

Happy New Year to everyone. Here are a few quick updates to let you know what’s going on in and around Gondar Gardens and Agamemnon Road.

Gondar Gardens reservoir – under threat in 2017

Although we’ve heard nothing from LifeCare Residences since they bought the reservoir site from Linden Wates last January, we have good reason to believe that they have been busy developing their plans and will push ahead in 2017.

We know that they hope to build luxury retirement homes – hardly an amenity for local residents – all over the front and centre of the site. Compare that to the currently approved frontage-only scheme which delivers both affordable housing and protection of the Open Space, with 93% of the land gifted to the London Wildlife Trust in perpetuity.

Join GARA, come to our AGM, protect your environment

Only with your help can we continue to protect this Open Space and Site of Nature Conservation Importance. ***Our most valuable asset is a strong membership – we really need you to be a member.*** GARA subscriptions run from January to January, so please, please re-join now – it’s just £10 per household or £5 for an individual, as follows:

- Cash or cheque payable to GARA, delivered to 20 Gondar Gardens NW6 1HG. (You can use the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter to confirm your details).
- Bank transfer to sort code 20-74-63, a/c 80451223, with your name / address in the payment reference; and please e-mail infogara@gmail.com to let us know.

Please make a note that we will hold our 2017 AGM on Tue 25 April, 7.30pm. You’ll hear the latest news about the reservoir and also help us to be a good community, working with the Neighbourhood Development Forum, Friends of Fortune Green and others to protect and improve our environment. And we’d love you to help plan this year’s Big Lunch ...

Big Lunch, Sunday 11 June 2017

Following the success of our first Big Lunch in 2016, we’re planning an even better street party in 2017.

What was the secret of 2016’s success? Was it the home-cooked food that everyone brought out on to the street to share? Was it the wine and soft drinks provided by GARA? Perhaps it was the tables and chairs generously lent by St Andrews church or the gazebos lent by local residents? Or a visit from the police horses; or the opportunity to play football, cricket and mini-tennis in the middle of the road? Or, just possibly, it was Tom the spell-binding magician who wowed children of all ages with his wonderful tricks.

So, make a note of the date, tell your neighbours and friends, and join us again for another great street party, on Sunday 11 June 2017.

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy and neighbourly 2017,
David Yass
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I would like to join GARA. I enclose my 2017 subscription (£5 individual or £10 household).

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