

SGCARA NEWS

Sutherland Grove Conservation Area Residents' Association

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Quiz Night 2017

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Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm

Park Tavern

Merton Road

SW18 5SW

Our previous Quiz Nights (March 2014 and Oct 2015) were a great success, judging by the happy faces, and the number of new friendships formed - so do come to Quiz Night 2017!

The venue will once again be the ever-welcoming Park Tavern, Tuesday 21st November 7.30.

There will be teams of between four and (ideally) six players. Entry will be £10 per person (paid-up SGCARA member-households) and £12 per person (non-members), payable in advance with the form below.

The event will include a generous half-time buffet, to suit meat/fish eaters and vegetarians.

There were ingenious team-names in previous Quiz Nights, and we are sure you will rise to the challenge on this occasion!

If you would like to be part of SGCARA Quiz Night 2017, please complete the tear-off slip overleaf, and send to: 8 Skeena Hill, along with the entry-fee, as soon as possible, as we are strictly limited to 60 people....

Open Gardens 2018

In May 2016 SGCARA held its first Open Gardens. Blessed by fine weather, it was a huge success! The next Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 20th May 2018. If you are inspired to offer *your* garden for the 2018 event, please contact Tessa Lydekker of the SGCARA Social Committee if you haven't already done so.

Gardens that are interesting and different are equally as welcome as those of 'show garden' standard!

Send Tessa an email at: tessa.lydekker@gmail.com or pop a note through her door at 22 Sutherland Grove.

Not So Fantastic Mr Fox



SGCARA's neighbourhood is blessed by ample green space. However, this is home to a growing number of foxes. Every week on 'Dustbin Day' our streets are littered with the contents of some household bins. You will agree this is unsightly, unhygienic, and pretty awful for people walking the pavements..... To keep our streets clean and dissuade foxes, please make sure you store and dispose of your refuse carefully to help tackle the problem. Refuse sacks should always be left out in a bin with a close-fitting lid. If you don't use a bin, *please* put out your refuse-sacks on Dustbin Day itself to limit the amount of time it can be preyed on by foxes. Thanks to all those who do this already!

Residents concerned about the presence of foxes can download a useful information pack from the council's website at: <http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/downloads/download/84/foxes> and their potential control

Caring for the Conservation Area

This is a sensitive issue, but please think carefully if you are considering paving over all or most of your driveway, or reducing the 'green' in your garden in other ways. The special charm and quality of our Conservation Area includes the generous front and rear gardens. Seeing and smelling lovely flowers and foliage while walking to the station, the shops... or just walking the dog, is one of those simple pleasures that adds just that little bit to the quality of life, and is proved to be invaluable for stress-reduction! Be also aware of the relevant strict planning rules. If your drive is already paved, how about having some big pots or planters with bee-friendly plants, such as Lavender, Rosemary, Mint, Thyme which will smell gorgeous and keep our precious pollinators happy.....

Cycle Quietway

Those of you who receive information emails from Malcolm Grimston will know that a consultation has started for a cycle 'Quietway' running Teddington-Wandsworth and passing through our Ward from Tibbets Corner, along Withycombe Road/Princes Way/Castlecombe Drive/Beaumont Road/Skeena Hill/Girdwood Road, in effect largely following the path of the local 'rat run'. This could be far from 'Quiet' and still not provide the safety intended for cyclists. There would be some worrying changes to road layout as well, eg at the top of Skeena Hill/Girdwood Rd, with possible significant negative effects on parking and safety. Public meetings unfortunately took place at the Keevil Drive Open Door Centre before completion of this newsletter. However, please make your own assessment and contribute to the consultation which closes on 13th Nov at: <http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/quietways> or write to: Wandsworth Borough Council (Quietway Consultation) Town Hall Wandsworth High St SW18 2PU

Your SGCARA Newsletter

We would love to develop and expand the newsletter with a larger variety of local-interest items. Given general rises in printing costs, we can only do this if we take on some advertising, as is the practice of at least one other local Residents Association. If you would like to explore the possibility of advertising your business or service in the SGCARA newsletter, which reaches 1000 SGCARA households, please email us at admin@sgcara.org.uk. We would love to hear from you! We plan to have a meeting in the coming weeks with those interested in helping with the content of the newsletter, and will be contacting those who have already expressed interest. If you would like to be part of this, but have not yet made contact, or if you would like to help deliver the newsletter in your area (just twice a year), please email JuliaRaeburn@aol.com /send her a note at 8 Skeena Hill.

Christmas Trees from the Friends of St Cecilia's

SGCARA benefits from the warm welcome given to us at St Cecilia's for Members Meetings etc, and we are delighted to publicise the Friends of St Cecilia's Christmas Tree sale, part of their valuable fund-raising. This is the sixth year of the Christmas Tree sale and the quality of trees is excellent according to previous happy customers! St Cecilia parents will have access to order forms through school, **but an order form can be downloaded from SGCARA website: www.sgcar.org.uk**, where you can also catch up with other SGCARA news. St Cecilia parent and Skeena Hill resident Claire Luxa can provide a paper copy, **but please only ask her if you do not have internet access and can't download the form from www.sgcar.org.uk yourself.** Her phone number is **07949 620 912**. (Order forms have to be in by 13th Nov, and collection from 32 Skeena Hill on Sat 9th Dec (am).

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I would like to reserve places (please complete one of the either/or sections)

either

to enter a team six / five / four places (*please circle the appropriate number*)

Our team name will be _____

or

to join a team on the night: _____ places

£10 per person (paid-up SGCARA-members, up to 2 people per household)

Number of places ___ £_____

£12 per person (non-members)

Number of places ___ £_____

My contact details are

Total: £_____

Contact Name(s) _____

Contact Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please return this slip, together with your payment, by post/hand to: Julia Raeburn, 8 Skeena Hill, SW18 5PL
Pay by cash or by cheque made out to SGCARA, but please don't send cash by post.