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# GRID NEWS

Autumn 2021

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## TENNIS PLANS - AN ANXIOUS WAIT AS OBJECTIONS TOP 1,000

The All England Club face a nervous few weeks before finding out if controversial proposals to develop their Wimbledon Park golf course into a parkland setting for 38 practice courts and an 8,000 seater covered show court will get permission. The plans have drawn more than 1,000 comments from residents, the majority against. The proposals will go before the Planning Committees of Merton and Wandsworth Councils in early December, with potential announcements in the New Year.

The SGRA have been working hard this summer to encourage Grid residents to seek out, examine and comment on these proposals, which are expected to take at least 8 years to complete if permission is given. We have also worked alongside other local Residents' Associations and the Friends of Wimbledon Park. Meetings have been held, social media channels spread the word, and in mid-August a leaflet was distributed to every Grid household. "The leaflet about the All England Club's proposals has been

supplemented by A4 tree posters. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this" commented Simon Wright, who chaired the SGRA Advisory Working Group on the plans, adding "Alerting Grid residents in this way has played a part in the number of submissions made to Merton and Wandsworth. By the end of October Merton Council had received 659 objections with 14 in support. Wandsworth had received 524 letters of objection with 16 in support".

An AELTC spokeswoman said: "Our ambition is to keep The Championships at the pinnacle of tennis and to deliver tangible benefits for our communities. The project has been developed following multiple rounds of public consultation and regular dialogue with both Merton and Wandsworth Councils. We have listened to all the feedback we've received and worked hard to reflect residents' views as our proposals have developed."

Merton Council will accept submissions until they decide on the application. Anyone who has not yet responded can still email their

comments to [planning.representations@merton.gov.uk](mailto:planning.representations@merton.gov.uk) including your name and address and using reference number 21/P2900. Wandsworth Council has accepted comments until 5th November.

The plans are available online at [www.merton.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings](http://www.merton.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings) and there's still a hard copy at Southfields library.

You can read more about the AELTC's proposal at [www.wimbledon.com/wpp](http://www.wimbledon.com/wpp)



WHAT WILL THIS LOOK LIKE IN 2030?

## THE GREAT LOCAL LETTERBOX COVER-UP - LITERALLY!

Anyone walking up Wimbledon Park Road to post a letter will have wondered what the unusual artwork on top of the letterbox outside the HomeWork building is all about. The colourful woollen creation appeared overnight and has since been a talking point among shoppers and locals for the past couple of months. It's a knitted image of a young girl relaxing by a garden having parked her bike by a tree. A note below asks for it not to be removed as "my creator is keeping an eye on me and will repair/remove me when I no longer look good". It goes on to say "I hope my work inspires other fellow crocheters

and knitters. Share the love". The identity of the artist remains a mystery, but a Facebook group called 'Post box toppers and yarn bombing' with over 3,000 followers is a clue to the popularity of what could be describe as street furniture art. It was set up 6 months ago, and its administrator Sally Fletcher-Gray explains all. "With lockdown I had time on my hands, and had always wanted to do it, so started yarn bombing and did the post box in my Nottingham village. I decided to start a Facebook group as I saw post box tops were really starting to take off. There are lots of great creations out here, with creative

people all just wanting to spread a smile to everyone". To the mystery local who knitted our letterbox - "top bombing!".



OUR COLOURFUL POST BOX TOPPER

## EDITOR'S LETTER



Charles Runcie, SGRA Chair

Welcome to the autumn edition of 'Grid News', packed with news and information about life on the Grid. I hope you enjoy reading it, thanks to all our contributors, and get in touch if you have a story to tell.

Another festive season is drawing near, and the switch-on of our Christmas Lights on Replingham Road on Wednesday 1st December. The event is opened at 4.30pm by the Mayor of Wandsworth, with the actual switch-on at 5pm. Thanks to the Wimbledon Foundation and the Southfields Business Forum for organising it.

Finally can I pay tribute to the dedicated volunteer staff of our vaccination centre at St Barnabas, which closed on 12th November. They've managed to vaccinate around 100,000 people since December, and their dedication throughout has been incredible. Thanks so much! Best wishes.

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## ALL ENGLAND CLUB PLAN OPEN DAY

Plans are well in hand for a Community Open Day in the grounds of the All England Club for local residents, taking place all day on Sunday 28th November. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, all free of charge, including a tour of the grounds, the chance to visit the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum to learn about the history of the sport and see the Championships trophies

up close, and mini tennis for the kids. Further details and how to book your place have gone out to all households signed up to the Wimbledon community newsletter. If you have any questions in the meantime about anything at all relating to the Club or the Open Day, then you can always reach them at [community@aeltc.com](mailto:community@aeltc.com) or phone them on 020 8944 1066.



CARTOON BY GERARD

## SGRA FINANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE - THANKS TO YOU!

By Chris Puleston,  
SGRA Treasurer

Thanks to every one of you that signed up with a 2021 SGRA membership donation using the envelope we included in our summer issue of 'Grid News'.

These really do help us contribute funds to a number of activities throughout the year. This year that's included the Front Garden Awards, Green the Grid activity, Window Wanderland in February, tree labelling, the Recycle More initiative and this community newsletter. We have so far collected

85% of last year's contributions. If you still wish to donate simply drop some cash in an envelope and return it to your street representative, whose details are on the back page of this issue. Better still, donate online by sending directly to our bank account: Southfields Grid Residents Association, sort code 20-90-69, account number 83500020, or by PayPal to [treasurer@southfieldsgrid.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@southfieldsgrid.org.uk).

A big thank you to all our street representatives too, who deliver 'Grid News' and collect the donations. We couldn't do it without you!

## GRID MUMMIES SALUTE MAYA, OUR 'BIG ISSUE' HEROINE

By Samantha Traynor

One of the biggest and warmest smiles you'll see in Southfields every day is from Maya. Know her? You'll have certainly seen her. She's our 'Big Issue' Queen. Every day come rain or shine she sits outside the Polish deli Polski Sklep Biala Roza on Wimbledon Park Road selling the Big Issue. She's extremely proud that she's working but relies solely on the goodwill of our local community to make donations. She commutes from Ilford, Essex every day because she feels safe in Southfields, because people care and because she feels valued here.

