



# South Ridgway Residents Association



*Dear Neighbours,*

Welcome to our close of year Newsletter. Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

We think it is vital for all of us to maintain and strengthen our Association. We don't want to make work or be intrusive, but we do want to do whatever it takes to protect the quality of life in our neighbourhood. To be able to do that, we need your support and we believe £3 is not too heavy a price to bear. As well as the subscription, we would welcome more involvement from our members and I've set out some ideas overleaf.

We are inviting you to set up a standing order for your subscription - still only £3 for a year! We've set out what we believe are the benefits overleaf. It simply isn't practical to have our Road Reps collecting coins – we must move to a Standing Order, which remains totally within YOUR control. You can cancel it at any time.

**Please cut out the form overleaf.** Fill up the email details at the top and then the Standing Order underneath. Please put both in an envelope marked (you can handwrite this):

FREEPOST RTCG GSYT URAU  
SRRA  
London  
SW20 8HG

You will see that the date of first payment must remain blank. This will allow us to collect subscriptions up to and at the AGM, for 2013. Then the Standing Order will automatically pay the £3 in November of next year for 2014 and so on.

We have plans to raise the tempo at the AGM. Revelstoke Wines have kindly agreed to give us a wine tasting that evening, and we have some other plans underway to make the evening a fun one during which to meet your neighbours. More details in our February Newsletter.

On the back of the newsletter, you will see three vouchers. One from Revelstoke Wines, one from The Garden Sage and one from Hashi Sushi. All three are excellent local businesses that if you don't already know, I would urge you to visit in Durham Road – you can hit all three in one visit! We are tremendously grateful to them for making a special discount available to our members. The discounts will cease at the end of January.

Our Association is important to all of us. It is the principle lever with which we can get the Council's attention when they are launching ideas that directly affect where we all live. There is strength in numbers and ours have been declining. Do please support us, make out that standing order and be sure we have your email.

*Happy Christmas!*

**Alex Sandberg**  
Chairman

**SRRA MEMBERSHIP DETAILS: (ALL BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)****Your Full name:** (BLOCK CAPITALS)**Your Street Address and post code:** (BLOCK CAPITALS)**Telephone number:**

(preferably mobile if you don't have Email)

**Your Email Address:** (strictly private to SRRA)**2013 Membership Payment:***(please tick appropriate box)*Standing order\* £3 Cash *(\*Please complete the section below)***Please return this part of the form to SRRA either:**

1. By E-mailing the relevant information above to us at: membership@srra.co.uk or,
2. In an envelope to the Freepost Address below.

*(NB this can be done in the same envelope as the standing order form)***Please note this is a Standing Order NOT a Direct Debit, so YOU have complete control:**

The payment amount, date and frequency are all fixed. You can cancel it at any time by contacting your bank.

**STANDING ORDER: To the Manager (ALL BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)****Bank / Building Society Name:****Branch** (if applicable):**Address of your Bank / Building Society:****Bank Post Code:****Name of Your Account:****Sort Code****Account Number:****Your Name** (if different from above):**Please pay the following:****South Ridgway Residents' Association****3 0 - 9 9 - 6 6****0 1 8 5 4 4 6 8**

Payment Amount:

Date of First Payment:

**Lloyds TSB - Wimbledon Branch****£3****Three pounds***(please leave blank - we will enter date before end of March for 2013 membership year)*

Frequency of Payment

Date of subsequent payments:

Expiry:

**Annual****1st of November each Year****Until Further Notice**

Payment Reference:

**Your Signature****Date:****SRRA Subscription**

**Please return the Standing Order form in a sealed envelope to SRRA using the Freepost Address.**  
You might simply cut out the address below and stick it down onto an envelope.

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## What do I get for my £3 a year?

A very fair question. Good value is, we believe, the honest answer. If you agree, do please fill up the Standing Order. We need to strengthen our membership.

- **Insurance.** You keep the Association alive, so that when something threatens our enjoyment of where we live, there is a formidable Association ready to swing into action on all our behalves
- **Involvement** in a forum where you can voice your opinion on what's going on where we live.
- A chance to **meet your neighbours** over a glass of wine at our AGM and hear some interesting discussions about where we live. Would anyone like to organise a summer Bar-B-Q? Tim Hobbs at The Hall has kindly offered his facilities.
- **A dedicated Road Rep** available to you to chat through issues.
- **Discounts** from local businesses, something we hope to expand.
- **A website** with an active "buy 'n sell" function and recommendations on local tradesmen and services.

## We need your email address!

To get the full benefit of your SRRR membership, we need your current email address. If you don't get our emails, are a new member or have changed your email address, email us at [membership@SRRR.co.uk](mailto:membership@SRRR.co.uk) or log onto the SRRR website at [www.srrr.co.uk](http://www.srrr.co.uk) and click on "Membership". Complete the box on the right headed Subscribe and submit. SRRR will only use your contact details for staying in touch with you. We will never pass your details to third parties.

