


# Southfields Grid

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A photograph of a residential street at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. The street is lined with parked cars on both sides. A utility pole with many power lines is visible on the left side of the street. The houses are multi-story with bay windows.

# **SGRA Annual Report 2025-6**

**Charles Runcie  
Chair, SGRA  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**



# Headlines

- Celebrated 50 years
- Parliamentary reception
- Commemorative 'Grid News'
- Nearly 550 members
- Finances healthy
- Strong Ex Comm, street reps
- Updated Constitution



# Organisation

- **Executive Committee of 12 - elected**
- **6 Ex Comm meetings**
- **5 public meetings**
- **AGM every May**
- **2 street reps meetings**
- **All minutes public**

# Membership details

- **Over 535 Grid residents on database as of May 2026**
- **Better reporting of them**
- **'Friends' - 30**
- **Around 35% done online**
- **All streets represented**
- **Finance details to come**



**Southfields Grid**  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*Making a difference to life on the Grid*

The SGRA exists to celebrate our local community, look after its interests, debate issues in a public forum and bring people together to share information and stories.

Get involved! Come to a meeting or post in the facebook group. Share stories and experiences with your neighbours.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EVERY STREET ON THE GRID

INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER "GRID NEWS" DELIVERED 3 X YEAR TO EVERY RESIDENT AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

SIX OPEN MEETINGS A YEAR

FREE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT BRING TOGETHER OUR GRID COMMUNITY

SUPPORTS OF LOCAL EVENTS SUCH AS SOUTHFIELDS ABU AND CHRISTMAS SWITCH-ON

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southfieldsgrid.org.uk



**Wimbledon Park**  
Walk and Talk

Get involved  
10.30am every Saturday  
Join us outside the park cafe

QR code



# Supporting locally

- Southfields Business Forum
- Police SNT meetings/liaison
- 'Mend, Fix, Repair' cafe
- Christmas lights switch-on
- Green the Grid activity
- Stalls at Southfields Harvest, St Barnabas Fayre
- Southfields artists
- Help FoCG when needed



# Our own events

- Front Gardens Awards – June
- Grid Kids - October
- Quiz - October
- Window Wanderland - February
- Art festival – March
- Hustings – April
- Tree walks – regular
- Seniors tea party – moves to new time, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Always keen to do more

**LOCAL ELECTION  
HUSTINGS**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES  
AND HEAR THEIR POLICIES**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
St Barnabas Church, Lavenham Road, SW18 5EP  
From 7.30pm

Hear the candidates' policies & ask your questions

Email your questions to them at  
[info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk](mailto:info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk)

# Connecting with local groups

**AELTC**

**Friends of Coronation Gardens**

**Friends of Wimbledon Park**

**Green the Grid**

**Mend, Fix, Repair cafe**

**Recycle More Southfields**

**Safer Neighbourhood Team**

**Save Wimbledon Park**

**Southfields Artists Association**

**Wandsworth Tree Wardens**

**Wandsworth Greenspaces Forum**

**Wandsworth Older Peoples Forum**

**Wimbledon tennis 'Community Panel'**

# Speakers at meetings

- Fleur Anderson – MP
- Leonie Cooper – GLA
- Guy Humphries – councillor
- Steve Lane – Crew Energy
- Rachel Roberts – SBF
- Simon Wright – SWP
- Diana Chitty – Foodbank
- Sarah and Luke – Wandle Primary Care
- Kelly Murtagh – Home Care
- Debbie Jevans - AELTC
- Candidates – local election hustings



# CONGRATULATIONS, CATHY! REVELSTOKE RESIDENT IS 100

By Charles Runcie

Revelstoke Road resident Cathy Jernan celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday 26th March. Cathy has lived at the same Grid address for over 80 years. Firstly in its upstairs flat and then when it became a house in the mid-1960s.

Born in Gloucester, Cathy grew up with her family up to the age of 16. "Country living was hard. For instance if you didn't see "Good morning" to the square you got a what some call "your head." In 1941 aged 16 she met John who was in the army. They caught the bus to their wedding, but then he was posted away so she moved to Earlsfield to lodge with her parents-in-law.

Living in wartime London was not easy. "You never knew if you were going to live the next day, you minded your own business. Rationing was a devil, but we put up with it. We were lucky as we did get some food from our old family home in Gloucestershire where we had a little land, including vegetables and the odd rabbit."

At the end of the War John was demobbed and the family moved to Revelstoke Road, as by then son John and daughter Marlene had arrived on the scene. In those days Southfields was a quiet place, everyone kept themselves to themselves, but it was a happy time. "We had



OUR 100TH BIRTHDAY GIRL

lots of shops close to us - Lucas the butcher, Was the fishmonger, Fairwell Furniture, a newsagent and a Co-op. Even Brookwood Road had Cook's the Chemist and a good fish n' chip shop. I went shopping most days. People used to say "they've got liver at the butchers, they've got rabbit too" as they were off the ration. So I'd put Marlene in the pram and we rushed down the street. You could then leave all day."

There were only 3 cars in Revelstoke Road

then. "My husband was quite into technology. He had a TV in line for the Coronation in 1953 and the first colour came on which was a bit of a disappointment."

Cathy did a variety of jobs in her working life, including working in the laundrette on the corner of Edborough Street and Revelstoke Road for many years. She eventually retired in 1977 aged 60. "The street has not changed much, but while there's never been any houses, you don't know the next door neighbours as well as we did. They're busy, but it's not coming a-king. Wimbledon Park is very nice." She says to the paper "I have many visits to McCubbin's grocers, especially Eamon, have been good friends with Cathy's since they moved to Earlsfield in the 1960s.

"I always say a little prayer every day, though I'm not very religious."

Now I lay me down to sleep  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep  
If I should die before  
I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take

"As long as my home's busy I'm happy with living in Southfields. I even got involved in the SCRA Fringe Garden when I was at home - and I love it."

Long may you stay there, Cathy.  
Returns from all of us on 1st April.

## Communicating our news

- 'Grid News' 3 times a year in March, July and November
- Copies sent to VIPs outside Grid
- Social media – Facebook and Instagram mostly
- WhatsApp street groups
- Posters, flyers
- [www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk](http://www.southfieldsgrid.org.uk)

## AELTC - FROM TENNIS COURTS TO LEGAL COURTS

By Simon Wright,  
Save Wimbledon Park group

At the last SCRA meeting I explained that Save Wimbledon Park Ltd (SWP) had started proceedings in the High Court

which merit consideration at a full hearing." This is a significant milestone as SWP seeks to encourage the AELTC to think again and comply with legal policies and obligations. AELTC say it is the "correct thing to do" to apply to court.

request that AELTC should talk to SWP.

The legal action is going to be very expensive and SWP will be crowdfunding. Find out how you can help at their public meetings held in Southfields court.



# What's next?

- Regular annual events
- AELTC – increased presence at champs, result of Community Panel
- More PR re subs
- Move Seniors tea party
- Ideas welcomed via Members Survey
- Funding

# Any questions?

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