Originally from Romania, she's been in London for two years, arriving just before the pandemic hit and after having spent 10 years in Italy being a "statue" entertaining tourists. She is a mother of 4, her eldest being 18 and her youngest nearly 3. She clearly had no option but to make the heart-breaking decision to leave her new born baby

back home in Romania to feed the whole family. She never complains, she never asks for anything and she most certainly doesn't beg.

On Monday October 11th it was her birthday. A group of Grid Mummies organised by Erica Amaranta Loi grouped together to present her with a birthday cake, sang "Happy Birthday" to her and gave her small gifts. She was overwhelmed with happiness and joy, as it was the first time in her life she'd ever received a birthday cake.

Maya is a perfect example of positivity and hope. She has barely anything. She has a mountain on her shoulders, but she's funny and kind, she's thoughtful and sweet and she always, always sees the good in things! This is what we need more of in life. So the next time you're walking by her, just smile and say 'hi', as something so seemingly insignificant can mean the world. This is a touching and heartfelt reminder about kindness, and about community.

We should all be very proud to live in Southfields where people genuinely care. As Maya might say, "Cele mai bune urări și multumiri pentru îngrijire".



GRID MUMMY ERICA DELIGHTS MAYA'S WITH A BIRTHDAY TREAT

## FUN IN THE AUTUMN SUNSHINE AS ENGADINE STREET PARTIES

By Anneleen de Clerq

Engadine's street party in 2012, on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, was a memorable event, begging to be repeated. Although the willingness was there all along, getting it off the ground proved harder. Where to start? The street's WhatsApp group, set up at the start of lockdown proved to be our saviour. It enabled the sounding out of levels of enthusiasm, along with sorting out the detailed planning such as dates, what section of the street to close off, leaflets, etc.

Once we had the green light from Wandsworth Council the offers of help started to come through, as well as voluntary contributions to cover basic costs such as printing leaflets to inform and invite all the neighbours. We eventually held the party on Saturday 4th September. It was such a warm event, with neighbours young and old connecting, sharing food and drink,

playing together and just having a good time. Its effects will be felt for a long time afterwards, and we'll for sure do another one in 2022. The SGRA has offered to fund the licence fee (£60) once a year for each street's party, which takes down a big barrier to start the initiative.

Our top tips for a great street party, if you're thinking of planning one over the long Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June 2022.

- Use a street network already in place to start planning the initiative e.g a WhatsApp group

- A polling app e.g. [www.doodle.com](http://www.doodle.com) helps pin down a suitable date for it

- There's no need to overcomplicate things. We had tables and toys out, and everybody brought food and drink to

share. It worked perfectly. I'm happy to be contacted if you are thinking of planning a party in 2022.

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Editor's note - the SGRA have approached our councillors to find out if the council plan to waive their £60 licence to close a section of the Grid to hold a Jubilee street party, as they did in 2012.



THE ENGADINE STREET PARTY IN FULL SWING

## SPECTACULAR SUNFLOWERS OF SOUTHFIELDS SIZZLE IN THE SUNSHINE

It's farewell to our Spectacular Sunflowers of Southfields - just! There are amazingly a few late flowering sunflowers still on show, but most are now resting after their summer spree. Once again we had some gorgeous sunflowers brightening up the Grid during a summer of rain, cloud, sunshine, thunderstorms and fluctuating temperatures. It is amazing that we had such lovely crops, given the lack of sunshine and the abundance of little creatures that love devouring sunflower seedlings! Some of the sunflowers were incredibly tall and impressive, whilst the smaller, more compact ones made wonderful features. Both varieties added bursts of vibrant summer colours - it's no wonder that Van Gogh felt so moved and inspired to paint them. They're just plain beautiful and mimic the colours and shape

of the sun. Very well done to all our SGRA Award winners, and a big thank you to all of you who grew sunflowers. You did the Grid proud! We are hoping for do another round of Spectacular Sunflowers next year, so do look out for the Green the Grid sunflowers seed giveaway next spring. Here are some entries that we gave awards to:



ASTONVILLE STREET WINNER, IN A GARDEN



CLONMORE STREET WINNER, IN A TREE BASE

## RESULT! TAMMY SCORES ANOTHER WIN AS SHE JOINS LOCAL FOOTBALL BOARD

Grid resident Tammy Parlour MBE has been campaigning in women's sport since 2012, when she co-founded the Women's Sport Trust. It's a charity that pushes for more diversity within the whole sporting ecosystem and greater visibility of women's sport in particular.

Tammy, who lives on Lavenham Road, has also just been appointed as a board member for AFC Wimbledon Ladies. "Sport should reflect the best version of our society. It's one of the most important public arenas we have, which means that sport has the potential to shift how women are seen and how they see themselves." AFC Wimbledon are our local football team, and their women's team currently compete in the FA Women's National League Division One South East. "I wasn't really engaged in football until I started watching the women's game", admits Tammy.

"I found it incredibly inspiring seeing women play sport professionally. The announcement of a new BBC/Sky TV broadcast deal, and England hosting the Women's Euros next year, also means we're at a really exciting stage in the development of women's football."

