

Annual General Meeting

The AGM on 18th September was well attended, and it was good to see a number of new faces. At the beginning of the meeting there was a presentation by the Haringey TimeBank. Susan Holtom explained how TimeBank works as a broker to enable people to exchange time and skills without any money changing hands. It was agreed that this was an interesting initiative which could be used positively within the Bowes Park community.

We then heard from Nigel Thorne about the North London Samaritans plans for the Tin Tabernacle/Shaftsbury Hall which will provide a valuable community resource. Do write to support Planning Application HGY/2013/2121 - visit www.planningservices.haringey.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=270369 and www.shaftsburyhall.activeboard.com.

Following the presentations there was a short business meeting at which the Annual Report and Accounts were approved. These are posted on the website and show all the good work done by the BPCA over the past year up to March 2013. The priorities for the current year were agreed as:

- The Myddleton Road market
- Sustainable Bowes Park and the railway station planters
- More work with the Council on Myddleton Road
- The resurfacing of the outdoor gym
- Fundraising and social events

We were sad to say goodbye to Christine Campbell who is moving out of the area but wish her all the best and thank her for her

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Thinking of moving home in 2013?

contribution to the BPCA both as a member and a Trustee. Thanks were also given to two other Trustees who stood down this year, Catherine Herman and Kate Franzmann. Both have played a very significant role in the achievements of the BPCA over many years. They will be greatly missed by the Committee but will continue to support the work of the BPCA. Thanks also to our Treasurer Pauline Latchem who stepped down. Two new committee members were elected: Les Roberts and Betty Smith. A plea was made for someone to take over as treasurer and thanks to Judith Varley-Evans who offered to step in on a temporary basis. However we are delighted that Doris Quinn, who has been our treasurer in the past, has agreed to take on this role again.

- Dee Kushlick-Williams, Chair

Herb-growing at Bowes Park station



Bowes Park station commuters can now admire sage, rosemary and thyme (nearly the full 'Scarborough Fair' chorus!)

when setting off on their winter journeys, and look forward to a Summer 2014 herb harvest to pep up their cooking.

Sustainable Bowes Park has joined forces with the train operator, First Capital Connect, to brighten up the platform, provide a talking point and supply locally-grown food. The attractive wooden planters were made by First Capital Connect's charity partner, the Aldingbourne Trust, which provides horticultural training for adults with learning disabilities. Plants and fertiliser were bought thanks to our grant from the Enfield Council Residents' Priority Fund.

Green-fingered volunteers have planted drought-resistant Mediterranean herbs and will be keeping an eye on them as they grow. They won't be ready to cut till next summer - meanwhile please help by picking out any weeds or litter.

To keep in touch with the herbs and their minders, please join in the blog at: www.bowesandbounds.org/profiles/blogs/herb-growing-on-bowes-park-station-platform

MYDDLETON ROAD NEWS

Myddleton Road Market a success



The second of the trial markets in Myddleton Road took place at the end of September and was yet another huge success. Street food, arts and crafts, fresh produce and plants lined the street

and Community Garden, with hundreds of people visiting during the day. Market organisers are now in discussion with Haringey Council about future markets on Myddleton Road, following the overwhelming support from residents. Anyone wanting to leave feedback is invited to do so by filling in this survey: <http://svy.mk/17N4WNI>. To find out the latest news go to www.myddletonroadmarket.co.uk or follow on Twitter @MyddletonMarket or Facebook/MyddletonRoadMarket.

Community Garden donation

Homebase has very kindly donated £70 for purchase of tools and plants for the Community Garden and the planters in Myddleton Road. We are very grateful to Homebase for this gesture.

Myddleton Road Street Party

On Sunday 1st September, Myddleton Road held its first street party for 15 years. Thanks to the involvement of Myddleton Road businesses and residents (and the weather), the afternoon and evening were a real success.



