



Spring Litter Pick

On Sunday 25th March 12 FARA members, including 4 keen junior litter pickers, gathered for our annual Spring Clean on Wanstead Flats– rearranged from the start of March when the Flats were covered in snow due to the ‘Beast from the East’. We found slightly less rubbish than usual, but still gathered 20 bagfuls and picked up a range of other items including Christmas trees, fence panels and plastic piping. It was satisfying to know that Wanstead Flats was a lot cleaner due to our efforts, for the time being at least! We will be organising an Autumn litter pick in October.

Neighbourhood Watch

FARA attends Cann Hall and Leytonstone Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings run by the Met Police. If you would like to come along, let us know. Current concerns are: People being “jumped” while using ATMs, particularly at TSB and Tesco; Theft from and damage to motor vehicles – such as the recent spate of tyre slashing in Davies Lane; Burglaries – the police have reminded us not to leave any windows open when we are out. There have also been recent scams involving people pretending to be from Thames Water, or offering to clear gutters then “finding “ (causing) damage while on the roof and offering to fix it for large sums of money.

If you see any criminal activities, phone the police, put a warning up on Leytonstone Life, and let FARA know.

info@fara-leytonstone.org.uk

CannHall.SNT@met.police.uk Tel: 0208 721 2036

Local Restaurant Reviews

Red Camel

This is a friendly family- run takeaway providing authentic Afghan cuisine. The food is subtly spiced, and I particularly recommend the Mantu (10 meat-filled dumplings) which was delicious. A real asset to the High Road - give it a go! *Simon - Ferndale Rd*

Yard Sale Pizza

This is a great venue for kids and young people, with contemporary music playing in the background. There is a delicious choice of pizzas, including gluten free and vegan cheese. We liked the ice cream sandwich for dessert! Licensed. *Christine & Jane - Ferndale & Davies*

Dates for your Diary

FARA committee meetings take place 7.30- 9.00pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the community room in the Fire Brigade building on Leytonstone High road. They are open to all members. Let us know if you want to attend so that we can arrange access. Email: info@fara-leytonstone.org.uk

FARA's Annual General Meeting this year will be on **Wednesday 16th May** and we hope to once again hold it at Davies Lane School. Please come along to speak to Councillors and local police, elect a new FARA committee for 2018/19, discuss issues and concerns and give your ideas about FARA activities. More information will be circulated nearer to the time.

Fred Wigg & John Walsh Towers, Montague Road

On 21st February Waltham Forest Cabinet decided NOT to go ahead with proposals to redevelop the Towers which reduced the number of social rented flats.

Reasons for the change of plan are:

- Interest in buying flats in tower blocks has fallen, so the likely purchase prices are lower
- Neither the Council nor developers know how fire safety regulations will change, post Grenfell
- Uncertainty about achieving vacant possession

All this had made the scheme financially much riskier. Towers residents are involved in discussions with the Council about more appropriate improvements.

FARA EVENTS in 2018

Month	Event	Where?
Sunday 29 th April 11.00 start	Bluebell Walk: Meet at Wanstead flats end of Ferndale road	Wanstead Park
Wed 16 th May	Annual General Meeting	Davies Lane Primary School
Saturday 23 rd June	Wren guided nature walk	Wanstead Flats
Sunday 1 st July	Summer get- together to meet our neighbours	Sea Scout Hut Malvern Road
7 th -15 th July	Leytonstone Arts Trail: FARA members' joint walk- about	Trail Venues
October	Autumn Litter-Pick	Wanstead Flats

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Day	Activity	Where
Tuesdays 12.00- 1.30	Community Lunch at Sally's Kitchen	Salvation Army Southwell Grove
Thursdays 11.00- 1.00	Coffee morning	Lakehouse Tea room /The Tap

All welcome! If you would like to organise an activity let us know on info@fara-leytonstone.org.uk
Visit our facebook page: Ferndale Area Residents Association (FARA)

TIME TO JOIN/RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! ALL WELCOME ! MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS! GET INVOLVED!

FARA Membership Form - 2018

I/we want to be members of FARA in 2018, and enclose £2 annual subscription for one household (plus optional donation £_____).

Name(s).....

Address

Telephone

Email (if you're happy to be contacted by email)
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I am concerned about

Please pop this slip and your fee into the letterbox at 12 Davies Lane or 53 Ferndale Road. Your 2018 membership card will be delivered to you shortly. Thank you for joining or renewing!