

# Altogether Better Burnt Oak

ABBO – Helping to make our neighbourhood even better



Welcome to the Second edition of the

## Altogether Better Burnt Oak Newsletter

### Burnt Oaks Multicultural Parade and Festival is back!!

**Saturday 19 September 2015**

After the success of last year's event, where over 4000 people attended the parade and festival, Altogether Better Burnt Oak are continuing our work to bring different communities in the area together

This year's event aims to be even bigger and better – and we need your help! If you would like:

- your community to take part in the parade?
- have a stall at the festival ?
- volunteer on the day?

Then get involved and contact Nazra on [07909 998463](tel:07909998463) or email [us@betterburntoak.org.uk](mailto:us@betterburntoak.org.uk) .

You can see a snippet of last year's event by visiting:

[www.betterburntoak.org.uk/featured-products/4-burnt-oak-parade-and-festival.html](http://www.betterburntoak.org.uk/featured-products/4-burnt-oak-parade-and-festival.html)

or 'like' our Facebook page to keep updated on this year's event.

*“ It was lovely walking with my church group. As the parade was moving slowly I got to speak with so many people I would otherwise never have spoken with. It was really great to see so many people from different communities in their national dress. It felt like one Burnt Oak that day. You could feel the happiness around you ”*

(Brenda, St. Alphage Church)

### What is Altogether Better Burnt Oak?

Altogether Better Burnt Oak seeks to bring the community closer together by creating opportunities for people of all ages to get involved with others, sharing time and skills.

We do this by supporting local people to start and run projects which they feel would benefit the area, as well as helping offer services for those who might need a bit of help – see page 4 Silver Service Restaurant scheme for the over 60's.

By getting involved you can help create or join up the activities in the Burnt Oak and build relationships which help foster a vibrant, safe place to live, work and play.

Please get in touch - we would love to hear from you.



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Gloria



Alessandra

These are some of the local people who are involved in Better Burnt Oak

*“ It's great to see the community getting proactive about Burnt Oak ”*

(Deborah, Better Burnt Oak Friend)

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## Better Burnt Oak Activities

Want to get involved?

Want to take part?

### What would you like to see going on in Burnt Oak?

Do you have an idea for a project which would benefit your local community?

Could you help to get it off the ground, with the support of Better Burnt Oak and other local people?

Get in touch and let us know about your ideas. We may have some seed funding available for project groups which benefit the community and can be self-sustaining in future.

*“ Better Burnt Oak is bringing local people and organisations together and has introduced a different aspect of communicating to each other”*

(Bob, Better Burnt Oak Friend)

### Burnt Oak in Business



Meet with other local business owners and professionals to network and build new business contacts.

*“ As a professional in the local area it has been very useful meeting like-minded people and I've made some new networks”*

(Cherry, Better Burnt Oak Friend)

### Enjoy Walking?



#### Talkie Walkies

Get to know your neighbours and improve your health and wellbeing on free walks on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Saturdays at 10am from Watling Park (opposite library)

#### Spring in your Step?

A great way to stay healthy and build relationships between the young and old through accompanied walks to school and back!

Contact us via email [us@betterburntoak.org.uk](mailto:us@betterburntoak.org.uk) or phone Nazra on **07909 998463** for more information on any of these activities

### IT and Biscuits



#### Are you IT savvy....

Spend a couple of hours each month helping local people to get online - with cups of tea and plenty of biscuits of course!

#### or maybe you want to learn?

Come along to find out more about computers, tablets, smartphones, and the internet, even if it's your first time.

### Wellbeing Cafe



Come for a friendly chat, to let us know what you would like to see happening in your local area or to find out about other services.

Mondays 11am – 1pm at Costa's on Burnt Oak Broadway.

### Movie Afternoons



Free movie afternoons every third Thursday at 3.45pm at Woodcourt Housing HA8 0BF

First movie afternoon on Thursday 21 May.

Bring a friend a long for an afternoon of fun and laughter!

