



PRARA NEWSLETTER

PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane,
Settrington Road, Hugon Road & Sullivan Road.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association (PRARA) will be held on:

MONDAY, 6 JUNE, 2005

AT 6.30PM

At

**THE PARSONS GREEN CLUB,
BROOMHOUSE LANE, SW6 3PB**

The Parsons Green Club, (Tel: 7736 1401), have very kindly made their dining room available for the PRARA AGM. As it is a members' club, please RSVP so that we know how many PRARA members to expect. Any PRARA members who would like to join and take advantage of the sporting and other recreational facilities are very welcome to discuss this with club officials. Established in 1885, the club is very much a part of local history and is wholly owned by its members.

Our guests will be John Francis, the Borough's Principal Consultant in the Performance and Procurement Unit and the person responsible for the Smarter Borough 2005 initiative, our local Councillors, Nick Botterill (Parsons Green & Walham Ward) and Brendan Bird (Sands End Ward), and Sgt. MacDonald and Sgt. Trower of the Safer Neighbourhoods police teams, which cover both Wards.

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There will be brief reports from Standing Committee members but the meeting will mainly be an opportunity for you to discuss your concerns directly with our guests, and specifically how we can work with the Council on their initiative and to follow up our request for a Community Street audit by Living Streets.

Any nominations - self nominations welcomed - for election to the Standing Committee should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary no later than 30th May. Please note that we still need a new Co-ordinator (job description available) and are also looking for a member willing to take over from Andrew Gray as the senior Neighbourhood Watch representative. We also need Neighbourhood Watch street representatives for Daisy Lane and Settrington Road. Please put yourself forward!!

Living Streets

The guest speaker at The Open Meeting held on 16th March in Christ Church hall was Philip Connolly of Living Streets, a major new campaign of the Pedestrians Association (PA). They are actively supporting local communities to reclaim the streets, making them not only safer, but pleasanter places to walk. They work with government departments as well as local authorities to pin point areas of neglect and concern following which these authorities then take the necessary steps to improve the local environment.

Philip Connolly spoke with conviction and passion about the organization's trail-blazing campaign and the results so far achieved which have been a positive benefit to local communities, especially for women and children, who are the most frequent street users.

The meeting was particularly excited by the idea of a community street audit and the Standing Committee subsequently obtained more details from Living Streets and decided to formally request Hammersmith and Fulham Council to commission an audit for the PRARA area. As an audit dovetails with the Council's Smarter Borough initiative we wrote to the Leader, Cllr. Andrew Slaughter and are pleased that as a result John Francis will be attending the AGM.

An audit involves measuring the amount of foot traffic, offer suggestions to improve foot flow, reduce street clutter, identify dead spaces, graffiti, improve street signs and repair pavements where needed. Living Streets also highlight possible crime spots and advocate remedial action to deter crime. They also represent the views of women who are the principal street users.

Safer Neighbourhoods Teams

The new Sands End team has got off to an encouraging start and has already delivered three letters to residents warning of the problems immediately following incidents of theft, mugging and fraud. The Sergeant in charge, Mark Trower, was on his way to our Open Meeting on March 16, but did not get there as he apprehended a criminal en route.

Clancarty Road thefts

Starting around Christmas, a series of thefts has occurred to six out of a terrace of eight houses. Sadly, one of the thefts was directly traceable to an occupant of one of the Shepherds Bush Housing Association homes in Broom Farm in Clancarty Road. The inhabitants of this house have also been causing night time disturbances. PRARA has been in contact with the police and also complained to the Housing Association. Both are actively working on the problem.

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Wandsworth Bridge Road restaurants

The former Pizza Express at no. 140 has been acquired by Little Bay Restaurants for conversion to a theatrically themed restaurant. No. 142, the former A Taste of Italy, is still on the market. PRARA has again written to the agent reminding them of our concerns on noise.

Hurlingham and Chelsea School

The unsocial behaviour of pupils when they leave the school continues to be of concern. PRARA wrote to the Headmaster, Phil Cross, requesting information on the action being taken to improve the situation. We have received reassurances from him that the importance of good behaviour in and outside the school is emphasised at school assemblies, and that all complaints are investigated. Mr. Cross has asked that residents report all episodes of bad behaviour to him. Contact details are Tel: 020 7731 2581, Fax: 020 7736 7455, E-mail: info@hurlchel.lbhf.sch.uk.

