

# Leytonstone at play

During the dark and wretched years, that is before television and computers and mobile phones were invented, people had a lot of time available for entertainment should they be able to afford it. Leytonstone had several cinemas, many public houses and reading from the 'Express' many other opportunities for people to socialise and to be 'pro-active' within their community.



## Cinema

Cinema-going was a very popular pastime. The show programme of several films changed every three days and attracted large audiences. The GAIETY CINEMA programme for the week war was declared is shown.

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## People 'getting together'

The newspapers reveal a plethora of groups that had formed covering all sorts of activities. The war brought forward others which focused on helping widows and orphans and indeed, wounded men returning from the 'front'.

There were political groups, rate payers groups, fund raising groups, suffragette groups, sporting groups and the 'Brotherhood' group which sounded sinister but was all quite innocent.

## The Theatre

Theatre goes travelled to Stratford or Walthamstow.



Gladys Guy acted in 'Night and Day' at the 'Borough' theatre Stratford in 1917



Hollow Ponds was very popular with active Leytonstone people

Where to go, BANK HOLIDAY  
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## CROMER

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A new venue called 'Burghley Hall' opened during the war and offered very sociable Whist Drives.

The war did not stop festivals, pantomimes, parades, fetes or charity 'flag days'.

The War spawned many 'rifle' clubs and competition between them was fierce. Ten bullets cost 3d.