

Once again, we are asking for support in different ways. If you work for a big organisation that can help sponsor some of the event or, if you are a local business who can see the benefits of sponsoring such an event, which has an attendance of around 4500 residents, please get in touch.

Also, if you are part of a community club or group and would like to be part of the Fun Day this year, we would also like to hear from you.

### Adverts & sponsorship for magazine

As you may or may not be aware, the TRA has no direct funding from the council or any other organisation and must support it in all the activities it provides in the community. This newsletter cost around £300 per edition. Approximately 2000-2500 residents have the chance to read all about the local area and any adverts within. You can help us to raise the money to improve the area in which we live or work in and generate work or new members.

If you are a local business or club and would like to advertise 1/8 of a page for £35 or 1/4 of a page for £50, please contact us for more information on 020 8593 1947 or visit our website at [www.reederoadtra.co.uk](http://www.reederoadtra.co.uk).

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## Carol Singing Present giving time

Once again boys and girls, mums and dads and everyone else in the Reede Road TRA area. The carol singers and Father Christmas are walking the streets singing and dancing themselves merry (or is that just the mulled wine!).



Last year, Father Christmas gave out 800 presents to all the good girls and boys of the estate and it looks like it will be more this year with help from **Woolworths** in the Heathway, so don't forget boys and girls, come to the window and give Father Christmas a wave as he passes your street in his sleigh with all his merry helpers.

## Christmas Message

I'm sitting in front of my keyboard thinking about the year that has passed. Yet again we have a lot to be proud of in our community. We have welcomed in, with open arms new families, neighbours and friends.

We have come together in time of need for neighbours in your own streets and beyond.

People might ask what have we achieved this year. My reply is simple..... A stronger community.

It may not sound earth shattering news, it might not make or grab the main headlines in our local newspapers, but I can't but help, feel the sense of pride when I see a child smile in happiness at the events we as a community have put on this year from the Meet Your Neighbour Discos to this year's big event which was of course the Pondfield Community Fun Day and to finish off the year coming out to meet Father Christmas.

We have much more than children in our community and we were privileged to take 70 of our elderly residents to the Broadway Theatre in the summer for a Jolly ole knees up! This was to take part in the VE celebrations which were going on around the borough and country.

You may ask what this has to do with you and your neighbours..... again, I have a simple answer. If it wasn't for the community within this area coming together and helping, donating and collecting, none of these events would have been able to take place.

With another year past, the TRA has grown from strength to strength. I must thank departed members of the TRA like Tony and Karen Perry for all their hard work in helping to kick start and progress the TRA ideals. We wish them all luck in 2006.

Thanks must go to all the sponsors of the news letters that have allowed us to produce a quality community magazine.

Special thanks must go to "**Moving Pad**" who have sponsored every issue and also came up trumps at the Fun Day.

My thanks also goes to all the volunteers and helpers who have assisted us in all the



**Darren Rodwell**  
Chair of Reede Road TRA

community events we have put on in 2005. And we hope with their continued support we can do even more in 2006.

I would like to thank Steve, our website guru for all his time effort and patience and his family for another first in the borough on a very professional, and informative website.

Lastly, I must thank all of the committee old and new for their continued support and generosity with their time. It has once again been an honour to Chair such a committed and dedicated group of friends and neighbours.

## Halloween Disco



The Halloween disco was a haunting success with around 100 ghouls, goblins, witches and wizards at the Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club.

The room was creatively decorated by the ladies of the TRA using their cauldrons with a lot of Hubble bubble toil and trouble.

Thanks must go to the witches of Reede Road and they know who they are, if not, they can look into their crystal balls.

The fancy dress competition had a great turn out of little horrors dressed in their finest and



gouliest outfits. Expertly judged by "clubber the ghoul" namely the Vice Chair in his Sunday best.

The Chair led

the entertainment with children's party games and dances. Most commented on his effective fancy dress until they realised it was his real face and normal party clothes!

The entertainment for the rest of the evening was provided for by Simon (Fester) the DJ and the lovely Donna giving all ages a great cabaret show.

Once again thanks again to all that attended and if you haven't been yet to one of our "meet the neighbour" discos, hope to see you there in 2006.

## Groundworks East London POND FIELD PARK YOUR VIEWS COUNT !

As you may or may not be aware after constant lobbying by the Reede Road TRA, the Council have finally asked Groundworks East London to make a master plan for Pondfield Park. This will be implemented in 2006.

A meeting was arranged and carried out at the end of October with some 25-30 residents in attendance and all the ideas recommendations were giving to Groundwork's to take away and come up with a draft master plan of Pondfield Park for the whole community to look over and voice their opinion.

Shortly, we know the questionnaire and draft plan will be available for the whole community to review. Once we have the document we will deliver a copy to each house hold within the TRA area for your comments.

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## POLICE MESSAGE

### if you are getting motorbike for Christmas Mini Motor Bikes/Scooters

There have recently been numerous complaints from residents and councillors regarding an increase in youths riding these motor-bikes around the Borough. Residents fear, quite rightly, that it is only a matter of time before a serious injury occurs to either a rider or an innocent bystander.

In legal terms these mini-bikes/scooters are classed as Mopeds. Therefore riders need to comply with the Road traffic Act.

In simple terms this means:-

1. The rider must have a valid insurance certificate
2. The vehicle must have tax and MOT
3. The rider must have a crash helmet, be over 16 and possess a lawful moped driving licence.

Any person riding these bikes without any of the above will commit various offences under the Road Traffic Act. If any of those concerned are juveniles, their parents may be guilty of aiding and abetting any such offences.

In short, if someone is riding such a vehicle in a careless or inconsiderate manner and is or likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public, then after a warning from an officer, if they continue their vehicle can be seized.

In order to prevent serious injury and the right to live in a peaceful environment, members of the Borough Police Force and Parks Police will rigorously enforce these laws.

## Ideas for next year

Question! What would you like to see in 2006?..... This is the question we as a TRA are asking everyone within the community. We have all once again planned for the Pondfield Fun Day, setting up of a "Friends of Pondfield Park", "Meet Your Neighbour Discos" and "Quiz Nights".

With all this in mind, we want the community to get involved via the website or writing to us for more ideas. Remember, having a community for all makes the difference for everyone.

## Pondfield Park Fun Day June 2006

For the third consecutive year, we are planning to hold a community fun day in Pondfield Park. This is without question, the biggest event in our calendar year. It involves around 60 volunteers, 6 months of planning and around £10,000 to execute. It is also our biggest fund raiser for the community, allowing us to provide support and friendship to young and old alike.

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## Reede Road TRA Next Residents Meeting

The next Tenant and Residents community meeting will be held at St. Georges Church portacabin, Rogers Road, Dagenham on

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006. Doors open 7.45pm Meeting start 8pm.**

If you are elderly or disabled and require assisted to attend the meeting, please contact us on: 020 8593 1947.