

FORA Grapevine

Hello from the Forest Residents Association

Is it just me or are there more planes flying over our skies and very noisy too. Well to update you The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has said it expected to make a decision in late September on whether or not to require London City Airport to re-consult over its controversial plans to concentrate flight paths. London City won planning permission for expansion from Newham Council in February, which was then overturned by Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London the following month over noise concerns. London City is appealing against the mayor's decision. A Public Inquiry will take place in March next year but the outcome is not likely to be known until summer next year by which time Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) hopes to have completed the sale of City Airport which is to go on sale, at the end of this year.

I'm sure some of you would have attended some events taking place at the Leytonstone Festival this year which was held in July. The events were spread over 19 days. From all types of music and comedy, drama, films,

poetry, childrens activities, etc. There were plenty of choice for everyone. Leytonstone's very own master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock had 3 of his films shown in St John's courtyard to a packed audience. Luckily it didn't rain the night I was there! The festival will return next year in July.

The Leytonstone Library has been closed for months for refurbishment and re-opens on Sunday 13th September. Waltham Forest are investing in the library to:

- Modernise the space
- Create flexible spaces to accommodate a wide range of activities and events
- Upgrade the ICT and provide faster internet access with high-quality printing and photocopying facilities
- Provide a comprehensive range of children's, teenage and adult book stock which meets local need

Looking forwards to seeing the new library at the opening!

FORA will be having a stall there encouraging more residents to join and benefit from being a part of our local community. This is also at the same time as the Car Free day so please drop in to say hello.

Some of you have mentioned the double parking and obstruction at the corner of Forest Glade. No doubt some of the offenders are construction workers at the School, Hospital Staff and patients with appointments. The building work at the School should finish this December which should relieve some of the problem. The parking is also being reviewed by the Safer Neighbourhood Team with regard to cases of obstruction and are interacting with the parking people at Waltham Forest and the City of London.

A lot of members have asked when our next history walk will be as they are always very interesting. Unfortunately, Neil Houghton, who leads our walks is so popular that he is unable to take us until sometime next spring. However we have found that the Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society have a walk coming up which you might be interested in. (see future events)

-Vaseem Gill Chair

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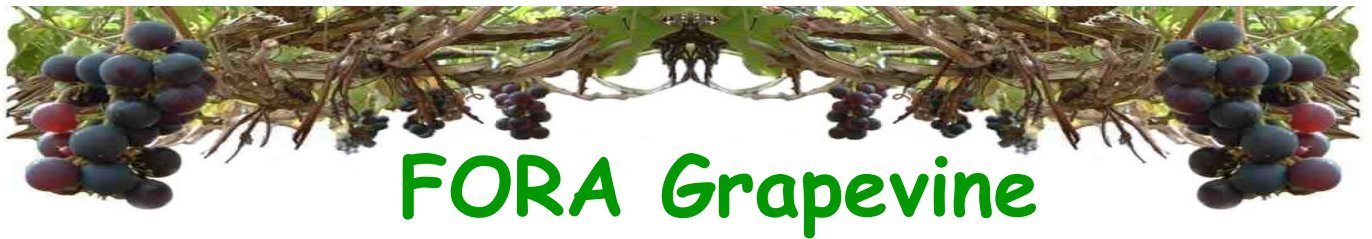
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Future Events

Sunday 13th September - 12pm - 4pm Leytonstone Library . Tony has arranged a stall at Leytonstone Library Open Day on Car Free Day to promote our association and attract new members so let others know in your roads. Don't forget loads of member discounts and benefits!

Sunday, 20 September 2015 from 14:15pm to 15:30pm

Drinkwater to Jacobi - The People and Places of Leytonstone
As part of Open House London, David Boote of the Leyton and Leytonstone Historical Society will lead a walk from Leytonstone Library. Internationally famous author John Drinkwater was born in Leytonstone. In the same year as his death his widow unveiled a plaque to his memory at Leytonstone Library. Sir Derek Jacobi has become a national treasure. He grew up in Leytonstone and as a schoolboy took part in play readings at Leytonstone Library. You will walk past the homes of John Drinkwater and Sir Derek Jacobi, the secondary school Jacobi attended, the site of the mansion in which a former Governor of the Bank of England was host to the composer Felix Mendelsson, and some attractive buildings. Book your free place on:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drinkwater-to-jacobi-the-people-and-places-of-leytonstone-tickets-17263228782>

Litter Pick - Saturday 24th October at 10am meet at corner Poppleton Road and Forest Glade. Gloves and litter pickers provided.



Have you been past our Wild seed patch at Tesco? It's taken a few months but our efforts are now beginning to show. Feel free to add any plants in the bare patches.

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