Tammy adds "What I love about being involved in AFC Wimbledon is that it's local, inclusive and community focused. The women's game in particular is very family friendly and not at all expensive." In October the women's team moved to the new Plough Lane stadium. "To be playing in the same stadium as the men is really significant and a huge statement of intent by the club. I've loved sitting in my garden and hearing the roars of the crowds for the men's matches. What I'd love even more is for the crowd at the women's matches to be even louder. It's a great time to get involved. Come down

and see a match or offer time as a volunteer. Women's football and the club has a big community focus. The doors really are open for anyone to get involved". You can find out more information on social media platforms: Twitter: @afcw\_ladies Instagram: @afcw\_ladies Facebook: @AFCWimbledonLadies



TAMMY AWARDS A RECENT 'PLAYER OF THE MATCH' TO BECKY SARGENT OF AFC WIMBLEDON LADIES

## WINDOW WANDERLAND RETURNS TO THE GRID IN 2022 - AND BEYOND

By Samantha Traynor, event organiser

Window Wanderland is back in Southfields for its 6th year on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February 2022. With your help our aim is for you to decorate your windows and transform our streets into a magical outdoor gallery for all to see. Taking part is absolutely FREE, and everyone in the community is welcome to take part. Window Wanderland started in 2017 with 110 windows

and has grown in strength and popularity with a staggering 329 windows last year, quite an achievement given we were in the middle of a global pandemic and lockdown. Although the centre of it is the Grid, we have enthusiastic support from other parts including the Sutherland Grove/Skeena Hill area. Spread the word, decorate your windows and be part of something truly magical. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to

be a street rep for the event, please contact me at windowwanderlandsouthfields@gmail.com. Plans are afoot for a weekend workshop (with tea and biccies!) in the New Year. Details will be posted nearer the time. To take part in the event please sign up at: [www.windowwanderland.com/event/southfields-london-2022](http://www.windowwanderland.com/event/southfields-london-2022) Window Wanderland Southfields is proudly sponsored by The Magpie Tree and the SGRA.

## SINGING, DRINKING, BAKING, CRAFTING - THEY'RE ON SHOW AT OUR 'HARVEST'

By Elizabeth Lloyd Owen, event organiser

Huge crowds of locals, the Mayor, even a film crew from South West London TV (SWLTV), all turned out to celebrate the return of Southfields Harvest at the end of September after a year off. As always St Barnabas Church rose to the occasion, transformed from vaccination hub to festival venue in time to inject Southfields with a welcome three hour dose of community spirit and enterprise. Visitors included the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Richard Field. All were treated to a rousing chorus from SingSWell Choir, an abundance of local goodies including SW18 cider, honey and fresh produce, craft activities, live music and storytelling. Community projects including Recycle More Southfields, Green The Grid and Hedgehogs SW15 were on hand to explain how we can all help to make Southfields an even lovelier place to live, while all the Bake Off contestants showed what a talented bunch Southfields residents are. A Harvest lunch served up by Salt & Pepper, and Southfields Sausages hot off the BBQ, tempted taste buds. One of the stalls featured the work of ClearVision, a postal lending library of children's books in print and braille, and tactile books. The books are designed to be shared by visually impaired and

sighted children and adults. The charity works across the UK and Ireland. Their work is made possible by donations and Sucheta, the manager at Southfields Library appealed for residents to support them by making tactile books in the autumn of 2019. Margaret Brett is one of many who joined in and has been sewing books for them ever since. She has completed 8 of them so far and was seen working on her next one while chatting at the stall. She was joined by Alex Britton, a director of ClearVision.



PRODUCE FROM OUR NEARBY ALLOTMENTS - A HARVEST HIGHLIGHT

The project is based locally at Linden Lodge School, and you can join their library by calling 020 8789 9575, or by email [info@clearvisionproject.org](mailto:info@clearvisionproject.org) and [www.clearvisionproject.org](http://www.clearvisionproject.org) Your donations helped to raise over £500 for good causes, including the Wandsworth Food Bank, the Glass Door winter shelter at St Barnabas and the Ace

of Clubs homeless project. Big thanks to everybody who took part, volunteering their time, energy and goodwill, in particular our hosts St Barnabas, the 8th Wandsworth Scouts and King George's Park allotment holders.



MARGARET'S TACTILE BOOK ON DISPLAY

If you'd like to take part in next year's festival either as a stallholder, volunteer to help organise it, or just support us by purchasing a Harvest tea towel, email us at [southfieldsharvest@gmail.com](mailto:southfieldsharvest@gmail.com)

• You can see the short film SWLTV put together by visiting [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and searching for 'Southfields Harvest 2021'.

## FRIENDS OF CORONATION GARDENS UPDATE

By Susannah Perry-Greene, Vice-Chair

It's been the usual busy end-of-summer and autumn here in the Gardens. Firstly we've had a team of six Duke of Edinburgh Award students helping us out every fortnight from two different local schools, which is amazing. Secondly we're having new plants to replace the ones recently stolen, which we were very upset about. Thirdly we're getting new trees and new spring plants this autumn. We're still waiting for a water pipe to be installed and working on a plan with the Gardens' managers Enable Leisure + Culture to get the original Edwardian fountain restored to its original glory. Saving the best until last, we have been granted a fund for a new improved playground which is hoping to go ahead this time next year.

The locking of the garden gates each Friday, Saturday and Sunday night from 9pm-

7am sadly finished at the end of October but will resume in the spring around the end of March. This was to deter antisocial behaviour for the benefit of all those who live near the Gardens, and by all accounts was fairly successful. We'd like to do it all year, but Enable's current funding won't allow for it, although we are one of only two parks to be locked in summer months in the borough.

We still need tons of support from our local residents, so please consider joining the Friends for just £10 a year. Even better, help us run the Friends group. We've two current committee vacancies. Firstly we need a Treasurer to keep an eye on the bank balance, with an occasional bit of online admin. Secondly, an event coordinator to organise occasional events, working with local schools and in charge of hiring equipment, volunteers and

entertainment. Both roles would be great for anyone wanting some experience in the workplace having been away from it. The work is not onerous as we've a lovely hard-working committee.

[www.focoronationgardens.co.uk](http://www.focoronationgardens.co.uk)



TWO OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS STUDENTS HARD AT WORK

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## RECYCLING NEWS - LOCAL GROUP CELEBRATES A YEAR'S WORK, WHILE COUNCIL TRIAL GETS UNDERWAY

Sue Lovell-Greene, Recycle More Southfields

Our group has been going for a year, and we've been making steady progress. We have two collection points for recycling material, one in Trentham Street and the other in Sutherland Grove. So far we have saved an amazing 300kg of plastic rubbish from going to landfill/incineration.

