

Friends of Coronation Gardens committee meeting minutes

Date: 8th September 2025

Time: 7.30pm until 9pm at the Gardeners Pub, Merton Road

Attendees: Wendy Cater, Mario Pisani, Charles Runcie, Tim Oswin (Minute taker), Geoff Davis, Tara Osman

Apologies: Rebecca Lothian (Abroad – USA)

1. Any news to report

To be discussed below and in AoB.

2. Harvest Festival 27th September 12 -3

Charles, Geoff, Wendy and Tim available.

Card Machine to be charged and app downloaded.

Mail out latest newsletter for before the harvest festival (Geoff and Charles).

3. Finance

Mario showed we have received donations – most notably from the Sec of the Southfields Grid.

Accounts show approximately £6,330 Gross.) and approximately £1,960 net, after taking into account various restricted funds, commitments and donations (towards the fountain restoration).

4. Membership

Geoff showed 12 members have joined in the last 90 days.

Website has had 104 views.

Discussion of membership to increase subs from £10 to £15 - will discuss at the AGM in the new year if the members would be happy to pay extra.

5. Fanny Latest

Plaque still being repaired and not back yet – **note** came back w/c 15th September.

Charles discussed the film of the statue unveiling that most of us had not seen – and will send it out on WhatsApp for us to share on Instagram and our website.

Enable (Catie) have offered to put up a board explaining who Fanny Wilkinson is and giving information, initially it will be a cheap board but will be replaced by a permanent fixture which we have agreed to have – *just double checking?*) The permanent interpretation board needs to be budgeted for in addition to the councils 2026 – 7 annual budget. This will be done in November, and if funds are forthcoming the plan is to install it in the late summer of 2026 – will discuss again in November.

6. Gardening Club

Geoff told us that Gillian / Marian and Dominic have been down to help at the gardening club, and we are very grateful for their support.

Discussions have been had with Nina from Enable – to put a biodiversity area on the Riversdale wall in the autumn. Charles just encouraged any comms to cc Catie in, so she is not left out not knowing what is happening.

Wandsworth Council are looking to come down with a photographer to the next gardening club (this week Saturday 13th September) for its sustainable climate change initiative – Committee members encouraged to come along!

7. Poetry In Motion

Due to new council regulations in Merton and Wandsworth –she cannot put the QR code or poem on a park bench. What we propose is that she can put it on the notice board.

8. Shakespeare 2026

After the success of the summer production in CG, Shakespeare in the squares are keen to do another show next year. They propose Sunday 14th June – Love Labours Lost.

We will investigate a possibility of a member discount again.

9. Gate Opening / Closing

Rota has been managed great by the members, despite a few issues initially with Enable. We will investigate getting extra keys cut if required for emergencies.

10. Green Flag opening / Closing

The raising ceremony is planned for some time in October by Catie? Will message when organised and agreed.– Catie has emailed after the query – and has said there is not any official flag raising due to availability.

11. AoB

Planned event dates are 29th November for the St Barnabus Christmas Fair where we will have a stall from 12-3pm.

St Mikes Carols on tour is planned for the 16th of December – Tim to confirm this and timing.

Michelle looking into organising the Southfields Festival for Saturday 20th June 2026 – she will be invited to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting – propose Monday 10th November at 7.30pm.

9pm Close