



FORA Grapevine

Hello from the Forest Residents Association

Together with Tesco, The Royal British Legion and Police Cadets, our Wild Seed Patch was transformed into a sea of Poppies to commemorate Remembrance Sunday which fell on 13th November 2016. There was a special service by the local vicar on the preceding Friday where our committee members Alan & June and I attended. Ray from the British Legion said that with the focal point of the display at the front of the store, the donations had increased this year which is great news. I recently received an email from safer transport regarding speeding cars. Community speed watch is being set up so that residents can tell their local police about roads that raise concern due to the speed of drivers. Residents will be able to join the officers and take part in catching speeding motorists and letting them know speeding will not be tolerated. Motorists will not be stopped but registrations will be taken and the registered keepers contacted by the police.

If you would like to take part email: Megan.P.Bronka@met.pnn.police.uk.

Mini Holland has finally arrived in our area with the Copenhagen style crossing at the junction of Kingswood Road and Grove Green Road. Although works are continuing as I write, I have had messages of concern that the narrowing of this road is causing drivers to go over to the opposite lane facing oncoming traffic when turning left on Grove Green Road. Also there's not enough space to turn left when coming into Kingswood Road. I have contacted the councillor concerned who says the scheme has not been completed as yet and the findings will be reviewed between 6- 18 months from completion. From the feedback I have had something very soon needs to happen at this junction. Please email me with your thoughts at the FORA email above.

We have had some more events take place and a short review is listed below by committee members. A very big welcome our new discount shops **Eastanbul Restaurant**, **Green Room Dog Grooming**, **Le Petit Corner Cafe** and **STAYER CYCLES** who have kindly offered to give our members a discount. These discounts are there for you our members to save money so support your local shops and shop local! We had a fantastic turnout at our Curry Night on 3rd December where you had an opportunity to meet other members. With no talks there was plenty of time to network. We welcomed some new members who joined on the night thanks to our committee member Heather who has been very busy recruiting for us. A special thanks to Shah from Star of India who provided the mouth watering buffet and without whom, the event wouldn't have been possible. Our next Autumn Litter Pick will be on **Saturday 11th March 2017** meet at Forest Glade at 10am. On till 12 noon.

I look forward to meeting you at our next event.

Vaseem Gill (Chair)

Discount List New Additions:

Eastanbul Restaurant - Turkish Cuisine - 753 High Road Leytonstone E11 4QS 10% discount
020 3556 0207 Mr Ibrahim. Great prices! Great food! Pay them a visit!

Green Room Dog Grooming - 25% discount on first groom Ann 07877 720 771

www.greenroomdoggrooming.co.uk

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Le Petit Corner Cafe - 734 High Road Leytonstone E11 3AW 5% discount - 020 3538 7780

Coffee upstairs with kids play area downstairs; <https://www.facebook.com/lepetitcorner734>

STAYER CYCLES - Acacia Business Centre, Howard Rd, London E11 3PJ 5% discount

020 3581 3280 Judith and Sam www.stayercycles.com

Guided walk - John Rogers Sunday 25th September by June Marvin: On a sunny Sunday afternoon in September 12 of us (including 4 non-members) plus Colin's dog met John by our FORA wild flower garden in front of Tesco's. John thought it appropriate to start from there as the old field path ran across what is now the car park. With our imaginations working at full stretch we set off to follow the path through the ages to reach St. Mary's Church Leyton. As usual on his walks John regaled us with anecdotes and stories of some of the people who had lived in the area over the centuries. One was of a man who wishing to be rid of his wife decided it would be cheaper to have her committed than to divorce her. Fortunately, for the poor woman her friends and neighbours objected and she was rescued. John pointed out some historical buildings en route and we eventually arrived at St. Mary's which stands on the site of a much older church. There had been a grand house there with avenues of trees lining the drive and magnificent gardens overlooking Leyton. The church had been in the grounds. Roman ruins had been discovered but nobody had thought too much about them to register exactly where they were.

House Museum Visit on Sunday 20th November arranged by Tony Fernandes

Golden leaved autumn is a fabulous time to be in ye olde Walthamstow Village by St Mary's Church. The museum nearby showcases the rich tapestry of Waltham Forest's heritage. It has been at various times over the centuries, the parish workhouse, a police station and a private home. FORA members were fortunate enough to be treated with an in depth tour courtesy of the delightfully engaging Susan Roberts. Our thanks to her and Gary Heales, Assistant Curator of the VHM for being so gracious and accommodating as were the volunteers. **Highlights:** Themed displays capturing the unique heritage of the local area, including the famous Bremer Car, a Victorian parlour, costume gallery and wonderful display of locally manufactured toys and games and also a chance to have a gander at some of the photo archives.



John Rogers Walk



Curry Night December 2016

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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