The street party idea came from the wish to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the New River, but also to bring some fun and community spirit to Myddleton Road. It was fantastic to have the road closed for the day - children could safely enjoy fun and games including hopscotch, pavement

drawings, challenges and races on their street. It was a wonderful sight to see children gathered round the drummer, drumming away happily using their pots, pans and wooden spoons.

A makeshift stage was erected thanks to Build It, so local musicians could entertain everyone, and we thank all of them for giving freely of their time. Thanks to The Step for their electricity.

Some of the local businesses made donations towards the party. Thanks go to Vrisakis, Ayta Food Centre, Mum's Lounge, The Taste sandwich bar, Ladbrokes, Nicosia Bar and Espresso Pizza. Many thanks go to Valentina Chaf who encouraged and cajoled shopkeepers to be generous. Some businesses and residents set up tables and food to share; this is what a street party is all about.

Those that remember previous street parties were happy that the tradition was revived and everyone felt that, if possible, this should be an annual event. Next year we hope it will be bigger and longer so that the whole street can join in the fun.

Bowes Park Folk Club

There was a full house for the first, experimental, evening of the new local Folk Club in May. We Bowes Parkers proved to be a talented lot! The club has continued to meet monthly, now with guest performers on most nights: Russ Chandler in July, Ben Church in September, and Rick Hayter in October. Coming up on 7 November are Shambolica, a local threesome, and there are plans for a Christmas party on 5 December, and possibly wassailing in January. On 6 February Pete Morton will be performing, around the time that he launches a new CD. Floor spot contributions are varied, with a harper and a piper enchanting us on 3 October as well as a variety of singers. We are a relaxed and friendly bunch, so do come along – 8-10pm on the first Thursday of the month (apart from January): 5 December, 16 January, 6 February and 6 March; admission is normally £5 for guest-performer nights, otherwise £3. Space is limited, so come early. We will be moving the venue, so check Bowes and Bounds Connected, and the Bowes Park Folk Club Facebook page for information, or call 07947 321182. To be put on the email list, contact bowesparkfolk@gmail.com



New shops open on Myddleton Road

Welcome to Solo Way which has just opened at no.135, and to the two young Latvian women, Ketija and Anna, who run it. They say, "We came to this street as there are many people here, and we have really, really nice coffee and fresh sandwiches."

Welcome also to Naina and her assistant who run Naina's Hair and Beauty at no. 82. Naina also has a salon in Walthamstow, and didn't really know Myddleton Road but she hopes people here might appreciate some extra beauty treatment. Good Luck to both new ventures!

Still a long way to go...

There are some great shops and businesses on Myddleton Road, BUT... empty shops, unauthorised buildings, poor accommodation, flouting of all planning rules in a conservation area – it's fair to say that the High Street at the heart of our community is sick.

A positive storm on www.bowesandbounds.org is promising a movement for real change. Be sure to join in with all the discussions, share your knowledge and ideas, and attend any meetings.

BARN DANCE

Saturday 7th December, 7.15 for 7.45pm
Bounds Green Bowls & Tennis Club, Goring Road

Price: £12 (£10 concessions), including buffet supper.
Tickets available from 020 8881 5195 / 07801 950127
Buy your tickets early – demand exceeded supply last time..! Come along and kick up your heels!

Community choir is thriving

We are a friendly group of singers led by talented director Patrick Allies and assisted by local accompanist Laurie O'Brien. The choir has 50+ members and continues to attract new singers.

Recent events included a Summer Charity Concert in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust, plus performances at the Bowes Park Festival and the Alexandra Park 150th Anniversary Celebration.

The Christmas Party and Concert will be held on 12th December. Tickets are available through choir members via the website (see below). Come and see us at the community carols at Finsbury Gardens on 21st December, too.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm at St Michael's Church Hall, 37 Bounds Green Road. All are welcome to join. No auditions and no need to read music - just bring yourself, a bottle of water (it can be thirsty work!) and a love of singing. To join a free taster session go to <http://bowesparkcommunitychoir.org/>.