We have collected on average 41.5kg per month, with a maximum of 46.3kg in May. Our biggest 'culprits' are 40kg of crisp packets, 35kg of supermarket soft plastics, 30kg of baby and yoghurt pouches, and 25kg of pet food packaging.

At least 230 people are currently signed up to the WhatsApp group, but more are always welcome. We have also been handed a grant from Wandsworth Council to help us develop and grow the project. The new food waste trial by the council is eventually due to be rolled out across the borough by 2023 and was placed in Southfields for a trial 12 month as a direct result of our efforts.

Southfields Harvest was a brilliant event which we participated in. There were lots of questions about what can and cannot be recycled and by whom. Our table was covered in suitable examples of rubbish that can be recycled by us and examples of stuff that the council takes. We signed up about 8 more people and handed out all our literature. We'd love to take tables at other events and would be grateful if anyone holding Christmas Fairs or markets at schools or churches would alert us.

Our steering group is ready to take in more people to help with the development of the project. If anyone with good communication skills and passion about recycling would like to join us we would be happy to talk to you. The investment in time is not onerous. We have a monthly meeting and need help with running and participating in local promotional events about six times a year.

www.recyclemoresouthfields.org



THE RECYCLE MORE TEAM WERE OUT IN FORCE AT SOUTHFIELDS HARVEST

Now Tom Newman, Waste Projects Officer at Wandsworth Council, explains more about the trial food recycling scheme that's has come to the Grid.

As you know the trial will operate within the Southfields Grid, inclusive of Pirbright Road, for the next 12 months. All households currently receiving individual dustbin or clear sack-based refuse and recycling collections, and that have suitable space within the front area of their property to put out a rigid food waste container will be eligible. This excludes blocks of flats which use communal waste and recycling bins, along with a handful of flats above shops which put bagged waste onto the pavement. These may not have external space to store a rigid container and/or could result in the containers being left on the pavement long after collection. Households will be provided with the following:

- a 23L kerbside food waste collection box which is brown and embossed with an industry-standard WRAP food waste icon and the Wandsworth council logo
- a silver kitchen caddy to be kept indoors for convenient separation of food waste
- a starter supply of biodegradable liners
- an instructional 'how-to' leaflet

The food waste will be collected by our waste collection contractor Serco and will be delivered to Bio Collectors' anaerobic digestion facility in Mitcham. This process produces a mainly methane biogas which is fed into the National Gas Grid, and also digestate which is used as an agricultural soil improver. The diversion of food waste from the residual waste stream will impact positively on both the Grid and the council's recycling rate.

Whilst we'd originally anticipated that collections would start in September, Covid and Brexit-related supply chain issues affecting the bulk delivery of compostable caddy liners delayed things. However preparation and delivery of the above packs eventually took place at the end of last month. This process was anticipated to take around a week, with the intention of giving residents the best part of a week to start separating their food waste before the first collection took place on Thursday 11th November.

I shall also be coming along to the next SGRA public meeting on Tuesday 30th November at 7.45pm, venue St Barnabas, to discuss any aspect of our trial recycling scheme now it has started.

If you have any questions at this stage please get in touch with me and the team at foodwasterecycling@wandsworth.gov.uk.



NEW RECYCLING BINS DELIVERED TO GRID HOUSES

## RICHARD AND JO TOP THE LOT IN OUR 2021 FRONT GARDEN AWARDS

After the summer judging the final prizegiving event of our annual Front Garden Awards took place fittingly in the open air of the gardens of St. Barnabas Church during Southfields Harvest on Saturday 25th September. This was a special moment for our winners and runners-up, who were presented with their prizes by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Richard Field.

The winners, Richard and Jo from Elsenham Street, received a £25 garden centre gift voucher and a salver with their name engraved upon it. The runners up, Mehg (Revelstoke Road) and Gosia (Pirbright Road) were each awarded a £15 garden centre gift voucher. Warmest congratulations to Richard and Jo, our winners, and to Mehg and Gosia, our runners up. It was wonderful to be able to reward the creativity and commitment of these talented gardeners. Very well done indeed.

We've printed a map showing the location of all the gardens and planted tree bases who were given Front Garden Awards. This has been carefully put together by Gerard Sebastian, a talented illustrator and Vice-Chair of the SGRA. This map gives you a tour of all the winning gardens and tree bases on the Grid. We realise that some of the trees



RICHARD AND JO RECIEVE THEIR AWARD FROM THE MAYOR

and bases may not look quite as glorious now as they did in the height of summer, but hopefully they will still inspire and delight you. You can download a copy of our map at our website. Visit [www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk/2021/09/front-garden-awards-2021/](http://www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk/2021/09/front-garden-awards-2021/)



GOSIA FROM REVELSTOKE ROAD, A RUNNER-UP, RECEIVING HER PRIZE.

## ST BARNABAS CHURCH UPDATE

By Rev Ian Tattum, Vicar

Our Church and halls are open again for worship and community events. Choral Compline is a restful and beautiful form of Night Prayer like an abbreviated form of Evensong, a short service in which psalms and anthems are sung. It's now a regular event one Sunday a month at 6.30 pm with our choir under the brilliant leadership of Greg Skidmore. Various singing groups and musicians are using the Church building and the halls are again being used by theatre group the Cygnet Players and various groups for young people and adults, including Southfields Ballet, NCT, yoga and pilates classes.

The recent Southfields Harvest was brilliant and attended by over 500 people. Many

people enjoyed being in the garden, which because it provides a varied habitat for insects and birds, has been one of the reasons that St Barnabas has recently been granted Eco-Church status.

The Glass Door shelter for homeless people is restarting at the end of this month, and the Church will be welcoming up to 20 guests each Friday night until April 2020.

Artistically, there's plenty going on. There was a lunchtime piano recital on Thursday November 18th by two graduates of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

The Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra are performing a concert of music by Josef Suk, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th November, and we welcome back comedian, writer and broadcaster Paul

Kerensa for an evening of fun on Saturday November 27th.

