to hear about the latest news & offers for members. Simply send an email to info@fara-leytonstone.org.uk with a request to sign up for FARA emails. You will hear from us about once or twice a month, and if you want to be taken off the list at any time you simply have to tell us.

FARA COMMITTEE 2010

Chair:

Flash Bristow (1 Davies Lane)

Vice-Chair:

Wendy Reilly (5 Cotton Close)

Treasurer:

Gail Smart (19 Ferndale Road)

Minutes Secretary:

Mike Bristow (1 Davies Lane)

Membership Secretary:

Vicky Allen (75 Malvern Road)

Communications Officer:

Liz Dawson (40 Ferndale Road)

Planning Officer:

Kathy Downes (5a Ferndale Road)

Honorary Chair:

Jane Sterland (12 Davies Lane)

We also have co-opted two 'general' committee members, Wendy Edwards and Brian Palmer.

FARA Street Co-ordinators

Street co-ordinators are committee members who should be your first port of call if there are any issues you wish to raise. Also, please let them know if anyone moves into your street - so we can send them a welcome letter!

- Cotton Close Ellie Towers at number 9
- Davies Lane Simon Barker at number 66
- Ferndale Road Joyce Bussey at number 1
- Malvern Road Vicky Allen at number 75
- Montague Road Nicholas Russell & Georgina Farrer - at number 129

You can also email any of the committee, using the format theirfirstname@fara-leytonstone.org.uk (This applies to all committee members with a named role – ie, not the 'general' ones.)

What is affecting you? Is there a local issue you'd like FARA to get involved with? Let us know.		
Name		Member number (if known):
I would like FARA to know about		
I would like a reply: Yes / No	Please pop this slip through	the door at 1 Davies Lane