



SOUTH RIDGWAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Neighbours

Welcome to our Autumn 2018 Newsletter.

It is an old cliché, but I find it hard to believe that it is a year since I was writing our last printed newsletter. Those of you who receive our regular e-newsletters will know we try to keep you updated with news, concerns and events in our area and if any of you have any suggestions for additional content therein please let me know.

I know many of our members have concerns about our area with regards to the state of our roads and pavements for a variety of reasons. I would encourage you all to contact the Council, either by email or telephone and tell them your concerns. You will be given a reference number and I have found them quite efficient especially with regards to fly tipping, failed street lights and bulky rubbish removal. They are not, I would add, quite as responsive with regards to leaf clearing and tree pruning. Please let me know if you have contacted them and I will back up your concern on behalf of the SRRA.

Merton Council www.merton.gov.uk

Fly posting / Fly tipping	0208 274 4902
Street Lighting.....	0208 545 3220
Noise	0208 545 3205
Road cleaning.....	0208 274 4902
Footpaths.....	0208 545 3700

We have several members who pick up litter in their area. First of all I would like to thank them and secondly encourage anyone to have a go. If you contact the Council and say you wish to become a “street champion” they will supply you with a long arm picker and some bags. Even if you do not wish to go to these lengths just try and pick up the larger items near your home.

This segues very neatly on to Wheelie Bins. This whole scheme has been very badly handled and though not really a problem for larger houses, it is going to be a nightmare for those with a small front garden and no rear access. I am afraid it is a fait accompli and nothing can change it. However one glimmer of light is that I hope the new scheme will stop bin bags being torn open by wildlife and the contents spread around our streets.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Road Representatives and the committee for all their work throughout the year.

Bill Petch
Chairman
October 2018

Membership - Vivien Mackay
Secretary - Caroline Petch
Treasurer - David Brown
Website - Graham Bucknall
Planning - Bill Petch

Planning and Construction Issues

Please contact the association with any concerns on this front and we will do our best to advise on and co-ordinate any objections. There is oddly nothing new on the planning horizon but here is an update.

High Range, Lansdowne Road

I am pleased to see the freeholder of this block amended their application to fall in line with our suggestions. This has been approved and the top floor will now be rebuilt and there will be a general refurbishment of the whole building.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Drinks at the Swan

You are all invited to come for drinks at The Swan on the Ridgway on **Thursday 22nd November** from 7.30 PM onwards.

Annual General Meeting 2019

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 20th March 2019** in Christ Church Hall, Cottenham Park Road.

As a matter of interest this hall is available for hire. Phone 07719 525 916.



Wimbledon Close, The Downs

The Council's rejection of the proposed construction of a block of flats behind Wimbledon Close was a major victory for a very active group of our members. There is as yet no new application and maybe they have gone away. I suspect not.

Rosemary Lodge, The Drive

This site is basically finished and renamed Montem Square [where do they get these names especially as it is not a square ?] as yet I believe only one is occupied.

1, Arterberry Road

This attractive, but gardenless, terrace of four houses is now complete and for sale. As yet none are occupied.

Blossom House School Site

The old school has gone and the construction of the new development is well under way.

Crossrail2

There is no real news on this front. The latest is that a consultation is under way to investigate reducing the overall cost of the scheme and making it more affordable. I cannot remember any public construction costing less than originally mooted.

However, until that bridge is crossed I cannot see that we will see any concrete proposals for the scheme when it comes out of the ground, which is when it will concern us most.

Other Matters

I am sure you are all aware of the problems The General Data Protection Regulations caused for organisations large and small. The SRRA encouraged our members to sign up for email communication by pledging to contribute 25p for every positive response to the Friends of Cannizaro Gardens. I am pleased to say we had nearly 300 positive replies so sent a cheque for £75.00 to the Friends.

We do hope that most of the 100 or so members who did not 'opt in' to receiving our emails will change their minds. A lot of our members say our email updates are one of the most useful things we do. If we have no record of your opting in there will be a sticker at the top of your copy of this newsletter. Do email membership@srra.co.uk if you'd like to put this right – and add another 25p to our donation to the Friends of Cannizaro.

I am afraid to say that Grand Drive will be shut in sections in a Northerly direction until the end of the year. It will however be open in a Southerly direction so you can all get to the Garth Road tip with your old dust bins!!

I would like to recommend three websites for selling or disposal of unwanted items.

The first is **Freecycle** - a nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) things for free in their own towns and neighborhoods. It's all about reuse and keeping good things out of landfills.

 www.freecycle.org

The second is **Gumtree** - an excellent place to sell and buy second hand goods.

 www.gumtree.com

Finally **Nextdoor** - a very active social website, with members asking for and giving recommendations for local tradesmen.

 www.nextdoor.co.uk

And of course don't forget to use your very own **SRRA website** for news and events, planning, membership issues, 'buy/sell/recommend' and SRRA contacts.'

 www.srra.co.uk

Unwanted Callers

We have had a succession of unwanted and slightly suspicious callers at the door over the last few weeks. Some selling services and one trying to trace someone. The latter had called earlier in the year and did not seem at all credible. I can only say be vigilant and if they arrive in a vehicle it cannot hurt to make a note of the registration number.

Wimbledon International Music Festival

The 10th season of the Wimbledon International Music Festival takes place between the **10th and 25th November** this year. A full list of events and how to book can be found on their website - www.wimbledonmusicfestival.co.uk or their box office number is 0333 666 3366.

Christmas Fair

The 'Friends of King's Christmas Fair' will take place this year at 11.00 am on **Saturday 24th November**. It is always a good place to find different Christmas presents and, at the same time, help the school.