Our concerns have also been discussed fully with the local police and since May 3rd, a new member of the Sands End Safer Neighbourhoods Team, PC Nick Ferris, has been based full time at the school.

Orange and Green collection bags

Please remember that new refuse collection dates for dustbins and the orange Smart Sacks, come into affect from 9th May. Details were in the HFM magazine, are in a publication available from public libraries and are on the council's web site. Try and avoid putting out Orange bags on the wrong day or you risk a £50 fine. Also, please adhere to the list of approved contents. If the recycling depot spots contaminated material in a single bag, the entire lorry-load is rejected.

Saturday collections for recycling garden waste will be made again this year, starting on 28th May and continuing weekly every Saturday until 3rd December (except for Saturdays 4th June and 3rd September when the collections will take place on the following day, Sundays 5th June and 4th September.)

Please note that the garden waste collection this year requires the use of free environmentally friendly biodegradable bags. These have to be collected from May 21 from one of 10 collection points which include all libraries, on presentation of **ID such as a utility bill or library card.** **Further information:** Smarter Borough hotline, 020 8753 1100. Free special collections of up to three bulky items such as unwanted household furniture or domestic appliances can also be arranged by calling the hotline.

Zone Q parking consultation

We should all be receiving survey forms in May asking for our views on the extended hours for residents parking and the Saturday afternoon and early evening pay-and-display restriction. As before, PRARA will not be commenting on either of these nominally experimental changes. However, because of the campaign being conducted by some local businesses, the Standing Committee did decide to advise the council that we continue to support the principle of residents' parking. Also, to state that we were unhappy with the meter only spaces which are under-utilised and have simply reduced the number of residents bays, and would like the yellow lines to revert to a 6.30 pm termination, so that more spaces for visitors are made available in the early evening.

Thomas's School, Hugon Road

The latest Thomas's School for 5+ year olds will open in the existing academic building in Hugon Road in September. As there is no change of use of the site, there are no grounds for objecting to the increased traffic that will result. However, we wrote to the Principal expressing concern about and requesting details of how

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they intend to manage the problem. We have been supplied with a copy of the School Travel Plan, which is both comprehensive and thorough. It includes a route right around the school building so that vehicles delivering and collecting children can assemble within school grounds instead of on Hugon Road.

PRARA's planning representative, Paul Leonard, advised the Standing Committee that the travel plan is a good one. Therefore, with the endorsement of our new Hugon Road representative, Suzanne Lister, it was agreed to write to the School to welcome the plan and also write to the Council in support of the school's application for a second entrance which would further reduce congestion in Hugon Road.

Planning Applications

Peterborough Road and Imperial Wharf. The planning situation regarding the development at Imperial Wharf is unchanged as an appeal is pending. The planning application for 28 Peterborough Road (The Chandler & Co site), had been rejected after a successful objection from PRARA members and other residents.

Hugon and Sullivan Roads

Invitations to join PRARA were delivered to Hugon and Sullivan Roads in March. Many of the residents of Hugon Road have now joined, but the response from Sullivan Road residents is disappointing.

Flora of Fulham

A local biodiversity initiative, Flora of Fulham funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and co-ordinated by Hammersmith and Fulham Council and the national charity Flora for Fauna began in May. Unfortunately the information came too late to be included in the February Newsletter, but anyone wanting more information on this ongoing project can email stephen.mcandrews@lbhf.gov.uk. Information is also available on www.floraoffulham.org.

HACAN

HACAN was originally founded to object to Heathrow Terminal 5 but now mainly campaigns against increased night flights and aircraft noise. As this is of increasing concern locally following the extension of permitted flying hours, the Committee has adopted a member's suggestion that PRARA should become an affiliate member of HACAN.

Contact sheet: Emergency and other local contact details are provided on an attached sheet. **PLEASE DETACH AND KEEP HANDY BY YOUR TELEPHONE.**

Annual Donations: Hon Treasurer, Chrissy Stenning would like remind everyone that their annual voluntary donation is now due, (up to £5), in cash to her please.

Keeping our records up to date: We are constantly updating email addresses, so if you are on the PRARA email list please can you email Hon Sec. Ann Rosenberg: anntony@which.net on receipt of this Newsletter, so we can check that we have a correct email address for our records.

PLEASE RSVP TO ANN ROSENBERG

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