



Summer 2014

Your Bowes Park

Local news & updates from the Bowes Park Community Association

Message from the Chair of the BPCA

Lots has been happening in Bowes Park over the past few months. In this newsletter, we include news of a new group working to improve the environment in Myddleton Road and a new project, the Russell Road New River project, funded by Enfield LA.

The gym is now open again, having been closed for a few weeks to allow repair work on the BPCA's shed which had unfortunately been vandalised. It's great to see it being used by so many people.

I have now been Chair of the BPCA for five years and have enjoyed working with so many people to improve the area. I would like to thank all the committee members over the past few years who have supported the work of the Association, and enabled the development of a number of initiatives which have made such a difference and to the area. However, it is now time for me to step down so I will be resigning at the next AGM. Please think about whether you can take a more active role in the Association by joining the committee and perhaps be willing to take over as Chair.

Dee Kushlick-Williams

Russell Road ...

Plans for a New Green Space by Paul Crowder (local resident)

I was contacted at the end of last year by a neighbour, who also helps with the BPCA, who sent me details of the possible development of the Russell Road green space. As my garden backs on to the New River I had firsthand experience of the type of use and abuse the river banks are subject to in the area. Clearly there was little but boggy ground and a few trees, but this opened up a host of possibilities for its development.

I met with Caroline Simpson from the BPCA and she gave me all the details which the Enfield Cllrs were proposing to submit for a Residents Priority Fund grant. As a Landscape Gardener and a local resident, it was comparatively easy to draw up some plans and come up with suggestions for this space. Currently just a space to pass through, it needs to be given a sense of purpose to realise its full potential. Caroline had arranged a local meeting,



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which was well attended, to discuss ideas. The greatest part of the budget seemed to be allocated to fencing and changing the gates, although the view was that the existing fencing was in good repair only needed mending.

After the meeting new plans were drawn up to incorporate all our ideas - this was then presented to the Council and, after holding our breath for a few weeks, they approved a slightly revised version. Let's hope that this space becomes as successful as the other open areas in Bowes Park.

Watch this open space!

Interview with John Liddard (recently retired from Thames Water)



Caroline Simpson interviewed John Liddard, who recently retired from Thames Water. The following is an extract from the interview – please see the website

www.bowespark.org.uk for the full article.

John Liddard, who has always been our main contact at Thames Water, retired in early January. With his help, the BPCA created the Community Garden and the Community Gym and exhibitions.



The restoration of the listed tunnel entrance and the new works in Finsbury Gardens would not have been possible without his support. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the history, the New River is one of the oldest water supply systems in the country, bringing water to London for over 400 years. John started work for Thames Water (then the Metropolitan Water Board) in 1967, as one of 'a gang' of people employed on a 2 mile stretch of water. His final roles were Fishery Manager and Amenity Manager, always overseeing the New River.

He tells us that one of the highlights of his career was his involvement in the creation of the New River Path, and he particularly enjoyed working on projects such as the BPCA garden and gym, and seeing them come to life. The BPCA has always had a fruitful relationship with TW and this is mainly due to John's commitment and drive in helping us to achieve some of our most successful local projects.

Thank you, John Liddard.

Finsbury Garden News

Sadly there will be no Bowes Park Festival in Finsbury Gardens this year as no-one has come forward to volunteer to co-ordinate the event. **However keep the date of 12 July in your diaries and come with your tea, sandwiches and cakes.** Enjoy listening to the Bowes Park Community Choir sing in the Garden. Bring your own musical instruments: let's have an informal musical afternoon.

The afternoon will be open to everybody - come and meet new people and find out about what goes on in our community. If you are new to the area and don't know anyone, please come and join the Community Choir group for tea; you will be made very welcome.

Kate Franzmann

Happy Spring To All Herb-loving Commuters

The herb beds on the Bowes Park station platform have survived the winter without much damage. Humans were responsible for just a touch of litter and four missing thyme plants, while a local fox volunteered some unwanted digging! Thanks to everyone who's been keeping an eye on them.

Please help – and enjoy

Do snip what you need from the plants to flavour your cooking. And please repay the plants by picking out weeds while you're waiting for your train, and a drink of water when the weather warms up.

