

*"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace  
as I have seen in one autumnal face."*



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## Farewell to Fazina and family

Long-time resident, and dedicated member of SPRA committee, Fazina Blanchard has been an industrious activist for the local area. We're sad to report she has recently moved from the local area, but we're happy to say she will remain an associate member.

A huge thanks for all your help throughout the years, whether acting as Committee Secretary or organising wonderfully successful social events, you've been an invaluable member of our community and will be very much missed.

We wish you and your family all the best in your new home and we hope to see you soon.

## Summer 2018

With the recent weather flip-flopping between late summer heat and stormy rain and winds it's not 100% clear what season we are in at the moment, but one thing is for sure - SPRA can fondly look back on a great summer.

### AGM

We held the SPRA AGM back in July, this time in the different surroundings of Linden House. Once again, we kept the meeting part of the evening short – leaving plenty of time for food, drink and chatting. Apologies for the acoustics of the ball room, roaming mikes on order for next year. We'd like to thank you all for attending and sharing how much you enjoyed the evening.

We extend a welcome to all those who attended their first AGM and to newly elected committee member Phil Back – our new treasurer.

### Shakespeare in the square

It was a great deal of work to pull together, but those in attendance found it a very positive and enjoyable event. With such positive feedback received we will look to repeating the event next year.

## St Peter's Square Gardens

### Green flag status

The SPRA committee are delighted that the Square has retained its Green Flag status, one of only two listed parks to do so (the other is Fulham Palace Gardens). This is an incredible achievement given our volunteer resources and manpower. It is a great tribute to Oliver Leigh Wood and all our supportive neighbours – if you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep, email [contact@SPRAweb.net](mailto:contact@SPRAweb.net)

## Ongoing Upkeep

We have the Green Flag and want to keep it. After a summer where the gardens have been well (very well!) used, they're in great need for some TLC....

**Please join us in St Peters Square 10:00am -12:30pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November for our next community garden day.**

*We are also keen to persuade the Council to honour their commitment to the 'progressive' resurfacing of the pathways in the park (they were to do 1/3 each year). If you have any suggestions as to how we can make this happen, do get in touch!*

## Friends

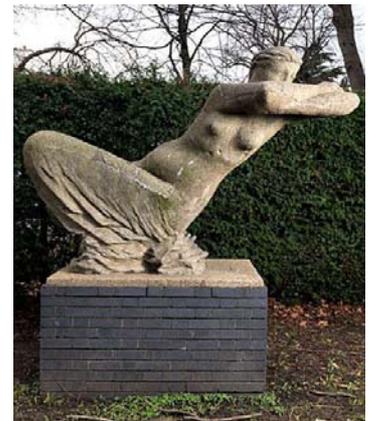
It has been suggested that we look to recruit some more volunteers to be 'Friends of St Peter's Square' in order to help with the upkeep of the gardens, but also to help with discussions with / lobbying of the council when we need their input to keep the garden in the best possible condition. If you wish to be involved in this, then please contact SPRA. [contact@SPRAweb.net](mailto:contact@SPRAweb.net)

## Reclining lady

One local resident, The Leaning Woman, by Karel Vogel (1959) needs a little work. SPRA is combining with Heritage of London Trust and London Stone Conservation to preserve her for many more years to come.

As part of the process we need to do some detective work:

- We believe the original intention was that the statue should be viewable from the square as well as the road. Does anyone recall when this changed to just be a road-side location?
- We believe it took over a year to complete from the original artwork: Does anyone recall the process of installation?
- Was there a formal unveiling? Does anyone have photos from the installation period? Or later photos of the statue in location?



If you know more or have time to help with the research, let us know!

## WE ARE SPRA

### Street Reps as of October 2018

St Peter's Square (N/S) – *Anna Frank*  
St Peter's Square (E) – *Sarah Burrell*  
Black Lion Lane (S) – *Liz Ryland*  
Berestede Road, British Grove – *Jonathan Blackhurst*  
Chisholm Court – *Julia Everett*  
Beavor Lane, Chambon Place – *Margaret Bukaty*  
St Peter's Road – *Nichole Detering*

St Peter's Square (W) – *Ophelia Froud*  
Black Lion Lane (N) – *Anita Woods*  
North Eyot Gardens – *Andrew Winters*  
Standish Road, Aiten Place – *Louise Devonshire*  
Entwistle Terrace – *Sarah Macdonald*  
St Peter's Grove – *Will and Lizzie Orr Ewing*  
Theresa Road – *Cristina Karady*

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