



Vinters Park Residents Association

Spring Newsletter 2018

Chairpersons Report

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter from the Vinters Park Residents Association. I hope by the time you receive your copy the weather will be really Spring-like after the snow and bitter cold in March and the Spring flowers will finally be in full bloom. Spring brings our AGM to which you all, as residents, are invited. This event is on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30 for tea & coffee, the meeting starts at 8.00pm.

This is your time to vote for your Committee members and, hopefully, vote for me to continue as Chairperson for my 3rd year. It is also the time to hear about our progress over the past year and our plans for the future. I can't believe the improvements that have taken place in the hall over the past two years and it is down to fundraising and hard work that these have taken place. The latest big (and final) venture is the redecoration of the hall which began on 4th April and by the end of the Easter holidays will be complete. The redecorating will greatly improve the appearance of the hall. I am extremely pleased with the end result and I hope if you can come to the AGM you will be pleased with our new look hall.

Our Coffee Mornings, as always, are a great success and money raised by you goes towards our improvements. I have met so many lovely residents and it is a pleasure to see a friendly face and a cheery smile not only in the hall but walking around the estate too! If you or someone you know needs transport to a Coffee Morning please contact one of the Committee and we will do our best to arrange something.

Our forthcoming events are listed overleaf and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend at least one or more events to say hello. Grab a cuppa and your diary and get the dates written down! Some residents asked for something on a Sunday so we have arranged our cream tea afternoon for Sunday 1st July. We hope for a good attendance there.

Vinters Park Residents Association is making new plans all the time, be a part of this wonderful community and come along to some of the events. Just like Spring, the Centre is blossoming. Let's all enjoy it!

Kay Lowe, Chairperson.



Coffee Mornings 3rd Friday of the Month

10.00 - 12.00 at the Community Centre

April	20 th	August	None
May	18 th	September	21 st
June	15 th	October	19 th
July	20 th	November	16 th

Coffee & Cake £1

A chat with friends & neighbours - FREE!

Upcoming Events at Your Community Centre

May 28th CAFFEINE & MACHINES 10.00 – 1.00

After the success of last years inaugural car show, we are holding another one for 2018. We have seen some interesting vehicles going about Vinters on a regular basis but we've got no idea if their owners actually live on the estate or are just passing through. So with this in mind, we are keen to see what lurks in your garage under that dust sheet, so if you've got something interesting be it a car, bike or tractor it will give you a chance to polish it up and take it along for a chat and a coffee somewhere local.

July 1st CREAM TEA 2.00 – 4.00

This proved to be a fantastic success last year and gave those people who are unable to make the coffee mornings a chance to come along and enjoy a good chat with friends and neighbours. So put it in your diary for this year and let's see if we can make it even better than last year!

Dec. 1st CHRISTMAS FAIR 11.00 – 2.00

This was a fantastic success last year and raised nearly £900 for the Community Centre. With plans to make it even better this year hopefully we can get that figure to over £1000.

TBC QUIZ NIGHT TBC

This is something we are constantly being asked to put on so we are planning to put one on this year. Further information will be available in a few weeks.

SPEEDWATCH

There have been a number of teething problems getting this initiative up and running but we will definitely be starting sessions this Spring. We do desperately need new volunteers to come forward who are able to partake in the short training programme and then be available during the daytime Monday to Friday. If you would be interested in taking part please go to our website where you will find a short application form.

VINTERS PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (VPRA)

The VPRA are a small group of volunteers who are dedicated to looking after the Community Centre situated at the heart of Vinters Park. We meet monthly to discuss the issues and needs of the Centre and to plan the calendar of events that we now lay on each year. If you would like to be part of this small team and have the time and availability to assist with the events, including our regular coffee mornings, then please go to our website where an application form is available or, drop a letter into the Community Centre outlining your reasons for wanting to be on the Committee and what you could bring to the role. Address it to The Secretary, VPRA and mark it private and confidential.

If you would like to be kept up to date on VPRA events and happenings, we offer several methods of communication, our website, our own VPRA Facebook page, search **VINTERS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE**, and of course the notices boards both in and outside of the Community Centre.

WWW.VINTERSPARK.ORG.UK

Our website is developing all the time. It is a wealth of information to all residents on Vinters Park. Not only does it have all the information on our events and coffee mornings, including photos and reviews, but there is a comprehensive listing of local services put together to assist new residents in finding a doctors, chemist, nursery and much more. The site will also give you all the information you need to know if you want to book the Community Centre for an event, or if you want to see what classes there are currently running each week.

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