

SUTHERLAND GROVE CONSERVATION AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Reaching out to Residents

September 2023

Family Meet-Up & planting of trees gifted to St Cecilia's
16th Sept

AELTC & the future of Wimbledon Park
Public Meeting
12th Sept

last chance to complete SGCARA Traffic Survey

Local Police Community Events ...
& **secure online form to coordinate Crime Incidents in our area**

& ... **CELEBRATING**

OUR

CARING

COMMUNITY

'Reaching out to Residents' will also be uploaded to the SGCARA Website, giving easier-access to web-links

A lot of important issues to pack into this single-sheet newsletter. Please read on & forgive density & small font!

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FAMILY MEET-UP 16th Sept 10.00am – midday SAINT CECILIA'S (& PLANTING OF GIFTED TREES at 11.30am - all residents welcome)

A reminder that SGCARA invites all families with young children (*including grandchildren!*) for a family meet-up in the (outdoor, enclosed) quadrangle of St Cecilia's School. We hope this will be a chance for residents – 'old' & 'new' to make new friends. Little ones can bring along their ride-ons & bikes to enjoy the big grass space in the quad, while parents get chance to sit & have a chat. Teas, coffee, juice, squash, brunch-snacks & biscuits on tap. There will be picnic blankets for children to play with their other favourite toys or games. *Soft balls only please as there are a lot of glass windows around!* Aimed at younger children but of course older siblings welcome, (*but no 'big' bikes please*). We plan to have a table tennis table & possibly a couple of laid-on activities. (Saint Cecilia's toilets will be available of course)

If the weather is bad, there is an indoor space available, but the quad very much preferred of course.

If you need to arrive by car, given its a Saturday morning, there is likely to be space on Saint Cecilia's forecourt. Event free for SGCARA members, (£4 suggested donation per family for non-members please. Membership form on SGCARA website if you would like to join up in the meantime). It will be helpful for catering if those who plan to come email: admin@sgcar.org.uk including your name, address & the number & age-range of children you are bringing.

SGCARA is gifting three trees for the quadrangle as a thankyou to Saint Cecilians for generously welcoming SGCARA for events, including AGMs & the Sept 2021 'Environment Exchange'.

The planting will take place during the 16th Sept Family Meet-Up at 11.30am. We hope that the children can help out a bit with this. Bring a bucket & spade! All SGCARA residents are welcome to join us for this part of the morning & be part of a great group photo round the new trees of course.

WEST WILL WARD LOCAL POLICE ... & SGCARA secure online form to report Crime Incidents

Following the recent spate of theft/vandalism in our area, SGCARA is offering all local residents opportunity to upload details of such incidents experienced in our area in the last year (from Sept 2022) to a secure

online form. <https://forms.office.com/r/jM0iPZxhVE> Completion of the form will enable SGCARA to present a comprehensive list of these crimes to the police. They are not 'joining the dots' at present.

Please report all crimes to the police + the SGCARA form. Phone: 101 or Website: www.met.police.uk/report

Our local police are holding Community Events at Southfields Library. A good chance for residents to meet our local police & highlight the recent incidents of theft & vandalism experienced in our area.

<https://www.police.uk/your-area/metropolitan-police-service/west-hill/?yourlocalpolicingteam=meetings-and-events>

Community Events - Sept & Oct 2023

Friday 15th September 11:00am - 12:30pm

Friday 13th October 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Southfields Library

Saturday 30 September 10:00am - 11:30am

Tuesday 24th October 12.00pm - 1.30pm

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

We mustn't let the recent thefts & vandalism to cars overshadow that SGCA is a wonderful caring community. The story that local long-standing resident Danièle wanted to share with you in 'Reaching out to Residents' shows this! (Danièle fainted in Sutherland Grove on 11th August & was unable to get up).

'I would like to thank the wonderful people who came to my aid – the young mother with two daughters, the newly qualified nurse who called for an ambulance, Carol's son-in-law for fetching his blood pressure unit & to the young man who went home to bring me a bottle of vitamin/recovery water. The three young women paramedics were amazing. Finally, thanks for the support of my wonderful neighbours.' Danièle

Wonderful Sunny Patel cheerfully continues to offer v reliable newspaper deliveries throughout our area – since the heart-breaking loss of his Wimbledon Pk Rd shop 'Sunny News'. He is keen for more customers in the area as some of his 'regulars' have moved away. If you would like newspaper deliveries to your door, please contact Sunny on: **07753 959 662** (by text, phone call or WhatsApp). (deliveries: 7.00am-ish Mon-Fri, a little later at weekends)

from Richard Konig (Sutherland Grove) of '**Abundance Southfields**' <http://www.abundancesouthfields.com>
'we have organised quite a few giveaways of freshly-picked local fruit outside Southfields station this year - always well-received & fun to do. We are largely distributing free fruit because we currently have no viable space for storing bottles & equipment any more so can't produce cider at all this year.'

(*Abundance Southfields* needs space & an outbuilding for cider-making. If you feel you can help with this, sign up to the database via the website contact page or get in touch with Richard via email:

sharing@abundancesouthfields.com

OPEN MEETING - THE FUTURE OF WIMBLEDON PARK 12th Sept 7.30pm

There are many highly-controversial issues arising from the Planning Application submitted in 2021 by AELTC (All England Lawn Tennis Club). If Approved, these proposals would see the complete re-development of much of the erstwhile Wimbledon Pk Golf Club site into what has been dubbed an 'industrial tennis complex' – including 38 grass courts & an 8000-seater tennis stadium.

The construction alone would have a substantial impact in our area & take up to 8 years.

Since the Application was first made (Wandsworth: PA 2021/3609), new complications have come to light. & additional documents submitted by AELTC. This is why the Application is still under consideration 2 years on. An open meeting (below) has been organised by Southfields Grid resident Simon Wright, where you can get up-to-date with the issues & ask questions of the experts.

September 12th 7.30pm – 9.30pm
St. Barnabas Church, 146 Lavenham Road, SW18 5EP

Simon says:

'Merton & Wandsworth Councils are currently considering AELTC's Planning Application to develop the former golf club in Wimbledon Park. Come to this meeting to find out what would happen if the AELTC proposals were approved. Put questions to our expert panel & make your views known

We are currently confirming who will be speaking at the meeting but here is our provisional agenda:

1. Welcome from Simon Wright
2. Introduction from Chair Ben Taylor (local resident and Editor, Sunday Times)
3. Panel member short presentations to include: • Fleur Anderson, MP for Putney
• Key points of AELTC's plans for Wimbledon Park • The legal situation • Environmental impact
4. Questions to panel and general discussion
5. Summing up – what happens next?

Questions? Please contact me on simon@ofplus.com everyone welcome! Simon Wright, Southfields resident'

TRAFFIC QUESTIONNAIRE for local residents

Last chance to respond to the SGCARA Traffic Survey! either through the printed form (ROTR June 2023) or electronically as circulated by SGCARA email (7th July) or download from the SGCARA website.