

DADRA

April 2025

DRYSDALE & DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Spring is finally here, and we have been enjoying the beautiful blooms planted by local volunteers and the greening of the forest.

There are lots of fantastic events planned for the coming weeks including our **VE Day 80th (1945-2025) Community Get-Together** hosted with the 10th Chingford Scouts on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May (details overleaf) and our **Community Litter Pick** on 11th May - and of course our regular groups continue including our bi-weekly **Wednesday Walks** and **Friday Club**. You can find the key dates and details of these and **more local activities** below, as well as on our **Instagram**, **Facebook page**, or our **newly updated and active website**: www.dadra.org.uk



Brambly Hedge Trail & Gloucester Ride

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.

Find the dates below and be sure to join us on **11th April** when we will be **making Easter cards**.

Local Author Talk @ Friday Club - 25th April:

Local resident and author **Iqbal Hussain** will be at Friday Club to tell us all about his debut novel '**Northern Boy**'. Billed as 'Billy Elliot meets Bend It Like Beckham' it is the perfect uplifting read navigating family and identity from boyhood to adulthood and set within the changing eras of ABBA, skinheads and urbanisation.

If you can't make it along, why not order a copy from Jo's Bookshop on Station Road to support an up-and-coming local author & local business.

DADRA dates for your diary:

VE Day 80th 1945-2025 Community Get-Together:
26th May 1pm-5pm @10th Chingford Scout Hall

Community Litter Pick: Sunday 11th May
10am Start @ Scout Hall 2pm Start @ Drysdale Pk.

DADRA Friday Club: 11th & 25th April, 9th & 23rd May, 6th & 20th June, 4th & 18th July. 2pm-4pm @Scout Hall

DADRA Walks: 16th & 30th April, 14th & 28th May, 11th & 25th June, 9th & 23rd July. 11am @ top of Epping Way

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Other local events:

There are lots of local events lined up this spring. Find more details on our Instagram & Facebook.

- 7th-20thApril: Willow Weaving Workshops**
228 Chingford Mount - Booking required
- 12th April: E4 Pop Up Spring Market -**
Morningside Hall 12 - 4pm - Craft market with candles, cakes, Easter goodies +
- 21st April: Easter Egg Trail -** Ridgeway Park
11am - 3pm - The Dream Factory Charity Plant/compost sales, coffee, cake + more
- 27th April: Organiclea Open Day -** 12 - 4pm
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- 27th April: Chingford Green Jumble Trail -**
10.30am - 2pm - Across North Chingford
- 5th May: Walk - Pimp Hall to Ale House Field**
2 - 4pm - Guided by Joanna Moncrieff, Footprints of London - Booking required

New Updated and Active Website:

Take a look at the new www.dadra.org.uk website with regular updates of local news and information.



Brambly Hedge Trail:

17 beautiful **wooden sculptures** have been popping up from the Visitor Centre to Connaught Water - why not make the most of the longer days and visit them to relive the classic tales of previous Epping Forest resident and author Jill Barklem.



New Outdoor Stay & Play:

Mucky Rascals are starting a Friday morning outdoor stay and play at the Scout Hall from the 25th April. The sessions are 'inspired by nature, mud and imagination' and we are excited to see the fairy garden taking shape between the trees on site. You can find more information on Instagram @mucky_rascals_stay_and_play_ or book online at <https://bookwhen.com/muckyrascals>



VE Day 80th Community Get-Together:

The **10th Chingford Scouts** and **DADRA** will join together to host a **community event commemorating 80 years since VE Day - 1945.**

The event will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday 26th May from 1-5pm.** Everyone is welcome so come along and join us at the Scout Hall for arts, crafts and activities for the kids, tea and cake, historical displays, songs, a quiz and the fantastic BBQ run by the Scouts

We'd love your help! If you are able to lend a hand on the day or you're able to donate a homemade or store-bought cake to share with our community, we'd be very grateful.

Crime Statistics:

Like many other areas we are experiencing an increase in **attempted theft and break-ins.** Please make sure your vehicles and homes are properly secured, and where possible use deterrents such as vehicle locks, sensor lights and security cameras/doorbells.

Please do **report any activity** even if nothing is taken as these numbers help ensure our area gets the future policing support required.



Local Plan 2 - Site Allocations:

Hearing sessions are scheduled for June - we will be keeping up to date on the progress and share any key information and developments.



Yardley Outdoor Classroom - Help Needed:

The Yardley PTA Committee are about to launch the Outdoor Classrooms with a pilot in May and **need volunteers** on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Once DBS-checked, all volunteers will receive **full training and support**, developing new skills and being part of a rewarding community-driven initiative for the younger generations.

The PTA committee are also looking for **donations and business sponsorship for the project** - if you can help with volunteering, donations or sponsorship contact committee@yardleypta.co.uk




'Stronger Communities' Grant:

DADRA have been awarded a grant by LBWF to support our communications including our newsletter production costs.



VE Day 80th (1945-2025) Community Get-Together



**Bank Holiday Monday 26th May
1pm-5pm**

10th Chingford Scouts and DADRA
invite you to a
VE Day 80th Community Get-Together
at the Scout Hall, top of Hawkwood Cres.

Come and join us for:

- Arts & Crafts and fun activities for kids
- Tea & Cakes - donations welcome
- Displays
- Songs
- Quiz
- BBQ