Events currently planned until Christmas:

- Advent Sunday 28th November at 6.30pm, Choral Compline
- Saturday 4th December, "Christmas Fair" from 11am-3pm with stalls by local traders, raffle, live music and café
- Sunday 19th December, Carol Service at 7pm
- Friday 24th December, Christmas Eve. Midnight Mass at 11.30pm
- Saturday 25th December, Christmas Day. Eucharist at 10.30am

Please visit our website [www.stbarnabas-southfields.org.uk](http://www.stbarnabas-southfields.org.uk) for more details.

## SOUTHFIELDS GRID ALLIANCE PANDEMIC WORK IS RECOGNISED - TWICE

The hard work of our army of volunteers that comprised the Southfields Grid Alliance has been marked with two awards in recent weeks. The group was set up in March 2020 combining the efforts of the SGRA, St Barnabas Church and the Grid Mummies to help those in need during lockdown.

The terrific work done by everyone during the past 18 months was recognised by

Wandsworth Council with a special award. Our coordinator Becky accepted it at a special event in October attended by all 81 recipients. Then early this month, in recognition of her work co-ordinating the Alliance's help, fielding calls 24/7 on her mobile from the start then allocating the help needed, Becky herself was awarded a special Wandsworth pin by the Mayor. The pin shows the Wandsworth mayoral crest.

The Alliance itself officially stood down on July 24th with a lovely reception at the Old Fields pub. It was attended by many of the volunteers as well as appreciative local MP Fleur Anderson, local councillors, and the manager of one of the businesses which had been helped turned up to give his thanks. The WhatsApp group remains live, just in case things deteriorate during this winter and more help is needed.

## TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE, WITH A CURE FOR OUR SLIPPY PAVEMENTS!

The SGRA have been following the 'public realm' improvements that have been taking place around the centre of Southfields and have had regular updates from the Senior Traffic Planner at the council, Sidonie Forrest-Brown, who is in charge. In October she told us "Work is progressing well, and we are just about on schedule. We are currently working on Wimbledon Park Road between Café Nero and Pirbright Road. There was a slight delay in the programme due to some issues with the installation of the new traffic signals. We will soon complete the new loading facility outside M&S. Any issues or concerns please do get in touch".

Well - we did! We'd been hearing one or two reports that people found the smart new paving stones to be a bit slippy for their liking. Local councillor Malcolm Grimston from West Hill ward takes up the story: "I had a surprising number of responses confirming that the new

pavements in Southfields can be very slippy when wet. I discussed it with the relevant Council department. They say the paving used on Replingham Road, for example, is a typical highway product, but they called the supplier Marshalls out to test it".



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Sidonie Forrest-Brown reported back to us to confirm it. "We are aware that some people have found the paving slippy after it has been laid. The issue has been caused by the residual material left after the area has been grouted. We have arranged for the paving to be cleaned thoroughly after it is laid and will continue to do this as each section is laid. The paving we have chosen is used widely across the borough and London and comes with a 'slip rating' to ensure it is safe in all weather.

Please let me know by email at [S.Forrest-Brown@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:S.Forrest-Brown@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk) if there are any other areas of concern. As with all programmes, this comes with the caveat that it can change at any time if an unexpected issue crops up such as severe weather - or a pandemic!".

## LOCAL PLANNING UPDATE

Margaret Brett, SGRA executive member

It remains a relatively quiet time for local domestic planning applications. Much of the local focus has been on the All England Club's planning application for the Golf Course (see page 1 article). The further storey at Coleman Court in Kimber Road has been approved despite substantial opposition from many of the residents. The new wing at St Cecilia's school has also now been officially opened. The SGRA have objected to the application to retain the new shop front at 243a Wimbledon Park. There is now a revised drawing showing the entrance to the downstairs flat. This conversion work was done without planning permission.

The Council has taken steps to protect the frontages of 1-33 Replingham Road from development under the new government planning policy that allows empty shops

to convert readily to residential. They have issued an Article 4 Direction to prevent residential development of this protected frontage from 1 August 2022. Legally they have to give 12 months' notice.

Turning to the shops themselves, although there are still some vacant shop frontages the premises vacated by Barclays and Haarts are showing signs of refurbishment, and the London Nail Club has opened. It's believed that the shop that was Starbucks



THE FUTURE OF THESE SOUTHFIELDS ALLOTMENTS IS STILL IN DOUBT

will re-open soon - as a Pret a Manger. The restaurant at the bottom of Replingham Road has re-opened as a pizzeria. The Council is to remove the telephone box that is adjacent to Wine Rack in Replingham Road. The SGRA have been trying to protect the allotments at the Wimbledon Park Rifle Club just north of the Grid in Granville Road. The whole site is now under threat of development by the freeholder, and the Rifle Club has made an application for it to be designated as an 'Asset of Community Value'. The allotments form an integral part of the site and are included in the application. There is no planning application yet, but one is expected shortly so please watch our social media outlets for details. The petition to save the allotments has reached just over 24,600 signatures. If you would like to add your name, go to [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) and search for 'save our allotments in Southfields'.

## NEW EVENTS IN SPRING 2022 - CAN YOU HELP?

Two brand new events are in the early stages of planning, so we'd like to ask if you can either give some help or provide information to the organisers of both. Firstly the Wandsworth Heritage Festival returns in the late spring, and a suggested event is the subject of 'Sport in Southfields'. Apart from the big tennis event up the road, clearly of huge importance to us

in Southfields, the organisers were wondering if there were any other connections to local sport that were of interest. Perhaps a Premier League footballer lives next to you, or there's a bit of sporting memorabilia from a past event in your attic. Get in touch at [info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk](mailto:info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk) Then in June the very first 'Sounds of Southfields' arts and music

event is planned. It's the chance for Grid residents to show off their musical or artistic skills. The organisers had planned to hold it in 2020, but that had to be postponed. If you think you can help out in any way, or even play something, contact us at [info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk](mailto:info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk) In both cases details will be passed to the respective organisers.

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## THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT IN SOUTHFIELDS - SCOUTS HONOUR!