September 29th marked the 400th birthday of our wonderful New River. We celebrated in a number of different ways, helped by

a grant from Thames Water. The Myddleton

Road Street Party was held on the street named after the man who created it - many thanks to all who helped make that a great day, especially Sue and Valentina. Photos and illustrations of the New River and life 400 years ago have been displayed by shops in the road; Water Poems by children at Bounds Green Primary and what was then Nightingale Primary have been reprinted and will be on sale at all BPCA events, and we have helped keep the Riverside clear of rubbish. Thank you to those other local people who have also helped tidy the New River Path.

For our Enfield residents

There are three current matters which most closely affect those at the northern end of the BPCA area:

1. The pavement surface for Whittington Road: Enfield Council decided to tarmac the pavement as it is in a poor state. Some local people feel that this is wrong and got a local petition going. The matter is now being discussed again by the Council.
2. Crossing by the river in Whittington Rd: As part of the major roadworks of Summer 2009, it was agreed that a 'pinch point' would be created to discourage through traffic. This plan never came into being: we've been advised that the Council is designing a revised scheme but there is no news yet.
3. Russell Road end of the New River Path: There is a neglected piece of open land here, and Enfield councillors feel it should be a proper local amenity space - they're prepared to find some money for this and negotiate with Thames Water. Your councillors want to know what the local community would like. A small gym? Some planters or raised beds which the community would care for? Some benches and a picnic table? What would YOU like? Talk to your neighbours and then contact your local councillors, or tell the BPCA so we can tell them for you.

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More local
treasures

Alberto
D'Auria
(left), with
Hasan

The sight or sound of an ice cream van is a reminder of summer, of childhood, of yummy things. Old fashioned ice cream vans in England are dwindling, but we are lucky. D'Auria Brothers have three of their own vans and parking for six others. Head of the family firm, Alberto D'Auria has been in Bowes Park 31 years; he bought the site at the back of 133 Whittington Road at an auction, it was 'where he found a place'. Alberto used to be a chef doing VIP catering. He also catered at Reading Festival, where he spotted the ice cream vans and saw an opportunity.

Alberto left Italy, where he was a chef, at 18 to avoid the army call-up. It was a lucky day for him when an English couple eating at the restaurant asked to meet the chef. They invited him to Vienna to cook for Decca, where he cooked for top artists such as Leonard Bernstein. Alberto fondly remembers the generous \$100 tips. He got a visitor passport and moved to the UK.

Being a chef is a hard, all-hours job, but the ice cream business finishes early and is better for family life. Cooking was still a hobby - he ran Saragosa, opposite The Fox in Palmers Green, where his son was chef. He still has the Parliament Hill Café and does catering for many events. At home it is mostly Alberto who does the cooking - his wife likes his food, although she is a good cook too.

The biggest problem with the ice cream business? "The weather. This year has been better than last year." What does he like about being here? "I bought it because it is a good space. I like it. We have lots of good relations with customers. It is like a family."

One of the 'family' is Mina, who has done his paperwork and admin for 20 years. He says they couldn't do without her. She says he is a good boss! His son also works in the office now - he is the computer 'whizz'. Hasan, one of the drivers, has been working for D'Auria Brothers for three months, but used to have his own van and has been selling ice creams for more than four years. His favourite is a soft vanilla ice cream - no chocolate on top.

THE BPCA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th February, 7.30pm. Bounds
Green Bowls & Tennis Club, Goring Road.



£10 tickets include a tasty supper. Drinks can be bought at the bar. All proceeds including raffle go to the Bowes Park Community Association.

Tables of up to 8: Don't worry if you don't make up an 8, there are always smaller groups who want to get together so it's also a great way to meet neighbours - as long as you don't take the quizzing too seriously!

DIARY DATES

• **BARN DANCE** (see page 3)
Saturday 7th December, 7.15pm
Bounds Green Bowls and Tennis Club.

