

# DADRA

DRYSDALE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

February 2024



We are well into the New Year now and the evenings have started to get longer (thank goodness). We are looking forward to Springtime and the flower bulbs brightening everything up. We shall have a bit of a tidy-up as there is a lot of litter around following the high winds. If you find any problems around our area do contact **Pat at [DADRAEnvironment@gmail.com](mailto:DADRAEnvironment@gmail.com)** as well as the Council and we'll see if we can help sort things out.

We didn't manage to produce a newsletter before Christmas but we did send out some updates by email. If you are able to receive email updates then let us know at [DADRACommittee@gmail.com](mailto:DADRACommittee@gmail.com) – you will

also get an early preview of these newsletters (when we send them off to be printed) but we will not pester you.

There will be lots of activities in our area over the next few months. The **Scouts** are running a **Quiz Evening** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February (watch out for further information) and also raising funds for their International Jamboree 13<sup>th</sup> July TBC, **DADRA** are aiming to stage an event in the late spring (see overleaf). These are as well as our regular Friday Social Club meetings and our Walks.

Most of you will be aware of the bus crashing into four cars and demolishing part of the garage at 1 Drysdale Avenue (approaching the Drysdale Avenue/Kings Head Hill junction). Some time ago we considered requesting double yellow lines on the west side of Drysdale Avenue from Kings Head Hill as far as 3 Drysdale Avenue. - but there were mixed opinions. Anyway, if you have views about this send them to [DADRACommittee@gmail.com](mailto:DADRACommittee@gmail.com) .

Come to our **Friday Social Club** 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, local history and book swaps in a friendly and sociable atmosphere where all are made very welcome.

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The **Friday Club** dates for this Spring are: February 16<sup>th</sup>; March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> (as 29<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday), April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

We have managed to keep on the move every fortnight with our **DADRA Walks**. We meet on Wednesday morning at 11am at the top of Epping Way – our next one will be on 7<sup>th</sup> February and then 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May. We don't always head into the forest – depends on how the weather has been and what people fancy on the day. We often manage to take in the view from Yates Meadow (see photo) but you have to be up at dawn to catch the stags!



We'll do a **Community Litter Pick** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February and we'll start from Drysdale Park at 10.30am and then again from the top of Epping Way at 2.00pm.

Do please come along and help out – it makes such a difference.

There has been some shock news that St Francis Nursery (on the Yardley School site) will close as Yardley School need the space to take on more classes. This will leave us short of nursery places in our area.

Following success of our community events in 2022 and 2023 for the Jubilee and Coronation, we intend to hold a **Spring Bank Holiday** get-together at the Scout Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. This will include a table sale, where residents can sell unwanted items, activities for children and some cultural activities. And of course, plenty of tea and cakes! More info to follow on our website. Contact us at [DADRAEvent@gmail.com](mailto:DADRAEvent@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved or would like to book a table, or would just like more information.

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