## Bob's Corner

### Winnie the Pooh and Burnt Oak

Have you ever wondered why Vancouver Road and Columbia Avenue are so called?



In the early days of World War 1 the Canadian Army set-up an embarkation camp where these residential roads now stand. The tracks in the bell-tented camp were named after the places where the troops were enlisted from.

English-born Lt. Harry Coeburn emigrated to Canada when he was 18. He attended the Ontario Veterinary College, receiving his degree in Veterinary surgery, and moved west to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

En route to the Western Front during the First World War he was crossing Canada by train to the training camp in Quebec, the train stopped for a while at White River, Ontario where he met a hunter who had a female black bear cub for sale. The hunter had killed the cub's mother and sold him the cub for \$20. Harry called her "Winnie," after his adopted hometown, and brought her across the Atlantic with him to England, where she became an unofficial mascot of The Fort Garry Horse, a cavalry regiment. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Army Veterinary Corps, attached to the Fort Garry Horse.

Before leaving for France in 1915 he felt that the bear should not be exposed to active warfare and left Winnie at London Zoo, initially until the war ended, and then gifted her permanently to the zoo after the end of hostilities, where she was much loved for her playfulness and gentleness.

He served three years in France, attaining the rank of major. After the war, Harry worked at the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in London and in 1920 he returned to Canada and started a private practice in Winnipeg. He retired in 1945 and died in September 1947. There are statues of Harry and Winnie at the London Zoo and in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park Zoo.

*Harry Colebourn is buried in Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg "ColeburnGrave".*

It was at the London Zoo that A.A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin Milne encountered Winnie. Christopher was so taken with her that he named his teddy bear after her, which became the inspiration for Milne's fictional character in the books Winnie-the-Pooh (1926) and The House at Pooh Corner (1928). Milne also included several poems about Winnie-the-Pooh in the children's poetry books When We Were Very Young and Now We Are Six. All four volumes were illustrated by E. H. Shepard.



*Lt. Harry Colebourn with Winnie possibly in Burnt Oak.*

#### **Fun Facts**

*An illustration of Winnie the Pooh has been sold at auction for over £300,000.*

*EH Shepard's famous ink drawing of the bear playing Poohsticks with Piglet and Christopher Robin was published in 1928, and sold for £314,500.*

*A pencil drawing of the same scene sold at Sotheby's in 2013 for £58,750.*

## What's going on in Burnt Oak?



### Make Friends with a Book

This fun and relaxing shared reading group meet at Burnt Oak Library every Tuesday from 10.30am -12noon.

Shared reading groups are perfect for people of all ages, whether you like to read or listen - and it's all free!

Here's what a few people have said about the group.

*"I don't read really at home apart from the free newspapers. I particularly enjoyed reading a 'play-let' where we all took turns reading parts - it was a good story and great fun. The group encourages me to read things that I haven't read before and wouldn't really read on my own."*

*"It is enlightening - I have learnt so many new words!! Seriously though it is great to be part of a new group and have a sense of belonging and listened to without anyone judging."*

Come along to a session and enjoy the experience. For details email [paulhiggins@thereader.org.uk](mailto:paulhiggins@thereader.org.uk)

### Conversation Café for English Learners

Practice speaking English with fluent speakers and other English learners for free! The group meet every Thursday from 6pm – 7pm and on Monday's from 2pm - 3pm at Burnt Oak Library .

For more information contact the Burnt Oak Library on [020 8359 3880](tel:02083593880) or email [burnt.oak.library@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:burnt.oak.library@barnet.gov.uk)

### St. Alphage Church Summer Bazaar

Saturday 20 June 10am – 3pm at St. Alphage Church Hall.

The event will be a fun-packed day with food, stalls, entertainment for children and much more! For more information, contact Lynn Gilling on [020 8952 4611](tel:02089524611)

### CV and Job Search at Burnt Oak Library

Do you need help in preparing your CV and searching for jobs? Burnt Oak Library offer one hour sessions every Friday from 2pm – 3pm.

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