• **BOWES PARK COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY & CONCERT**
Thursday 12th December
Tickets available via choir members, see <http://bowesparkcommunitychoir.org/>

• **BOWES PARK FOLK CLUB** (see page 2)
The 1st Thursday of the month, 8-10pm

• **BOWES PARK WALKING GROUP**
Wednesday 1st January
See www.bowesandbounds.org/group/walkinggroup for future dates.

• **CAROL SINGING AT THE STATION**
Thursday 19th December, 6pm
Outside Bowes Park station (in aid of the Myddleton Road Community Garden)

• **COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**
Saturday 21st December, 6.30pm
Finsbury Gardens

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Bounds Green Bowls and Tennis Club.

Finsbury Gardens news

It was lovely to see Finsbury Gardens filled with local people of all ages and having an enjoyable time at the annual Bowes Park Festival. Ice cream and cold drinks were the hot property of the day. A big thank-you to the team for all their hard work! A special mention to Jim Friedman, the Chair of the Festival Committee, for all the time devoted to making the Festival so successful.

Do join the annual carol singing in Finsbury Gardens on Saturday 21st December (see above). We will be selling mulled wine and mince pies to raise funds for next summer's Festival.

When the Gardens re-opened in 2012, it was agreed the local community would take responsibility for the flowerbeds inside and around the garden, with the Council cutting the grass and maintaining the shrubs yearly. But the Finsbury Diggers activities have sadly dwindled, so we need to generate some action...

1. We'd really like your help. Will anyone volunteer to help maintain the gardens on a regular basis?
2. Should we go down a different path and employ someone to look after the beds? If so, we'd need funding; firm offers (preferably direct debits) of small monthly donations specifically to employ a gardener. We'd only need c.10-15 people to contribute the price of a couple of cups of coffee a month.

If you can offer help or views on these options, please contact Kate Franzmann: katefranzmann@tiscali.co.uk. We raised £257 selling jams, chutney, cakes and biscuits at the last Myddleton Road market which would give us a starting fund! Thanks to those who contributed so generously.

Planning applications

On behalf of the BPCA, Caroline Simpson has continued to submit comments on planning applications made within Enfield and Haringey. Most of these have been applications to divide properties into flats and smaller flats, or build extensions at the back to make new flats or future flats. This is fuelled by the general housing shortage, but it means that we are losing many decent family houses and flats if they get passed. It is up to all of us who care to write comments to the council. Just 10 minutes a week checking the new applications online and making a comment makes all the difference. There has been a rush of new applications for Myddleton Road - follow www.bowesandbounds.org/forum/categories/planning-and-regeneration.

Three cheers for Lenny



Lenny started working for the railway in North London on Nov 11th, 1963. "I joined when steam was just going out. I learnt all the new technology as I went along. I more or less had to teach myself on the job," he says. Lenny came to Bowes Park station after 'retirement' in 2000: "I meet some of the most beautiful and friendly people. I think that is what kept me in the job, everyone is so friendly." Our intrepid interviewer, Sue, was there on the day of the big storm and despite the disruption, no-one was getting angry with Lenny and he dealt with everyone so calmly and helpfully.

Gym update

Over the summer the gym proved very popular, particularly the table-tennis table. Unfortunately the surface under the table-tennis table has proved problematic. This caused people to move the table and as a result the side of the shed was damaged. Estimates for re-surfacing the area around the table are around £3000 and we are hoping to raise the money as soon as possible. A fence has been erected to protect the shed from further damage: we were able to afford this thanks to a very generous anonymous donation of £750 in recognition of the good work done by the BPCA in bringing about improvements to the area.

Bowes Park COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Simply pick up a form from Red Sea Supermarket on Myddleton Road or visit the website:

www.bowespark.org.uk

Subscriptions fund the annual costs of the Association, and the year-round work done by volunteers to maintain and improve the neighbourhood. If you have not already joined, it's not too late to make your contribution for 2013 (the membership year runs from Jan - Dec). Gift Aid forms are available, as the BPCA can reclaim the tax paid. To check whether you've paid this year, email info@bowespark.org.uk or call 020 8881 8422.

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