

The Committee members of
Drysdale and District Residents' Association
have pleasure in inviting you to attend your
Annual General Meeting
At 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd September
at the Scout Hall
(top of Hawkwood Crescent)



Committee, Councillors and Residents at the 2024 AGM

Welcome to our September newsletter. Hopefully everyone has found ways to keep cool during the extreme summer heat.

A big thank you to everyone who came to and helped with the **Summer Picnic event** on the 5th July at the Scout Hall. Particular thanks go to the 10th Chingford Scout Group and DADRA Friday Club and Committee members. As usual there were lots of great home-made cakes, along with activities for kids and live music. It was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

The **first full meeting of the new Council** was held on 16th July and we were able to speak at the meeting to raise your local concerns, such as the building of inappropriate large-scale developments, the poor state of pavements and the vibrations caused by speed bumps. We also added our voice to the call to reinstate 15 mins free parking on Station Road. You can see the Council's responses in the 'Publications' page of our website.

On the 12th August more than 200 people enjoyed the **partial solar eclipse** from the forest overlooking the reservoirs. We are so lucky to have freely accessible forest on our doorstep - but the recent hot weather has shown how vulnerable it can be with **fires and damage to trees**. Please take note of the London Fire Brigades safety information and report any concerns to them and Epping Forest Wardens - you will find links to both on our website.

Although summer is coming to a close and the first signs of autumn are in the air there are still lots of **upcoming events** to enjoy - you'll find details of key events from DADRA and within our wider area overleaf.

For up-to-date information between newsletters, please do visit our social media pages on Facebook (fb.me/dadra.org.uk) and Instagram (dadra.org.uk), and **website** dadra.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at our **AGM on 23rd September** and are pleased to announce that our newest **Councillor Kelly Summers** will be joining us along with other local representatives.

We look forward to seeing and speaking with you there!

Join us at the AGM:

- Meet the **Committee** and **local representatives** as well as fellow residents
- Hear about our **activities** over the **last year** and **future plans**
- **Raise questions** or **concerns** related to the local area
- Discuss **actions** and **activities** you'd like to see in our neighbourhood
- Stay on for a drink and to speak with the committee, representatives and residents



Highlights of the 10th Scouts & DADRA Summer Picnic



Residents viewing the partial solar eclipse from the forest

Hawkwood Nature Reserve - Green Flag

We have a **Green Flag award-winning** open space and pond within walking distance - an oasis of calm, located past the Scout Hall and accessed through the small green gate. For the past 18 years it has been managed by a small group of volunteers led by Mike Freeman and we are delighted they have been awarded a Green Flag once again this year.

To continue to keep this space beautiful for both the wildlife and residents, they need more volunteers to help with either occasional tidy-up days, or to join the Committee to plan for its future conservation. If you can spend just a little time to help please contact mike@mikeandlesley.co.uk or call him on 07791 495712 for more information.



Yardley School - Entry and Planning Update

We understand that LBWF have asked the school to return to a two-form entry from September 2027 meaning that the planned redevelopment of the canteen may need to be amended. We will keep an eye out for updates and keep you informed.



CRA Sunday Social Club

Chingford Residents Association's Sunday Social continues to meet **fortnightly** in North Chingford Library's **Community Room from 1.30-3.30pm** with a wide variety of events - future events include a **Tea Party** on 30th August, a **Chingford Quiz** on 13th September and a **Talk and Tour of the LBWF Archive** on 27th September. Sessions are free and light refreshments provided.

William Morris Gallery - Refurbishment

The renewal of the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow is almost complete with reopening planned for **late September**. Its **new exhibition 'Earthly Paradise'** will open on 3rd October.



Utility Warehouse - Local Partner

Are you interested in exploring ways to save on energy, mobile and broadband bills and would prefer to speak to someone locally? **Julie is Utility Warehouse's 'partner' for Chingford** for more information, go to her webpage partner.uw.co.uk/partner/Julie-collier-ak2383 and book an appointment for a chat.



Wednesday Walks

We meet every other Wednesday morning, usually at the new **earlier time of 10.30am** with meeting points changing to allow for different walks – contact DADRAwalk@btinternet.com to get on our email list and receive walk and meeting details. **Upcoming dates below.**



Friday Social Club

Come and join us **every other Friday 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 games, quizzes, arts, crafts, local history and book swaps where all are very welcome. **Dates for the rest of 2026 below.**

DADRA dates for your diary:

DADRA AGM: 23rd September
7:30pm @ Scout Hall and Online (Details TBC)

DADRA Walks: 2nd, 16th & 30th Sept. 14th & 28th Oct.
11th & 25th Nov. 9th & 23rd Dec. 10:30am start - Meeting point shared weekly - email DADRAwalk@gmail.com

DADRA Friday Club: 11th & 25th Sept. 9th & 23rd Oct.
6th & 20th Nov. 11th & 18th Dec. 2pm-4pm @ Scout Hall

DADRA Friday Club Christmas Party:
18th December. 2pm-4pm @ Scout Hall

Please keep in touch:

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Website: www.dadra.org.uk

Other local events:

Find more details and additional events on our Instagram, Facebook and website.

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| 3rd Sept: | Sip & Paint (18+) with Craft Cabin
7:30pm-9:30pm @ Ouna - Paid |
| 5th Sept: | Seed Saving for Food Growers
10:30am-4:30pm @ Organiclea - Paid |
| 13th Sept: | Epping Forest Big Walk 8:30am-6pm
14.1mile/22.7km guided walk - Ticketed |
| 13th Sept: | CRA - Chingford Quiz 12-3:30pm
@ North Chingford Library, E4 7EN |
| 27th Sept: | Highams Park Farmers Market
10am-3pm @ Station Approach, E4 9LA |
| 27th Sept: | CRA - Tour LBWF Archives 12-3:30pm
@ North Chingford Library, E4 7EN |
| 4th/18th Oct: | Intro to Wild Mushroom Identification
10:30am-4:30pm @ Organiclea - Paid |