Finally you can keep in touch with other herbies through the blog at:

<http://www.bowesandbounds.org/profiles/blogs/herb-growing-on-bowes-park-station-platform>



BUSY START TO 2014 FOR THE COMMUNITY CHOIR



The choir took part in an exciting performance event at the Arts Depot on 25 March. The play-with-music "The Events" had already been performed to great acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival and elsewhere.

We have our feet firmly back on the ground and are rehearsing for our forthcoming summer performances which will include a summer charity concert, and performances at Finsbury Gardens (12 July) and the Alexandra Palace and Beyond Festival (22 June 2014).

Details will be posted on Bowes and Bounds. If you would like to join Bowes Park Community Choir please visit our website **www.bowesparkcommunitychoir.org**.

If you enjoy singing and can 'hold a tune' please get in touch – we would particularly like to encourage some more tenor and bass voices to join the choir.

WE ♥ MYDDLETON ROAD

A new community campaign group has been formed to help protect and promote Myddleton Road - one of Bowes Park's most important and unique assets.

WE LOVE MYDDLETON ROAD works alongside the BPCA and the existing Myddleton Road Strategy Group to complement the work these groups have been doing for many years.

It was formed by concerned residents and traders wanting to see more regeneration on the road and protection for its valuable shops and buildings.

The group's focus is to find ways for the whole community, both residents and traders, to play their part in building a better future for this much loved road – that means anything from running events like a “Cash Mob” to encourage more people to shop locally, to promoting the road and its businesses or talking to the council about how we can support the needs of existing traders.

The group is also trying to stop further decline of this unique road by reporting dumped rubbish and objecting to unwanted planning applications. It meets monthly and is looking for new members to help build on all the positive change already happening on the road.

To get involved or to be kept up to date email ilovemyddletonroad@gmail.com or follow them on Twitter [@welovemyddleton](https://twitter.com/welovemyddleton)

STOP PRESS: as the newsletter goes to print, we are very pleased to announce that the Cash Mob held on Saturday 11th May was attended by 60 people, despite the rain. We hope for continued support with the next one....

Bowes Park People

Since it first appeared, the Bowes Park people column has featured people who have lived & worked in the area for many years. In this issue we have decided to welcome four newcomers, each of whom has opened a business in Myddleton Road in the past six months.

The two food shops have brought the tastes and smell of southern Europe to the street. Goulielmos Alafouzos who runs the **The Hellenic Gourmet** comes from the Evia Island in Greece. The shop itself, with its bright blue and white front, is reminiscent of sun-drenched Greek islands. Hanging from the door are nets of snails and inside you can buy a range of Greek cheeses, meats, olives and much more.

Not far away is **La Coppia**, a 'handmade Italian Deli' run by Diletta and Alessandro. Here you can buy homemade dishes such as lasgane, ravioli, chicken Milanese to eat in or takeaway. In the small café area you can enjoy a cup of good, Italian coffee served by genuine Romans.

The two other new businesses are there to feed the ego, not the stomach. **Lucas Gentleman's Barber Shop** is now run by Kyri Kyprianou. Unlike Goulielmos, Diletta and Alessandro, Kyri was born and bred in Haringey. He previously ran a barber's shop in the 'square mile' so he says 'I have brought the City of London to Myddleton Road'. Although called a gentlemen's barbers, it is a family barber shop for all ages – men and boys.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, **Naina Hair & Beauty** is also new to Myddleton Road. Naina, who has another salon in Walthamstow, also offers waxing, facials, massage and threading. Strictly women only.

'Your Bowes Park' extends a warm welcome to everyone. We hope our readers will visit, buy and enjoy.

Planning Update

Some months there is a positive rash of planning applications – people are spending on improvements and alterations rather than on the even more expensive business of moving house. So do look at the Haringey (Bounds Green) and Enfield (Bowes) planning applications if you are interested.

We are delighted that after many years of negotiations and hard work, four of the Victorian properties in Myddleton Road are about to be restored and greatly improved, with majority funding from English Heritage and Haringey, and a contribution from the owners. Nos 124 – 128 will get good quality shopfronts, new timber, double glazed window frames where relevant, and hand painted fascias. 124 will also have its external brickwork cleaned.

