

**Friends of Coronation Gardens
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 23rd April 2025, Wandsworth 8th Scout Hut, Pirbright
Road**

Minutes

1. CR welcomed c20 attendees, apologies from Tim Osmin (abroad) and Rebecca (ditto)
2. CR read the Minutes from our AGM of 2024, which were accepted.
3. No matters arising.
4. CR reminded the meeting of the aims of FoCG with its committee of 7 members, how the forum works, and its liaison with our MP, council and others.
5. * Annual Review 2024-5: CR enumerated highlights of the past year: our 2 further awards given - Green Flag and It's Your Neighbourhood; how well the 'Gardening Club' is flourishing on Saturdays; success of Friday - Sunday overnight closings during summer; annual carol-singing gathering by Pirbright Road entrance; regular bi-monthly committee meetings; production of regular newsletters; 10% increase in membership. There are 72 active continuing subscriptions.
6. The year ahead:
 - Shakespeare in the Squares; open air theatre company brings the taming of the Shrew' to Coronation Gardens on Sunday June 15th at 3pm. BYO picnics are encouraged from 1.30pm.
 - Fully operative restoration of the heritage water fountain expected; rededication ceremony 10,30am on Thursday July 3rd.
 - A Community Open Day July 19th.
 - Gate locking will not happen this summer, in line with all other Wandsworth parks.
7. Financial Report 2024-5: Accounts are always listed and updated on our website, whose costs vary year to year. They are still in excess.

Card details expire in 3-4 years. Membership card to be considered, but feared not worth cost.

8. Tara Osman spoke re our 'Gardening Club' - future plantings, hopes for new trees.

9. Elections - Elections confirmed the current committee re-elected en bloc. Need a secretary, but no-one is yet forthcoming.

10. 3 guestspeakers:

- Catie Ferguson, Enable Leisure and Culture plc (park contractors) comms manager.
- Gillian Brett, sculptor of the new statue in Coronation Gardens
- Kate Bodell, "poem for lonely people" idea

All gave interesting talks about their work and took questions from the floor.

11. Any other business?

* Suggestions for a second water supply area: e.g a fountain (the heritage fountain being restored for that function).

* More dog poo bins asked for

* Should the pre-2000 seating be restored, NOT the "pagoda".

13. Date of next AGM: Wednesday 22nd April 2005.

14. Meeting closed 9.10pm, followed by refreshments and networking.

Wendy Cater –FoCG committee.

Friday 25th April 2025