



Family fun at the FARA Christmas party

Christmas fun – and an appeal to YOU

Welcome to our Winter newsletter, which is being sent to all residents in our area, not just current FARA members. We wish you all the best for the festive season and hope that you can join us for carol singing on 22 December (see inside for details).

FARA has grown in numbers this year with over 100 households as members. We've worked hard to make membership worthwhile through our discount scheme with local businesses and the community events we organise. We've protected and nurtured our own little patch of Leytonstone through crime prevention work in tandem with the Safer Neighbourhoods team. We've acted against litter and dog fouling, and responded to planning applications. Also we've played a part in the wider Leytonstone community by participating in Council consultations and taking part in the Arts Trail.

To make all this happen we rely on the financial

and practical support of our members, so please join FARA or renew your membership now, using the form on the back page of this newsletter.

By joining/renewing you'll continue to receive our quarterly newsletter and (if you wish) emails updating you on FARA activities that you can join, and other local news. And of course you will benefit from the discount scheme. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Upcoming events

- **Carol Singing** on Wednesday 22 December. Bring your family and friends to sing around the tree!

See inside for more info on this and other local events!

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

- Obtained funding from the Community Council for next year's photo competition.
- Taken part in a discussion on 'enviro-crime' with Cllr Loakes and senior members of the Council's Environment Dept.
- Responded to consultations by the Metropolitan Police and the Home Office, on whether there should be a Police Briefing Centre on Wanstead Flats during the Olympics.
- Received a presentation on the High Road Improvement scheme (see article below).

Christmas Party

We had a wonderful party at Leytonstone Social Club on 27 November, attended by around 35 children and 50 adults. Many activities were on offer, from facepainting to a drawing cube, and guess the weight of the cake through to win the bear! Children could win prizes on a tombola, while adults took part in a raffle – top prize was £80 of vouchers for the shops at Leyton Mills! The evening started with a children's entertainer and finished with live music. Highlight was a special visit from Santa, where he popped by to give goody bags to all the children. The evening was a great success, raising over £200. Our thanks to all who attended, those who gave their time to help or donated a dish to the buffet.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

During September - November 2010 the following crimes were recorded in our area:

- Burglary – in Ferndale & Malvern Roads
- Theft of vehicle – in Ferndale & Montague Roads
- Drug possession – in Ferndale & Montague Roads
- Theft of tools from vehicle – in Ferndale Road
- Criminal damage to door – in Ferndale Road

No crimes were reported in Davies Lane 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 disagree with these priorities – let FARA know!

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

Volunteers Wanted!

As 2010 draws to a close, we look ahead to plan a wide range of FARA events through 2011 – and as ever, we can't do it alone! A list of suggestions is on our website: www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk/volunteers-needed/ - if you have time to volunteer, raffle prizes to offer, or you can bake a cake for one of our events please do get in touch. Many thanks!

High Road Improvements

Consultation – deadline 17 December

The Council has obtained £2 million from Transport for London to invest in making Leytonstone High Road a safer and more attractive area. They have published a plan of proposed improvements, some of which are covered by the available funding so can definitely go ahead in 2011 and 2012.

Others are things they would like to improve if they get further funding. You can see a plan at Leytonstone Library or online www.walthamforest.gov.uk/traffic-schemes.

Bush Wood and Wanstead Flats

Consultation – deadline 7 January

The City of London is asking for your views about Bush Wood and the western part of Wanstead Flats – areas which are on English Heritage's "At Risk" list. Look out for an A4 question sheet through your door, asking whether you use the space and how it could be improved. This is the initial stage of a project where ultimately funding will be sought, to regenerate this important space.

You can also give your views to Laura Lawson by email to wansteadparkproject@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

The next stage will involve guided walks and a drop-in exhibition about the project between 14-28 February 2011 – we will have more information on this at our AGM.

What's On

DECEMBER

FARA Carol Singing on Wednesday 22 December, 7pm, junction of Cotton Close and Davies Lane. Join us around the tree to sing a range of traditional carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. An event for all the family, bring your bells to jingle and lanterns to light our way. We will be collecting donations in aid of Crisis at Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

JANUARY

FARA Committee Meeting 7.30 to 9pm on 18 January at Leytonstone Social Club. FARA members are welcome to attend as guests but please inform us in advance.

www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk

Panto: Mother Goose on 7/8 and 14/15 January in the Welsh Church Hall. Take your FARA membership card for a free programme and drink. www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk

FEBRUARY

Leyton & Leytonstone Historical Society Talk on February 5th, 3pm at St John's Church. Jim Lewis will talk about his book *From Eton Manor to the Olympics: More Lea Valley Secrets Revealed* and sign copies in aid of the Church Roof fund.

Leytonstone Festival Open Meeting on 22 February, 7pm, at the Epicentre. To discuss ideas for this year's Festival (14-24 July).

FARA Annual Meeting, February, date and venue TBA. Open meeting with speakers and election of new Committee. We will send out invitations to this event nearer the time.

MARCH

Woodhouse Players Double Bill on 11/12 and 18/19 March "The Ruffian on the Stair" (Joe Orton) and "Bobby Gould in Hell" (David Mamet) in the Welsh Church Hall. More info at www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk.

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 Road 15% 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.com 10% off
 - **Being Sound**, 698 High Road 10% off
 - **Computer Guru**, PC specialist with over 18 years experience. Contact Roger - 020 8530 5656 roger@gann.com..... 10% off first hour
 - **DC Interiors**, Flooring, 725 High Road 10% off
 - **Elche Restaurant**, 567 High Road 10% off lunch or dinner Mon-Thurs
 - **GNR Motors**, Rear of 1 Lister Road 15% off
 - **Golden Orient**, 639 High Road 10% off food (eat in) Mon-Thurs
 - **K Rayner Butchers**, 32 Church Lane 10% off over £20
 - **Krypto Security**, 560 High Rd 10% 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
 - **OG Group**, 163 Wood Street 10% off t-shirt printing 50% off fashion training courses
 - **Petch Sayam Thai Restaurant**, 682 High Road 10% off
 - **Primrose Florist**, 741 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
 - **Touareg Grill**, 550 High Road 10% off 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**

We welcome feedback on the discount scheme, please let us know how it's working for you – contact details are on the back page.



What's new on the website?

- Christmas party photo gallery – can you spot yourself in the crowd?
- Links to some fascinating online pamphlets about the history of our area and Wanstead Flats, from the Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society
- Reviews of local traders and eateries, and much more.

Our main website address is: www.fara-leytonstone.org.uk – come and take a look! If you'd like to contribute to the site - maybe to tell us about a local event, or write a short review - please get in touch with Liz Dawson (liz@fara-leytonstone.org.uk).

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 – i.e., not the 'general' ones.)

I/we want to join/rejoin FARA in 2011, and enclose £2 subscription (plus optional donation £_____).

Name(s)..... Existing member number (if known):

Address

Telephone

Email (if you're happy to be contacted by email)

I would like FARA to know about

Please pop this slip and your fee through the door at 1 Davies Lane. Your 2011 membership card will be delivered to you shortly (new members also receive a neighbourhood watch pack). Thank you for joining!