The most lovely shopfront on the road, no 123, with its barley sugar verticals, will also be restored. All the decorated pilasters (uprights between the shopfronts) will also be restored. It would be wonderful to think that others on the road will copy the good works when they see how excellent they look.

Sadly other owners are still putting in applications to replace traditional timber window frames with UPVC (and some do it without permission at all). Others are applying to make small flats from decent family houses (and do that without permissions also). Please object when you can. It is not “spying”, it is trying to keep our residents well housed in decent buildings.

Bowes Park COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Support the BPCA!

Offers of practical help with the work of the Association and its allied groups are always welcome – a few of the jobs we currently need help with are listed on the website [www.bowespark.org.uk/2014/04/20/holes-in-the-neighbourhood].

Subscriptions fund the annual costs of the Association and the year-round work done by volunteers to maintain and improve the neighbourhood. The membership year runs from January to December, and you can join at any point.

• By Paypal pay using the donation form on the BPCA website www.bowespark.org.uk/donate

• Pick up a form from the Red Sea Supermarket (77 Myddleton Road), or email bpcacommitee@gmail.com asking for one.

• Gift Aid forms are also available, as the BPCA can reclaim the tax paid on subs and donations. To check whether your sub is due, email info@bowespark.org.uk or call **8881 8422**.

Bowes Park Folk Club Welcomes You



The Bowes Park Folk Club celebrated its first anniversary on 1st May, complete with cake! Started in the spirit of 'let's put on a folk night and see if people come', it's become a regular event on the first Thursday evening of the month, with new performers and listeners coming along each time.

Our evenings follow the traditional pattern of floor singers followed by guest performers – and the obligatory raffle. We give a comfortable space for beginners, and also organise workshops from time to time.

Our venue is usually Mum's Bistro, 143 Myddleton Road, N22 8NG, from 8pm.

On Thursday 5th June our guests are Blue Harbour - nifty guitar-playing, melodic vocals and a fine sense of humour from two Essex men. Admission £5

Thursday 3rd July - Club showcase (Bowes Park definitely has folk talent). Admission £4

Please see our Facebook page and www.bowesandbounds.org/groups for the latest news, and you can e-mail us at bowesparkfolk@gmail.com
Hope to see you at the club soon.

Catharine Perry, Mary Blake

MYDDLETON ROAD MARKET N22 ...a continuing success!

Myddleton Road Market returns to the road on Sunday 29th June, 11am-4pm. Situated between Palmerston Road and Marlborough Road, there will be around 20 stalls on the road selling hot street food, organic bread, fresh farm produce, sauces, books, clothes, vintage wares and more.

It also takes in the Community Garden, in which there will be more stalls and a special kids area. The market encourages new enterprise emphasising quality products and local traders. We hope for more live music at the market this year too!

It will remain a quarterly street market with further ones in September, December and March, and there are plans for a more regular indoor market with a focus on vintage and crafts.

The market is also very grateful for the recent support in sponsorship from the following businesses:

Tatler's, The Step, Bim's Kitchen, Green Eggs Store Polaroid, Lucas Bros Barbers, Studio 306, Scream Ice Cream, Hounds Green, Movers and Shakers, Glad Rags, Marsh Produce, Dom's Cafe, Mum's Bistro and Simply Catering.

We look forward to plenty more Myddleton Road Markets and are extremely grateful also to residents who continue to turn out, rain or shine!



For all the latest info go to www.myddletonroadmarket.co.uk or [@MyddletonMarket](https://twitter.com/MyddletonMarket) on Twitter.
If you are interested in a stall please email lucy@myddletonroadmarket.co.uk

Diary Dates

PICNIC IN THE COMMUNITY GARDENS Saturday 14th June 2-5pm. Guitar player, magician, Morris dancers and face painting. There will also be cake, plant stalls and refreshments. Do come along with your families and support this ever popular annual event .

Enquiries Sarah Harris 0208 881 5195

COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT Thursday 10th July St. Michael's Church Hall, Bounds Green.