



FORA Grapevine

Hello from the Forest Residents Association

H.M. the Queen 90th Birthday was held in June in St Andrews Road which we had blocked off. The day, although cloudy, was dry and all the tables and chairs were set nice and early! Then at 3pm just as the fun was about to begin it poured down!! But we had our back up plan which was to take the party into the Community hall which worked out perfectly keeping everyone dry and happy. This joint event with St Andrews Church was enjoyed by all and with over 75 attending there was a great party atmosphere. Our Guided Tour of the Houses of Parliament led by John Cryer MP was another great success with all the places being taken. I'm sure there's room for one more tour so watch this space!

I know many people may be worried about the increase of flights over our skies. You are aware that in February 2016 London City Airport received permission from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to concentrate all its flight paths. London City is required to review the concentrated flight

paths by February 2017. It's assessment of how they are working then needs to be approved by the CAA by May 2017. You can get the full Up-to-date information at HACAN East website: www.hacaneast.org.uk

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Planning

The planning application (162656) has been made for an extension to 20 Forest Glade, an imposing family home in one of the best preserved roads in the Conservation Area. Two different applications, specifically to convert the property into flats, were refused by the council in July. Reasons given for refusal included that the house is in a Restricted Conversion Ward, and that the proposals would be an intensive use of the property and site which would result in a detrimental impact upon the amenity of adjoining occupiers. Another separate application was withdrawn at the time. The latest is for a similar rear extension and loft conversion, and the application clearly indicates that the intention is to subdivide the house into four homes. **Views or objections should be sent to the council by September 21.**

A planning application for the Georgian, Grade II listed, house at 135 Whipps Cross Road is being considered by the council. The application (161148) is for approval to build a ground and first floor extension, to incorporate the building's conversion from three self-contained flats to five self-contained flats. The initial public consultation period for this application officially ended on 14th August. However, new documents were submitted and the council has extended the consultation to 21st September. **There is still time, therefore, to submit views or objections.**

The application (161666) to build what was described as a "two storey bungalow" on the unused piece of Conservation Area land to the rear of 111-117 Whipps Cross Road was refused in June. This followed objections mainly from nearby residents. Among reasons for refusal was that the building would be incongruous within its immediate context and would fail to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

Together with Tesco, The Royal British Legion and Police Cadets, our Wild Seed Patch outside will soon be transformed into a sea of Poppies to commemorate Remembrance Sunday which falls on 13th November 2016.



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After our fantastic turnout at our AGM we have decided to hold a members night where again Shah from Star of India will be providing the buffet. This event will give you a chance to meet other members and neighbours and discuss local issues. We welcome any non members to attend. Anyone joining FORA on the night will get a full refund of the £5 entrance fee.

I look forward to meeting you at our next event.

Vaseem Gill (Chair)

Future Events

Guided walk Sunday 25th September 2016 - 1pm 'A field path ramble to Roman Leyton'

Back by popular demand; local film maker/writer/psycho-geographer John Rogers.

Meeting point: In front of TESCO Leytonstone Entrance

Route outline : Leytonstone House ,The Green Man, down past McDonald's and the old farm on the site, then picking up the old field path that ran across fields to St. Mary's, Leyton taking in the Cricket Ground, Saxon Tun, and Roman Villa. Cost: **FREE** to FORA Forest Resident Association members. (**£2 for non-members**)

John is working on his next book. To find out more about his work and films, please see his blog <http://thelostbyway.com/> and [John Rogers on YouTube](#)

PS: Limited autographed copies of his book 'This Other London 'will be available for sale before and after the walk @ a cost of **£8.00 (Cash only please)**. Alternatively they can be ordered online.

Autumn Litter Pick - Forest Glade 10-12am Saturday 15th October 2016

Meet corner of Poppleton Road/Forest Glade

(Pickers, gloves and bin bags provided courtesy of Epping Forest Open Spaces via Constable Ian Greer). Appropriate long sleeved tops/trousers or similar with durable footwear recommended. Please join us for any length of time you can spare. Meet and make new friends, reconnect with others and nature whilst helping keep our local environment clean.

Vestry House Museum Sunday 20th November - 1pm Vestry Road, Walthamstow E17_9NH

Exclusive FREE guided tour for FORA members and friends, with Assistant Curator, Gary Heales.

Includes an opportunity for an overview of the collection of some 80 000 historic photographs from across the Borough, normally available only by appointment. Please reserve your place via (E) info.fora@hotmail.com or (M) 07904 323198 by Sunday 10th Nov.

CURRY NIGHT Saturday 3rd December 6-9pm. St Andrews Community Hall, Colworth Road E11.

Meet other FORA Members and non members at our curry night. Vegetarian option available.

FORA members FREE: NON Members: £5

RSVP by email: info@vaseemgill.com or text (M) 07980 718988 by 26th November.

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