

DADRA

Dec 2024

DRYSDALE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our winter newsletter. As the year draws to a close it's wonderful to reflect on the achievements of the year.

Thank you to all that attended our **AGM in September**, we shared updates on our activities of the last year before 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 new volunteers join the committee**. The committee have continued working hard on your behalf, setting up an **Instagram account** (dadra.org.uk) to sit alongside our **facebook page** (fb.me/dadra.org.uk) providing regular updates on our activities, events and items of local interest. We have also followed up on the issues raised at the AGM, submitted our **comments and recommendations on the Local Plan 2 Consultation** in October, and participated in events in our wider area including the **ASB Awareness Event** in November.

We know that colder weather, high energy costs and the loss of winter fuel allowances may mean that **some people will find themselves in difficulty this winter**. Please check that your neighbours are able to manage and assist them where you can. We have provided **details of local warm spaces and support** overleaf, you can also find advice from LBWF on keeping warm and well this winter – search 'winter wellness' at www.walthamforest.gov.uk

As we approach Christmas, please ensure your house and car are secure and be extra careful to keep new goods and presents out of sight as thieves are always on the look out. Make sure you fold boxes from high-end goods into your green bins rather than leaving them by the side.

You will find details of some **local festive events** overleaf and more on our social media accounts. There's lots to enjoy from **Christmas markets** and **wreath making workshops** at **OrganicLea's mid-winter fayre** to our very own **Friday Club Christmas get-together** on 20th December.

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 **Instagram, facebook** or **website**.

Best wishes to you for a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, from your DADRA Committee.

DADRA dates for your diary:

DADRA Friday Club: 20th December, 3rd, 17th & 31st January, 14th & 28th February, 14th & 28th March
2pm-4pm @10th Chingford Scout Hall

DADRA Walks: 11th December, 8th & 22nd January, 5th & 19th February, 5th & 19th March
Meet at 11am @ the top of Epping Way

Our Christmas get-together: Friday 20th December
1.50pm-3.50pm @10th Chingford Scout Hall

Please keep in touch:

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Friday Social Club:

Come and join us every other Friday from 2-4pm 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 crafts and book swaps in a friendly and sociable atmosphere where all are made very welcome.

Dates for winter are **January 3rd, 17th & 31st**; **February 14th & 28th**; and **March 14th & 28th**. Put the dates in your diary for 2025.

But, before that, why not try us out by coming along to our **Christmas Party on 20th December** from **2-4pm**. Raise a toast to the season with mulled wine and mince pies, plus there will be Christmas music, crackers, a Christmas Quiz, and a prize for the best Christmas jumper.



Wednesday Walks:

Enjoy the changing seasons on our local walks. We normally meet fortnightly on Wednesdays - 11am, at the top of Epping Way.

Upcoming dates are **December 11th; January 8th & 22nd; February 5th & 19th; & March 5th & 19th**. Walks last between 60 - 90 minutes and go at a gentle pace. Everyone is welcome. Register your interest at: dadrawalk@btinternet.com and check your email as we may change plans to accommodate poor weather or walking conditions.



Food Compost Bins - Early Collections:

Don't get caught out! The new food compost bin collections are **very early on Monday morning** - sometimes even before 6am!!

Warm Spaces:

There are a number of local warm space initiatives:

Sewardstone Church - Mon-Thurs 11am-3pm
Free refreshments and light lunch served daily.

Chingford Library - Host free events each week.
Mon 11.30am-2.30pm Knitting Club. Wed - 1-3pm Cuppa & Conversation (Over 50s). Thurs 1-2pm Crosswords & Wordsearches. Thurs 3-5pm Digital Help drop-in sessions (Internet, email etc.)

Age UK - Chingford Mount (58 Hall Lane) Wed 10am-1pm Coffee Morning. They also give talks and support on benefits and maximising income.

The Hub - All Saints Church, Highams Park
Wed 11.30am-4pm free community cafe with activities. Foodbank by referral Tues & Thurs.



OrganicLea - Creative Gardening & Lunch:

Every Friday 12-2pm until 14th March, OrganicLea at the top of Hawkwood Crescent are offering a chance to engage in meaningful **physical and creative gardening activities and a healthy lunch** with volunteers and staff. Free but you need to confirm attendance with Nick on 07920 816297 or by email: nick@organiclea.org.uk to attend.



William Morris Talk & Gallery Tour:

Brian Oakaby gave a **talk and then tour of the William Morris Gallery** to our Friday Social Club - more details on the website soon. It's a wonderful, free place to visit with permanent and temporary exhibitions - **'William Morris and Art from the Islamic World'** is open until 9th March. The gallery is open every day except Monday and the shop is ideal for Christmas gifts.

Local Festive Events:

There are so many local events in December - find more details on our Instagram & facebook.

Sat 7th: Messiah Handel - SW. Essex Choir - Chingford Parish Church 6.30pm

Sun 8th: OrganicLea - Mid Winter Fayre 12-4pm
Seasonal treats, swap shop & wreathmaking

Sat 14th: Christmas Nativity Procession 10am
Chingford Station to Chingford Mount

Fri 20th: DADRA Christmas Party - Scout Hut 2-4pm
Music, mince pies, mulled wine and a quiz!

Sat 21st: Christmas Market - Outside Chingford Assembly Hall 11am-5pm

12th Dec - 5th Jan: Revel Puck's Winter Festival
Fellowship Sq, Walthamstow. Various events
Info and booking www.revelpuckcircus.com