## We need your involvement

Our Association is kept going by a committed team on the Committee and the valiant Road Reps. Thanks to you all. Our Association is only as good as what we collectively put into it, so please help:

1. We'd like someone, just twice a year, to update us on cultural events in our area.
2. What do YOU think ... we'd love ideas and topics you think the Association should embrace.
3. We need someone to help with Website content. You don't need to be techy, it's about buy and sell and recommendations.
4. What else do YOU think we need to do!

## SRRR Website [www.srrr.co.uk](http://www.srrr.co.uk).

We are determined to energise the website, improving the "buy 'n sell" function and also upgrading the recommendations section. There's no tradesman like one that a neighbour recommends! But we need YOUR participation. For those who enjoy it, follow us on @srrralocal. And if we can get some help, we have other ideas: do you?

## Email traffic during the year

We'll continue the Association emails. The subject that dominated the latter part of the year has been CPZs about which there are many opinions! We hope you find the emails useful and would really appreciate more feedback. Are there other subjects you'd like information about, or do you have a bugbear you'd like to share.

### This is YOUR Association!

We are very happy to circulate appropriate news, fun or interesting items.  
Email: [alex.sandberg@averdant.com](mailto:alex.sandberg@averdant.com)

## Message from Richard Lane, Vicar of Christ Church

As the days shorten and the time left to get ready for Christmas slips away, I hope the excitement is outpacing the stress! Once more we embrace the joy of Christmas. This will be my 10th at Christ Church on The Ridgway and I hope that I've been able to communicate how happy we are to serve you and how happy we are to see you and your family whenever you can join us. Christmas is a special opportunity to take a quiet moment to experience the glory, the Holiness and the wonder of life beyond the routine and the mundane. You will be very welcome at any of the Christmas services at Christ Church. Happy Christmas !

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| <b>December 23rd</b> | 6.30pm  | <b>Carol Service</b> with Brass Band, mulled wine and mince pies |
| <b>December 24th</b> | 4.00pm  | <b>Crib service</b>  |
|                      | 11.30pm | <b>Midnight Mass</b> by candlelight                              |
| <b>Christmas Day</b> | 8.00am  | <b>Holy Communion</b>  |
|                      | 10.00am | <b>Family Communion</b> for all                                  |



## Planning

It has all been rather quiet on the planning front. Email any issue you have to: [williampetch@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:williampetch@blueyonder.co.uk)

### The garages behind Aston Court 14 Lansdowne Road

The owner of these garages behind this block of flats has applied to demolish them and build a house in their place. SRRA have strongly objected to this proposal in conjunction with several local residents. The proposed development would be very intrusive and would totally compromise the privacy of the surrounding dwellings. The first planning application for this site was withdrawn, but the latest version is virtually the same and is equally out of place. We are waiting for the planning department's decision.

### 31b Arterberry Road

There had been very little action on this site for a while. The developer has decided to sell the site and not build the house for which planning permission was eventually granted. Demolition has begun, but as yet none of the rubble has been removed, causing great concern over the very small driveway over which 31b has a right of way.

### Gym in the garden of 17 Crescent Road

SRRA joined residents in Arterberry Road in objecting to this proposal as it intruded on gardens and the planning department agreed. However the owners of 17 Crescent Road took the case to appeal and permission was granted, with certain constraints as to the preservation of trees.

## Controlled Parking Zones

Earlier in the year controlled parking was introduced to The Downs, Lansdowne Road and Crescent Road. This moved the parking problem West and the situation became impossible in Arterberry Road. The result is that a Controlled



Parking Zone is to be introduced in The Drive, Arterberry Road, Montana Road, Dunmore Road and Langham Road. It would seem the scheme will be fully in action early in the New Year. The initial restrictions will be all day Monday to Friday. There is however a strong feeling that a two hour gap in the middle of the day would suffice. The status quo will have to remain for a year but we will be canvassing the area in a year's time

## The Belvederes

Bill Petch attended the Street Management Advisory Committee and spoke on behalf of SRRA. The proposed scheme for the Belvedere area is an experimental Traffic Management Scheme. The valid fear is that "experimental" becomes permanent. Not surprisingly, some residents are keen on the scheme. Virtually all the speakers including four Councillors spoke against the scheme and the committee also voted against the scheme. Councillor Judge has still to opine despite the weight of opinion against. We shall watch this carefully.

## Raynes Park Community Forum 6th December

The Raynes Park Health Centre will be handed over in mid January. Two GP practices should be in action by the end of the month. Kingston Hospital will operate a limited out patients facility, assisted by St Anthony's. The Nelson Hospital will be shut for two years to re-emerge as Warden Assisted Housing, a Geriatric clinic and another Health Centre combining two GPs practices. Progress on improving the Station and its environs is slow due mostly to the inertia of Network Rail. There will be no Free Christmas Parking by Waitrose. There is a move afoot to apply for two hour free parking slots next year.

**We will be circulating a newsletter in February with details of the AGM and more.**

SRRA member's offer

**10% off**  
all meals over £50



Hashi Sushi  
54 Durham Road

SRRA member's offer

**10% off**  
all purchases over £50



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48 Durham Road

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