By *Charlie Hardman*

Did you realise we have an active Scout group in our area? The 8th Wandsworth Scout Group offer challenge and adventure to around 100 young people in Southfields from their base near the bottom of Pirbright Road adjacent to Coronation Gardens and is part of over a century of Scouting tradition in our local area. We do some amazing things in Scouting, but for us adventure is a way of life, not just an activity or expedition. Our Scouts grow in confidence by trying out new skills and stretching themselves. Whether it's an Explorer using their first aid skills to save a life or a Beaver leading their lodge for the first time, each time we challenge ourselves it's a step forward. When a Scout stands up to a bully or sticks up for what they believe in, that's an adventure. We believe in helping our members fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We give

people of every background the chance to stretch themselves, learn new skills and make lifelong friends. We have lots of plans for growth, but we need your help to keep our sections running. We currently have vacancies for adult volunteers in our Cubs (age 8-10) and Scouts (age 10-14). Volunteering is designed to be as flexible as possible, and although we're recruiting for specific roles, we can always find a role specific to your skills, experience and the time you have to offer. Here's what Jack, an Explorer and Young Leader with the 8th Wandsworth Scouts, had to say about volunteering with us. "Helping the friendly leaders at Cubs to run the group as a young leader has truly been a highlight of the last year. Cubs is an amazing escape from stress, and is a refreshing environment always filled with friendly faces. The challenges of getting the Cubs to quieten down is more than worth it to see them leap at the idea of playing dodgeball yet again, or to try a new game or activity. Soon

after joining as a Young Leader, or in any capacity at 8th Wandsworth, you quickly begin to become part of a family you will never want to leave". To arrange an informal chat please contact info@8thwandsworth.org.uk or visit www.8thwandsworth.org.uk We can't wait to hear from you.



OUR SCOUTS ENJOYED 'CRATE STACKING' AT THEIR WALTON FIRS SUMMER CAMPSITE

## FRIENDS OF WIMBLEDON PARK UPDATE

By *Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty*

We have a new website! The old one underwent refurbishment and we now have a much improved, sleeker and more attractive website. You will find lots of details about us as an organisation, what we do, our plans for the future as well as information relating to the park and the lake. Do have a look at our new website and let us know what you think - feedback is welcomed. Find us at www.friendsofwimbledonpark.org.

Like many other local organisations, we submitted our response to the AELTC Wimbledon Park Project, sent to both Wandsworth and Merton Councils on 30th September. Here is the link if you would like to read it: www.friendsofwimbledonpark.org/fowp-response-to-aeltc-planning-application. It was lovely to meet up with Merton councillor Natasha Irons on 15th October to hear our views and concerns with the AELTC planning application, to listen to our other ideas for improving the park and to receive the petition with 909 signatures to open Wimbledon Park at 7 am daily. This petition was successful! The park will now be opened from 7am daily. However, as there are three gates involved it will take a bit longer to get them all open exactly on time.

Our thanks to members/volunteers who did some sterling work in Horse Close Wood last month. Armed with shears, secateurs, forks and a scythe they cut and trimmed parts of the glade as the bramble invasion was becoming significant! A few other woody species and branches were also trimmed. They collected two crane bags of brambles and tree branches which they moved to the log area to deter anti-social gathering gatherings in the wood at night. Heavy downpours and overtopping of the dam resulted in more flooding in the park recently.

The Dam Safety project was given the go ahead by Merton's Planning Committee on in September. Work is expected to begin this month, not October, as previously stated.

Good news also about our plans to improve the rather grim-looking Revelstoke Road entrance to the park. Both Wandsworth and Merton Councils have approved our planning applications, which include amongst other things:

- the refurbishment of the railway bridge
- a reduced car parking area
- removal of existing gates and installation of new, more aesthetically pleasing ones

• the creation of a new planting area for community gardening as well as displaying murals designed by local schoolchildren

Historic England supported our plans and 'welcomes the proposed development.' All we need is approval from the other owners such as Transport for London (TFL) and eventually ... some funding!

Improvements to the main toilet block started in September. We're not sure how long this renovation project will take, but we're told work is progressing well. Even the decorative colours have been chosen! We look forward to having better, upgraded toilet facilities in the near future.



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## ARE YOU UP FOR A BIT OF 'SEASONAL CHEER THIS CHRISTMAS?'

By Amelia, Ann, Gerard and Serena, the SGRA 'Seasonal Cheer' team

Last year in the midst of a dark Covid winter we asked Grid residents to help 'cheer up' our streets during the Christmas period. 'Seasonal Cheer 2020' as we called it was a great success. We had a tremendous response, with homes bedecked with baubles, wreaths, garlands, greenery and fairy lights. The Grid looked amazing and was a real testament to our community spirit.

So this year we would like to continue the theme with, you've guessed it, 'Seasonal Cheer 2021'. Starting on 11th December and running until 6th January we invite you to decorate your front gardens, windows, windowsills, front doors and balconies to bring about festive joy to neighbours and visitors alike. We noticed last year that many of you were already using solar-powered lights and being mindful of the current (pun intended!) energy crisis, this could be a popular choice with no additional electricity costs. We want to encourage a sense of

belonging/fun/community. We know that there are many talented and creative people on the Grid, and we are looking forward to seeing your array of ideas, whether modest or ambitious: wreaths, baubles, garlands, window displays, Christmas plants etc.



Do join in - decorate your home fronts and front gardens to help spread another round of festive cheer amongst our wonderful Grid community. Here are some examples from last year to help you on your way.



## LIBRARY IS BACK IN POST-COVID BUSINESS

By Sucheta Samant, Library manager

Yippee!! Southfields Library is back to its full opening hours, with all services back such as Reading Groups, Story Time and Baby Rhyme Sessions, IT help and support, and advice from our local police Safer Neighbourhood Team and local councillors. We're so excited and would like to welcome everyone back

into our library whether it is to borrow books, audiobooks, DVDs, use our computers, scan and print documents or attend events. You can even pop in to say "Hello" or come to see our brilliant displays. We are still not charging fines, reservation fees or to hire Audiobooks and DVDs. This won't last long, so make the most of it now! We also have a small hall that can be hired for meetings or children's

birthday parties. We have a constant flow of new books and bestsellers too. We have also created a new 'Teen Area' with lots of new fiction and non-fiction stock. There is something for everyone - let the library open a new world for you. For opening hours see page 16.

