

SGCARA NEWS-November 2019

Sutherland Grove Conservation Area Residents' Association

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Members' Annual Meeting - Thursday 21 November 2019

Do attend: good information; have your say; time to meet residents from your area; easy access venue with very decent refreshments throughout. It is held at the Refectory of Saint Cecilia's School in Sutherland Grove from 7pm, discussions from 7.45pm.

All new and continuing paid-up SGCARA Members are welcome. Invited guests include Mrs Renata Joseph, the new Head-teacher, our three local West Hill Ward Councillors and the Police West Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

Membership and Subscriptions

We considered and decided to keep the annual Membership subscription rate at £2. We would never want any member to be discouraged on economic grounds. However, we do rely on the generosity of so many members who add a donation to their subscription and hope and trust this supportive practice will continue. We seek to consider all residents in our area, whether members or not, but Member numbers do give us the moral and financial support we need.

Many thanks for Members contributions received this year so far. Other new or existing Members please fill in the Subscriptions form overleaf. If you would like to nominate a candidate for election to the Committee, please note this on the form so that nomination papers can be provided.

It would help us a lot if you would return the Subscriptions form by Monday 11 November to the address given at foot of the form. Further news will be distributed through the SGCARA Information Email list (if opted in) and our website.

The SGCARA General Information and Social Email Lists are free to residents within SGCARA's Area. Please provide contact details on the Subscriptions form overleaf.

Newsletter Distribution

Hitherto, printed paper copies have been delivered to individual letterboxes of residents of our area. Over 1,000 copies involve costs, both money and volunteers' efforts. Clearly, delivery by email attachment avoids most of these costs. Opinions differ on this issue including the environmental issues relating to paper consumption. However, we want residents to have a genuine choice.

We are, therefore, considering a policy to allow residents to opt for email receipt, but residents, by default, will receive the existing paper delivery if they prefer having the Newsletter in paper form.

SGCARA Open Gardens

So many residents in May, were not deterred by the initial showers. The gardens were varied, inspiring and well worth a visit; weeks of hard work by the owners. The ponds were particularly popular with our younger visitors. Many bought plants and honey products and joined us for tea and home-made cakes. It was a chance to catch up with neighbours in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Verge Flower Displays

Following a news article about a local council transforming a reservation into a "river of flowers", local resident, Annette Derry, who was involved in the 2014 Poppy project, contacted Wandsworth Council. It has agreed to lay 320 sq. metres of wildflower turf along Girdwood Road next Spring. How wonderful. Well done Annette.

Traffic and Roads

After many years of lobbying, a new no left turn into Withycombe Road prevents morning rush-hour traffic diverting off the A3 through SGCA. Inevitably a few will be inconvenienced but the lower traffic volumes now being experienced will contribute to a better environment for the majority.

This initiative follows a detailed study of traffic flows which showed an extensive rat run through SGCA by non-local traffic. Given its clear success, we trust this six month trial, now extended a further six months, will become a permanent measure. Further, common sense would suggest that a like scheme for the evening rush hour would be just as effective. We trust the Council will consider and implement a similar prevention scheme for the afternoon traffic problem. It is important that the Council is aware of the strength of views held by residents of SGCA. Please add individual comments on this topic to <https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthecs/west-hill-19>

Southfields Theatre Group

presents The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge

The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge picks up a year after the disagreeable Scrooge has changed his ways due to the visitation of three spirits: Christmas Past, Present and Future. Now Scrooge contends that he was kidnapped and tricked into being a changed man for the year following Christmas. The scene is set for the trial of those accused by Scrooge.

More good fun on 20, 21 and 23 November.

More details at www.southfieldstheatre.org.uk

SGCARA still needs you

Many of us have busy lives. It is understandable that we shy away from involvement in a 'not for profit' organisation lest it consumes more time than we have comfortably available.

SGCARA needs some more hands and heads but purely on the basis that the donor defines his/her involvement. It could be as little as occasionally providing a street letterbox for a questionnaire. **Please consider helping;** admin@sgcara.org will respond to any questions you have to take it forward.

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Members' AGM 21 November: Attending? Y / N Y / N

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