

Report on Annual General Meeting

November 17th was the date of our AGM and we were delighted to welcome, once again, Cllr Jan Leigh who led an interesting and lively question and answer session. A number of concerns were raised (including noise levels, multi-occupancy and anti-social behaviour) and Cllr Leigh was warmly thanked for all her work on behalf of the Ward and, in particular, the Southfields Triangle Association. The formal business of the evening was also successfully concluded and the election of co-ordinators and officers for the next year took place.

Sadly, Beth Willatts, who had been Hon Treasurer for the past five years, had had to stand down because of other commitments; she was presented with a card and gift in appreciation of all she had done during her years on the Committee. We are pleased to announce that Gill Habershon (Hambledon Road) was unanimously elected as Treasurer; the other Officers remain as before:

Gatwick Road - Wendy Scott (Secretary)

Granville Road - Mike Smith and Carole Dale

Hambledon Road - Aslam Javaid (Vice Chairman)
Gill Habershon (Treasurer) and Nick Devonald

Pulborough Road - Viv Evans, Phyllis Farnell and Hilary Taylor

Wimbledon Park Road - Sunny Patel

Wincanton Road - Pam Davies (Chairman)

Open Meeting

Tuesday 21 March 2006 at 7pm at St Michael's School. An opportunity to meet your local police, councillors and co-ordinators and discuss the issues and concerns of the day.

Refreshments available from 6.45pm

Donations to the Association's running costs would be appreciated.

Future Open Meetings will be held on 29th June and 18th October

A lift for Southfields Station

A message from the Councillors for Southfields Ward: Jan Leigh, Simon Roberts and Richard Swansea

We are delighted that London Underground has agreed to install a lift at Southfields Station at last, and to lay on an extra train on the Wimbledon branch of the District Line during the rush hour from June onwards. Construction of the lift shaft should start after this year's Wimbledon tennis tournament in July and finish by the same time next year. We are sure this will come as a great relief not just to the disabled, but to any traveller who currently has to struggle with a pram, a bicycle or suitcases up and down those steps.

We are sure you will welcome improvements to Wandsworth Council's new street cleansing contract that will start in April, under which the main streets in Southfields will be swept three times a day rather than twice. The extra clean will cover Wimbledon Park Road between Pirbright Road and Gartmoor Gardens, and the entire length of Replingham Road. In addition, the entire length of Wimbledon Park Road to the north of Pirbright Road will be swept once a day rather than once a week as at present.

Licence applications by pubs and clubs under the new Licensing Act are causing a lot of concern to many people who live near them. And here in Southfields there is the added concern that the Government's encouragement of 24-hour opening could ruin the very character of our quiet residential neighbourhood.

Jan has supported residents in their objections to the Council's Licensing Committee to recent applications by local pubs to extend their opening hours – and with some success. For example, Rileys at 227-231 Wimbledon Park Road (formerly Jesters Snooker Hall, opposite Southfields Station) was given a 12.30 am closing time rather than the 1.30 am it had applied for. One thing that residents can do, even after a licence has been awarded, is to monitor compliance by the pubs or club concerned (see item overleaf). Recent decision notices for Rileys and for the Southfields CIU Club in Standen Road are also posted on the local website, www.southfields.net; alternatively, please ask one of us to send you a copy if you are interested.

Finally, we are very conscious that petty crime and antisocial behaviour caused by small numbers of young people are causing residents a lot of concern. So we very much welcome the recent establishment of the Southfields Safer Neighbourhood Panel, which enables us and residents' representatives to receive regular reports from Police Officers on their efforts to prevent crime locally, and ways in which we can help them prosecute troublemakers by keeping them informed of what is going on. If you would like the panel to know of any local crime or public safety issues of concern to you, please contact either Jan, who chairs it, or Jenny Nickels, its secretary, whose e-mail address is jenny@mlsbusinesscentres.com.

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Keeping an eye on your local

A number of pubs, clubs and bars in Wandsworth have taken advantage of the Governments new licensing laws to stay open later. Hopefully, few problems will arise but, if you do experience problems, follow the following guidelines:

- ◆ Discuss the issues with the licence-holder for the premises
- ◆ If this does not work, start a diary in which you can record all the incidents
- ◆ Report incidents to the council or police
- ◆ Seek advice from the council's licensing officer for the area.

The diary of events is crucial, and will need to show that the venue's activities are undermining one or more of the following objectives in the council's licensing strategy:

- ◆ Prevention of crime and disorder
- ◆ Prevention of public nuisance
- ◆ Promotion of public safety
- ◆ Protection of children from harm

Contacting the Committee

Don't forget that we now have a dedicated mobile phone - please use this number to reach a member of the Committee. Although we are delighted to discuss a wide range of subjects at our Open Meetings, **don't wait until it's too late** to report a possible crime or safety hazard!

**Ring us on
07949 681311**

And if we don't know the answer, we'll point you in the direction of someone who does or, if necessary, contact them on your behalf.

CORRECTION

The Telephone Preference Service number (a free service) should be **0845 070 0707**; apologies but don't blame the typist - it was how it was listed in the information guide given to us!!

Next issue:

You'll find an emergency contact card included in the next Newsletter; please keep it safe but accessible (perhaps near your phone!) so you know where it is when you need it. These cards have been purchased with our Neighbourhood Watch Award. Also included will be an Aide-Memoire by the Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Emergency first aid kit

You may find it helpful to know that Paddy O'Gorman (St John's Ambulance) recommended the following items be held in the home: plasters; bandage/dressing; cotton-wool; scissors; burn cream; insect cream. These can be kept in a small plastic box and checked periodically to ensure nothing is out of date.

Congratulations

Congratulations are due to St Michael's School for coming top of the Wandsworth Ward Table for schools' performance. In five of the six Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 tasks/tests the school bettered the Wandsworth average and achieved the highest level of Key Stage 2 added value.

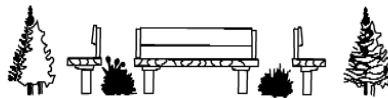
New tree planting

Residents are reminded that Wandsworth Council has a rolling policy of replacing fallen trees. If you know of existing trees which may need replacing, call 020 8944 0378 or email heretohelp@wandsworthconservatives.com.

Low energy light bulbs

Just a reminder that low energy light bulbs are available free-of-charge to eligible Triangle residents. These bulbs were supplied by the Energy Efficiency Commitment Team. Supplies are held by Pam Davies (tel 020 8870 6293).

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KOREAN COOKERY WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

SATURDAY 6th MAY
10.00 - 12.30

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