



NOTE OF ANNUAL GENERAL & PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025, 7.45PM TO 9.15PM ST BARNABAS CHURCH

1. Welcome, apologies for absence

Charles Runcie welcomed all to the AGM. Apologies were received from Cllrs Kim Caddy & Guy Humphries (Wandsworth Councillors) & Kyle Forder.

2. Minutes of 2024 AGM - click [here](#) to access revised version

Clive Williams was incorrectly listed under apologies for absence. The 2024 AGM minutes will be amended to correct this. The rest of the minutes were accepted without challenge.

3. Chair's Annual review 2024/25 – click [here](#) to access

Charles highlighted: an increase in overall membership to 580 on the database, healthy finances, increasing number of queries to the SGRA website, a well-attended general election hustings, 6 Executive Committees and 6 public meetings, improved social media, continuing co-ordination with other groups in the Grid, Councillors etc, and a successful Art Festival in March. Although much had been done in the use of social media, there was more to be done to make them more effective methods of communication. The Chair's review was accepted without challenge.

4. Financial report 2024/25 – click [here](#) to access

SGRA finances were in a strong positive position: £1,703 contribution to funds; advertising income exceeding Grid News printing costs; a year on year increase in street collections. He also showed a detailed breakdown of SGRA expenditure for 2024/25. Going forward, there will be agreed forecasts and budgets for SGRA's priorities and updates. Proposed changes to SGRA's constitution: changing the SGRA financial year to April to March; & removing the word 'audited' in para 8.1. will be presented to a Special General Meeting later in the year. The Financial report was accepted without further challenge.

5. Election of SGRA Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for 2025/26

All Officers: Charles Runcie (Chair); Ian Shaw (Secretary); Serena Potter (Membership Secretary); Ameet Phadnis (Treasurer) and members of the Executive Committee: Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty; Ann Kerr; Clive Williams; Kyle Forder; Rod Lewington & Sue Wixley were elected without challenge. Margaret Brett stood down from the Executive Committee but agreed to further assist SGRA in an 'Ex Officio' role. As the Executive Committee still had two vacancies, Charles asked the floor if anyone would like to nominate themselves. William Smart (Engadine Street) wished to be considered for a place. He was proposed by Ayesha Hasan (Lavenham Road) and seconded by Elaine Flanagan (Clonmore Street), and his nomination was supported by a majority of those present.

6. Street representatives for 2025/26

There were remaining vacancies in both Lavenham Road and Hanford Close. Ayesha Hasan put herself and Maureen Mills forward as Street Representative for Lavenham Road. This was agreed to.

7. Agreement of Annual SGRA Membership subscription

Charles proposed to keep the minimum amount to £5. When asked whether there could be flexibility in the minimum amount, Charles said that many subscriptions tended to be more than the minimum and therefore saw no need to change the system. The £5 minimum was accepted without challenge.

The formal AGM business came to an end.

Guest Speakers

Liam Hutton – Wandsworth Borough Council (WBC) Head, Arboricultural Team on Trees on the Grid.
Click [here](#) to access presentation

Liam's presentation covered the make-up of the Arboricultural Team and their responsibilities (slides 1 & 2); their responsibilities for WBC owned trees e.g. inspections, replanting etc (slide 3); tree related issues concerning subsidence (slide 4); Tree Preservation Orders & Conservation Areas (slide 5); useful dos & don'ts when it comes to tree pit planting (slide 6); how to contact/make an enquiry to the Team (slide 7) – particularly useful for those who would like to have trees planted in their road/street..

Rev'd Vanessa Elston – Vicar at St Barnabas Church

After her arrival in January, Vanessa had noticed that local groups/organisation in Southfields e.g. SGRA, Green the Grid, Recycle More, and St Barnabas, by working together were creating a mutually supportive and flourishing environment. As Vicar, one of Vanessa's aims would be to build the Church up and to be a proactive contributor to improving sustainability in the Grid. As part of an Eco-Pilgrimage during Green Week (Sunday 8 – Friday 13 June), Vanessa will be walking through the Diocese of Southwark with a group of pilgrims and day walkers. In the evenings they would be stopping in churches along the way. On Tuesday 10 June, St Barnabas will act as host to an evening event and Southfields local groups and residents were invited to join them to celebrate and encourage local action on climate and nature. Further details are on the [SGRA](#) and St [Barnabas](#) websites.

AOB

Fly tipping on corner of Heythorp Street and Lavenham Road.

Ayesha Hasan wanted to raise the issue of ongoing fly tipping on the corner of both Heythorp Street and Lavenham Road. Nothing was being done and there was a lack of effective deterrence. She was grateful for Sue Wixley's assistance in raising it with Wandsworth Borough Council. Charles said that he would ensure that both Councillors for Southfields were made aware of this and would seek a report back on this at the next Public Meeting on 22 July.

Forthcoming meetings

- SGRA Public Meeting **22 July 2025**, 7.30-9.15, Parish Room, St Barnabas Church

Forthcoming events

- Mend, Fix & Repair Cafe & Green the Grid Herb Giveaway **14 June**, 12-3pm, St Barnabas Church
- St Barnabas Patronal BBQ, **15 June**, 12-2pm, St Barnabas Church,
- Shakespeare in the Square presenting 'The Taming of the Shrew' **15 June**, 3pm Coronation Gardens
- Front Garden Award judging week **20 to 29 June**, across Southfields Grid
- Rededication of Coronation Gardens Fountain (with installed figurine) **3 July**, Coronation Gardens

Attendance List

SGRA – Executive Members (10)	Role
Charles Runcie	SGRA Exec. Comm – Chair/Pirbright Rd Rep
Ian Shaw	SGRA Exec. Comm – Secretary/ Brookwood Rd Rep
Serena Potter	SGRA Exec. Comm – Membership Secretary
Ameet Phadnis	SGRA Exec. Comm – Hon. Treasurer
Margaret Brett	SGRA Exec. Comm/Lavenham Road Rep (Now Ex Officio)
Ann Kerr	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Clonmore Street Rep
Amelia Obertelli-Moriarty	SGRA Exec. Comm/Joint Trentham Street Rep
Rod Lewington	SGRA Exec. Comm
Clive Williams	SGRA Exec. Comm
Sue Wixley	SGRA Exec. Comm
Speakers/Main contributors (2)	Role
Liam Hutton	Arboricultural Officer, Wandsworth Borough Council
Rev'd Vanessa Elston	Vicar, St Barnabas Church
SGRA Road/Street (30)	Attendees
Astonville Street	Lesley McCaul/Astonville Street Rep; Ross Young
Brookwood Road	Jelka Mitic
Clonmore Street	Nick Steiner/Joint Clonmore Street Rep; Elaine Flanagan
Elborough Street	Charles Helliwell; Ray Rivers
Engadine Street	Jacqui Pearce; Rosemary Langford; William Smart
Elsenham Street	Andrew Dunley/Joint Elsenham Street; Mark Lubinski; Elizabeth Lloyd-Owen; Richard Silverstein; Simon Wright; Martin Gibbins
Heythorp Street	Ann Redman; Peter Watts; Renuka Sornarajah; Sorna Sornarajah; Fred Winter-Overton?;
Lavenham Road	Robert Mathison; Georg Muellor-Koegler; Ayesha Hasan; Maureen Mills
Replingham Road	Tommy Johnston; Sue Gunn; Rosalind Wolfe
Trentham Street	Di Brennan; Trevor Howe/Joint Trentham Street Rep;
(3)	
Lee Roberts	Upper Richmond Road
A M Carus Wilson	Wimbledon Park
Charles Brooking	Camborne Road
	Total: 45