

DADRA

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DRYSDALE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. In this edition you'll find details of our regular activities such as **Wednesday Walks** and **Friday Social Club** sessions as well as our Autumn **Community Litter Pick**, plus additional information about other events of interest that are going on in the wider area.

Thank you to all that attended our **AGM** in July, we shared updates on the activities of the last year, before having drinks and nibbles at the close of the meeting, giving everyone the chance to discuss local issues and interests with our fellow residents, local councillors and committee members.

We are delighted that **the AGM saw three volunteers join the committee**, with new members Kirsty and Pat and returning member Joel. In our first meeting as the new committee, we have assigned roles, responsibilities and objectives for the coming year and **our volunteers are excited to act on our key priorities for 2023/2024**. Get in touch if there is anything you'd like us to address.



On 10th October there was a meeting of the LBWF Planning Committee, that considered the planning application to build an **eight-storey building** at the corner of Kings Head Hill/ Sewardstone Road. DADRA Chair - Peter Heatherley and Cllr. Mitchell Goldie spoke against the plans at the meeting, but unfortunately the **LBWF Planning Committee granted the application despite our best efforts**. We would like to thank all those who took part in the consultation and entered comments about these plans. We will continue to monitor the progress of this development and other applications to support our community's interests.

Road vibrations (due to the 'road calming' humps) continue to be a major issue around the Borough as well as for some of our residents. This will be on the agenda of the full **LBWF Council meeting on 19th October at 7:30pm** – interested residents are permitted to attend this meeting.

If you would like more regular updates on local interests, you can always join our mailing list by emailing DADRAcommittee@gmail.com or checking our facebook page at fb.me/dadra.org.uk

DADRA dates for your diary:

DADRA Friday Social Club: 27th October, 10th & 24th November, 8th & 22nd December from 1.50pm-3.50pm @10th Chingford Scout Hall

DADRA Walks: 1st, 15th & 29th November & 13th December meet at 11am @ the top of Epping Way

Community Litter Pick: Sunday 29th October. Find details of the times and locations overleaf.

Our Christmas get-together: Friday 22nd Dec. from 1.50pm-3.50pm @10th Chingford Scout Hall

Please get in touch:

email: DADRAcommittee@gmail.com

telephone/SMS: Peter Heatherley (chairman) on 07753 181535

facebook: fb.me/dadra.org.uk

website: will be relaunching soon...

Friday Social Club:

Come and join us every other Friday from 1.50-3.50pm in the Scout Hall at the top of Hawkwood Crescent for a chat with your neighbours over tea/coffee and biscuits. We also offer board games, quizzes, arts and crafts and book swaps in a friendly and sociable atmosphere, where all are made very welcome.

Dates for your diary are **October 27th, November 10th and 24th, December 8th and 22nd** (for our Christmas Party).

Put the dates in your diary and we'll look forward to welcoming you very soon.



November Walks:

Enjoy the changing Autumn colours on our walks into the forest in November. Walks are fortnightly on Wednesdays starting at 11am, meeting at the top of Epping Way.

The dates in November are **1st, 15th and 29th**. Walks last between 60 - 90 minutes and go at a gentle pace. Everyone is welcome. Sometimes we stop for refreshments at the Golf Course café. Please come and join us. For details contact Brian: dadrawalk@btinternet.com



Community Litter Pick:

We are planning a community litter pick for **Sunday 29th October**, before most of the leaves have fallen. As normal we plan to split the day into two sessions, starting at **10:30am** in front of the **10th Chingford Scout Hall**, and meeting at **Drysdale Park at 1:30pm**. Join us to help keep our neighbourhood beautiful. Please bring equipment including gloves and litter pickers if you have them. Contact us if you have any questions.

Chingford Train Line 150th Celebrations:

This year marks 150 years of the railway line to Chingford. To mark this historic milestone there will be events held over the **weekend of 18th-19th November**, in Chingford and Highhams Park.

On **Saturday 18th at 2pm** there will be talks and an exhibition at Hale End Library - book your tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/HP-Rail-Talk>

On **Sunday 19th from 11am-4pm** there will be events at the **Chingford Station Community Hub** and **Highhams Park Station carpark**. Celebrations in Chingford will include an exhibition, model steam train and model trains, station tours, films, London RT Bus, children's activities and much more. In Highhams Park there will be model steam locomotives, a London RT bus, street organ, fairground ride, food stalls and entertainment.



Waltham Forest Light Spectacular:

From **3rd-5th November**, Fellowship Square in Walthamstow will host a lightshow event with sound and visual storytelling. You can find out more and purchase tickets at the LBWF website.



Community Events: 10th Chingford Scouts

The 10th Chingford Scouts will be organising a number of community events in 2023/2024 to raise funds for their 2024 Jamboree. These will include:

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 9th December 2-6pm
Quiz Night - Friday 23rd February
'Forget Me Not' Tea Party for Alzheimer's & Dementia - Saturday 23rd March

Contact Kirsty titch85931@hotmail.com for more information about the Scouts events.

Classes at 10th Chingford Scout Hall:

Residents often ask what classes and groups are held at the Scout Hall so we thought we'd share the current timetable. Get in touch if you'd like further information or contact details.

Mon: Beavers 5:30-6:45pm | Cubs 7-8:30pm
Tues: Zumba 7-8pm
Weds: Karate 4.30-6.30pm
Thurs: Karate 4.30-6.30pm | Creative Pilates 7-8pm
Fri: Yoga 10:30-12pm | Zumba (Kids) 4-5pm
Tai Chi 6-8pm | Scouts 8-10pm
Sat: Dog Training 9-1pm