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## Dear Neighbours,

Welcome to our "early Spring" newsletter (anything to encourage Spring's arrival!).

## Local news and issues

The SRRA exists to safeguard and enhance the quality of where we all live. There are several issues of concern to us. There's been a rumour that Sainsbury's were going to take over the Butcher and Grill site in the Village: the butchers assure us it won't happen, but watch this space. Then there is the issue of Merton requiring us to put our bins out between 5am and 6am or 5pm and 6pm for collection or fine us if we don't stick to those hours: that one seems to have gone quiet, but we are keeping a watching eye. There is the live issue that Royal Mail are to commence a consultation that almost certainly will end up closing the existing Post Office facility in Raynes Park and giving the operation to a local shop. Many of you will know how appallingly badly that works on Wimbledon Hill Road : more on this as it develops. There are hospital/healthcare developments that are too complicated for the newsletter - an email in due course.

There has been some planning activity, watched diligently for us by Bill Petch: the application to build a house behind Aston Court, 18 Lansdowne Road has been refused, and there is an application at number 16. The sorry saga of 31b Arterberry Road continues. There is a sense that development may be picking up locally.

The CPZ which is now in action in Arterberry Road, The Drive, Montana Road, Dunmore Road and Langham Road is generally viewed as a success, although some feel a two hour window in the middle of the day would be preferable, but this can't be considered until the current system has run for a year.

Please ensure that we have your email (if you have one) so we can get news to you as it happens. Alternatively, we will be posting news emails on the website going forward. Please email your details to membership@srra.co.uk

## AGM: March 20th, 7:30pm

Next month, on Wednesday March 20th we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm at the Church Hall, by Christ Church on The Ridgway. The hall's entrance is at the top of Cottenham Park Road, behind the Church. See www.christchurchwestwimbledon.org I do hope you will be able to join us. As well as the formal proceedings, a number of Councillors from both Hillside and Raynes Park Ward have kindly agreed to take questions on local issues of concern, and to meet you personally after the meeting. The Raynes Park Safer Neighbourhood Police team will join us, and I've asked them to explain how Neighbourhood Watch could work for you www.neighbourhoodwatch.net Revelstoke Wines www.revelstoke.co.uk have agreed to give us a wine tasting after the meeting and take orders at a special discount rate for members. The Swan (on The Ridgway) has agreed to provide us with some snacks. A big thank you to both of them, and I encourage you to return the favour by visiting both of their fine premises!

## Membership

Our Membership Secretary, Vivien Mackay, has done a great job putting together a data base that tells us who our members actually are. It also tells us that roughly a third of our members set up a Standing Order for their annual subscription, leaving two thirds from whom we would now like our valiant Road Reps to collect the £3 subscription in cash. I'd like to stress that the personal contact our Road Reps maintain with our members is integral to the success of our Association : we are all very grateful to them. If more convenient, bring along completed forms or cash to the AGM - and we will be accepting new members "on the door" of the meeting.

Do please carefully fill up the Standing Order on the back if you haven't already done so: we need your support to be effective. Hoping to see you at the AGM on March 20th.

With best wishes.

Alex Sandberg Chairman February 2013

Chair : Alex Sandberg; Secretary : Lynda Coleman; Treasurer : David Brown Planning : Bill Petch; Membership : Vivien Mackay; Website : Chris Hill

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