[www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth](http://www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth)

## POLICE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM UPDATE

Thanks to those who attended our last Ward Panel meeting in October. During the meeting the following priorities were set for us:

- Theft from motor vehicles
- Burglaries
- Theft of motor vehicles
- Anti-social behaviour in and around King George's Park

During the meeting it was announced that current SGRA executive member Clive Williams has kindly offered to take on the role of independent Ward Panel Chair.

Remember to lock your car doors and remove all valuables from your vehicles, especially as we get towards Christmas.

If you have high hedges at the front of your property please think about cutting them back, as burglars can use them as cover to break into your house. Remember to set your burglar alarm if you have one. I know lots of you now have video doorbells which work well. They work better if you have an outdoor light with a sensor on it that goes on when there's some motion.

Bikes thefts have increased over the past year, so remember to lock bikes securely. If you have a shed at your property please ensure the lock is of a good enough standard, and ideally anchored to the ground. We have had a high number of these sheds broken into, so if your bike is of high value think about possibly storing it elsewhere.

Remember - if you see anything suspicious report it to the police by calling 999 rather than putting it all over social media and then calling us!

Finally some diary dates. There will be joint crime prevention events involving the West Hill, Fairfield and Southfields SNT's at our local library on Wimbledon Park Road on:

- Wednesday 24th November, 10am-11.30am
- Saturday 11th December, 12.30pm-1.30pm

Our next Southfields Ward Panel meeting is on Saturday 15th January 2022 at St Barnabas starting at 10.30am. Please come and learn more about what we do.

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## GREEN THE GRID INSPIRES OTHER COMMUNITIES TO BE FRONT GARDEN FRIENDLY

By Nina Komalska, GTG chair

It has been a busy year for 'Green the Grid', with our Summer of Love Your Front Garden having come to an end, and autumn activities now happening.

To kick things off, we held a plant and seed giveaway at the end of April with over 140 households taking part. This year has been a strong year for tree bases, and we've been delighted to see such a wide variety of planting. In addition, with more people have been greening their front gardens. We've noticed trends including an increased use of permeable surfaces such as gravel or planting straight into the ground. We've also seen more natural grass, which both looks wonderful and also keeps things cool in summer. The tree base gardens planted by children have been a particular highlight.

Whilst we're talking trees, we were delighted to launch the Grid Tree Trail at Southfields Harvest, to encourage us to find out more about our local trees. You can pick up your free map with tree quiz from McCluskey's

Food and Wine shop on Revelstoke Road. At Southfields Harvest we also gave out over 1,000 mini daffodil bulbs to Grid residents. We look forward to seeing them blooming in the spring. Meanwhile, outside the Grid we were pleased to take part in the first Putney Clean Air Fair hosted by our local MP Fleur Anderson, where there was much interest in our project. We took part in Wandsworth's Together on Climate Change Festival at



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Battersea Arts Centre on Saturday 13th November, where we hoped to encourage other communities to become Front Garden Friendly.

On that front we have our first partner project! We helped Merton Garden Streets set up their project by sharing our expertise and communications materials. They now have 90 streets across the borough taking part. See you soon on a street near you. Meanwhile, enjoy the winter - and keep greening!

You can reach us at [www.frontgardenfriendly.uk](http://www.frontgardenfriendly.uk)



TWO YOUNG GARDENERS AND THEIR MUM READY FOR PLANTING ACTION

## LOCAL PUB GEARS UP FOR SOUTHFIELDS' FIRST CHRISTMAS MARKET

By Rod Navarro, the Park Tavern

The Park Tavern, that well-known and recently-restored gastro-pub just north of the Grid at 212 Merton Road in Southfields, will be holding its very first Christmas Market this year over three weekends. After the difficult period everyone's had since March 2020, especially the struggles local small businesses and hospitality outlets have experienced, the owners of the Park Tavern are looking to rekindle the community spirit

through hosting a truly 'local' market. The pub, which specialises in the South African 'braai' - a barbeque - will host the market over the weekends of the 26th - 28th November, 3-4th December and 11-12th December in the area outside the pub. Apart from the festive atmosphere you can expect to find a selection of local stalls celebrating the very best of what our community can offer, not to mention some mouth-watering food and hot drinks. The event will run from 12-6pm each day, and entrance is FREE. If you're

interested in having a stall please contact me at [chef@parktavernsw18.com](mailto:chef@parktavernsw18.com) for more information. Stall spaces are free but limited, so please register your interest as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Park Tavern prides itself on being both a family and a dog-friendly pub, so why not make a day of it? Aside from doing your bit to support local businesses, you can also enjoy a delicious meal by the fire with family and friends. Bookings can be made online via their website [www.parktavernsw18.com](http://www.parktavernsw18.com)

## WALKING LOCALLY JUST GOT EASIER

As a result of the pandemic many people now recognise the value of walking, in order to get some fresh air, do a bit of easy exercise and maybe meet some new friends to chat to as you count your steps. Two organisations who organise local walks provide the means to do this with others, to stop it becoming a lonely, boring way to exercise.

The first long-established one is Walk Wandsworth, an accredited walking scheme that offers a series of free walks around the

borough. Their walks are led by trained walk leaders who can advise and guide you towards building up your physical activity at a pace that suits you. They also hold volunteer walk leader training, so if you're interested in becoming a walk leader and leading or supporting a walk within Wandsworth email [activelifestyles@enablelc.org](mailto:activelifestyles@enablelc.org)

There is a Grid walk every Thursday from 10.30am lasting 45 minutes, meeting outside the Elborough Street Surgery. The nearest postcode to use is SW18 5DS.

Find out more at <https://enablelc.org/walkwandsworth>

Secondly a new initiative is the Walk and Talk movement. It's a community for the community, helping communities to reconnect, and that organises free walks every weekend. There is a weekly walk in Wimbledon Park each Saturday morning at 10.30 am starting at the tennis courts, a chance to chat to friends and make new ones. Find out more at <https://www.walkandtalkmovement.org>

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*Vacancy, volunteers welcome, please contact us*

**Trentham Street**  
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty at 169  
Tania Kowalski at 91

## MEMBERSHIP

The SGRA's financial and membership year runs from June 1st-May 31st, and donations are a minimum £3 annually, though we always are grateful for more! There are several easy ways to pay:

- Cash to your street representative, list above
- PayPal - Log in to your PayPal account:  
[treasurer@southfieldsgrid.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@southfieldsgrid.org.uk)
- BACS - our details are Barclays Bank, sort code 20-90-69, account number 83500020

If you wish to join our SGRA database we must have your consent, in order to adhere to GDPR regulations. You can do this either by ticking the consent box on the envelope which comes with this issue, or if paying online by requesting this emailing [sgrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sgrasecretary@gmail.com)

## LOCAL FACILITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

### Business

Southfields Business Forum - [sunny.p@talk21.com](mailto:sunny.p@talk21.com)  
Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce [www.wandsworthchamber.org](http://www.wandsworthchamber.org)

### Cultural

Singswell - [www.singswell.co.uk](http://www.singswell.co.uk)  
"Southfields storyteller" - [www.hannahneed.co.uk](http://www.hannahneed.co.uk)  
Sounds of Southfields - [www.soundsofsouthfields.co.uk](http://www.soundsofsouthfields.co.uk)  
Southfields Artists Group - via [slavica@melroseroad.net](mailto:slavica@melroseroad.net)  
Southfields Theatre Group - contact via [www.facebook.com/southfieldstg](http://www.facebook.com/southfieldstg)  
Southfields Sings - [SouthfieldsSings@gmail.com](mailto:SouthfieldsSings@gmail.com)  
Window Wanderland - [www.windowwanderland.com/southfields](http://www.windowwanderland.com/southfields)  
World Heartbeat Music Academy - [www.worldheartbeat.org](http://www.worldheartbeat.org)

### Faith

St Barnabas, Lavenham Road - [www.stbarnabas-southfields.org.uk](http://www.stbarnabas-southfields.org.uk)  
Everyday Church, Wimbledon Park Road - [www.everyday.org.uk/southfields](http://www.everyday.org.uk/southfields)  
Ahmadiyya Mosque, Gressenhall Road - [www.loveforallhatredfornone.org](http://www.loveforallhatredfornone.org)  
Wimbledon Mosque, Durnsford Road - [www.wimbledonmosque.org](http://www.wimbledonmosque.org)

### Interest groups

Friends of Coronation Gardens - [www.focoronationgardens.co.uk](http://www.focoronationgardens.co.uk)  
Friends of Wimbledon Park - [www.friendsofwimbledonpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofwimbledonpark.org.uk)  
Green the Grid - [www.frontgardenfriendly.uk](http://www.frontgardenfriendly.uk)  
Grid Mummies - [jennifer@acertennislettings.com](mailto:jennifer@acertennislettings.com)  
Wandsworth Tree Wardens [www.wandsworthtreewardens.org](http://www.wandsworthtreewardens.org)

### Library

Southfields Library, Wimbledon Park Road - open Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9-7pm, Friday 9-5pm, Saturday 10-2.30pm

### Nearby Resident Associations

Gardens RA - [sophiamail@onetel.com](mailto:sophiamail@onetel.com)  
Pulborough Triangle Residents Group  
Sutherland Grove Conservation Area RA - [admin@sgcara.org.uk](mailto:admin@sgcara.org.uk)  
Wimbledon Park RA - [www.wimbledonpark.com](http://www.wimbledonpark.com)

### Police

If an incident is an emergency, ring 999 immediately. If not, ring 101.  
Southfields - 0208 721 2434 or [southfields@met.police.uk](mailto:southfields@met.police.uk)  
Parks Police - 07500 814108 or [parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Senior groups

Hestia adult support - [www.hestia.org/older-people](http://www.hestia.org/older-people) or 0208 767 8426  
Monday Club, c/o St Barnabas Church - email [ma\\_brett@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_brett@hotmail.com)  
Wandsworth Older Peoples Forum - [www.wopf.org.uk](http://www.wopf.org.uk)

### Sport

All England Club - [www.wimbledon.com](http://www.wimbledon.com)  
Swimbleton, wild swimming - [www.swimbleton.co.uk](http://www.swimbleton.co.uk)  
'Tag' Rugby - [Jake.Dunley@hotmail.com](mailto:Jake.Dunley@hotmail.com)  
Wandsworth Boxing Club - [www.wandsworthboxingclub.co.uk](http://www.wandsworthboxingclub.co.uk)

### Sustainability

Abundance Southfields - [www.abundancesouthfields.com](http://www.abundancesouthfields.com)  
Recycle More Southfields - [www.recyclemoresouthfields.org](http://www.recyclemoresouthfields.org)  
Southfields Harvest - [www.southfieldsharvest.org.uk](http://www.southfieldsharvest.org.uk)  
Tree Inspector - [michael.hinks@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:michael.hinks@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)

### Forthcoming local events

Wednesday 24th November, 10am-11.30am - Crime prevention event, Southfields Library.  
Tuesday 30th November, 7.45-9.30 pm, SGRA public meeting, St Barnabas  
Wednesday 1st December from 4.30 pm onwards - Christmas Lights switch-on, Replingham Road.  
Saturday 4th December from 11am-3 pm "Christmas Fair", St Barnabas Church.  
Saturday 11th December from 12.30-1.30pm Crime prevention event, Southfields Library.  
Sunday 19th December at 7pm - Carol Service, St Barnabas Church. Christmas Eve at 11.30pm - Midnight Mass, St Barnabas Church. Saturday 25th December at 10.30am - Christmas Day service, St Barnabas Church. Saturday 15th Tuesday 25th January from 7.45-9.30 pm - SGRA public meeting (venue tba)

### Next Issue

Our spring issue will be out in mid-March. If you have a contribution we'd love to hear from you, but note the copy deadline is Friday 18th February.