



**PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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## **HIGH SUMMER MEETING OF PRARA MEMBERS**

Thirty-four members and guests gathered at the White Horse Pub for the first full PRARA meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 13 August. Patricia Hicks welcomed everyone and outlined PRARA's mission statement as established in the constitution, thanked Tony Bell who ran the bar, and introduced the members of the committee, each of whom spoke briefly about their existing and future action plans for the neighbourhood; Ann Rosenberg on South Park; Anthony Williams on the local conservation area and all that it implies; Andrew Gray on Neighbourhood Watch. Patricia also thanked Cllr. Nick Botterill, and Cllrs Adam Gray and Michael Cartwright for their help with the rising bollard.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Andrew Gray introduced PC Christopher Amey, the community police officer for Parson's Green & Walham Ward. It was noted that due to the recent Ward boundary changes, Peterborough Road lies in two Wards: Parson's Green & Walham, and Sands End, whose community police officer is PC Richard Sparks.

PC Amey would prefer if residents living in the Sands End part of Peterborough Road could contact PC Richard Sparks when necessary, although he would be happy to forward messages if contacting PC Sparks proved a problem. *(The division of the local area into the two Wards is explained in PRARA's Footprint at the end of the Newsletter. Also please note that all members of PRARA are automatically members of NW.*

PC Amey then went on to outline Fulham Police structure, illustrating the points with slides. Community policemen were currently allocated one or two to a ward, depending on staff strengths and local needs. They worked shifts, alongside police teams, but were extra to those teams. PC Amey worked with C team while PC Sparks worked with A team.

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C team comprised 14 officers, who manned four cars, one van and, on shift, were responsible for the custody of offenders at the police station. Taking into account illness and holidays, and other operational requirements, this meant that the number of officers on duty at any one time was usually below full team strength. This was the reason for the rarity of street patrols.

However PC Amey assured everyone that he was always contactable by phone in non urgent cases. The use of the 999 emergency number is outlined in the leaflet in the Neighbourhood Watch pack.

He revealed local crime statistics including motor vehicle crime, (theft and criminal damage), burglary and mugging and put them into context. He explained how Neighbourhood Watch could reduce crime and criminal activity, strengthen links with the police and the local council, reduce the cost of home insurance, improve the local environment and improve the quality of life for everyone as neighbours worked together for the common good.

After he finished speaking many of the PRARA members asked questions relating to local problems, including damage to vehicles, unruly and antisocial street behaviour, and the problems encountered by residents who had telephoned Fulham police station to report an incident, only to be treated in an offhand and dismissive manner.

He admitted that antisocial behaviour was a difficult problem to deal with, but in certain instances it was possible to take action. What was needed was evidence. He suggested that if anyone with a video or still camera could discretely make a record, under certain circumstances this could enable the police to take action.

He encouraged members of PRARA and Neighbourhood Watch to now take the initiative and regularly report any incident, however trivial, to their respective community officers. This would enable officers to get a comprehensive picture of local anti-social activity which in turn would enable them to take the appropriate action in due course.

(The other matter of concern to residents was parking but could be discussed as a separate issue at a later date).

At the end of the meeting all those attending were given a Neighbourhood Watch pack. This contains the NW window sticker (a burglar deterrent), useful telephone numbers, as well as information on the NW organization and its benefits to local communities. All members who were not able to attend the

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meeting will get a pack, (when we get more from PC Amey), but as they are large and bulky, we will have to hand deliver them as they are too big to go through the average letter box. Please be patient as this may take a few weeks. We hope that the NW street signs will be going up shortly.

Patricia Hicks brought the meeting to a close with a vote of thanks to PC Amey and the management of the White Horse pub who kindly let us have their upstairs room free of charge.

## **PRARA BRIEF No2: “ FOOTPRINT:” AUGUST 2002**

PRARA was originally formed when the old Sullivan Ward covered all Peterborough Road and its side streets. The wards were reorganized for the May 2002 local elections, reduced in number and made bigger. PRARA is now half in Sands End Ward and half in Parsons Green & Walham Ward.

The following information will clarify the general area of the two Wards which are the responsibility of PC Amey and PC Sparks respectively. However Ward boundaries are very irregular.

Sands End was made much fatter and now, instead of stopping at Wandsworth Bridge Road, extends across South Park and Peterborough Road to side streets. Boundaries go down the middle of streets, so the side of Clancarty Road which backs onto South Park is in Sands End, and the side which backs onto the Peterborough Estate is in Parsons Green & Walham. Both sides of Daisy Lane are in Sands End and so is Sullivan Court Council Estate. The side boundary there is along Hurlingham Road.

The remainder of the old Sullivan Ward from the one side of Clancarty Road to the New Kings Road, including the Peterborough Estate, is also in Parsons Green and Walham Ward, which crosses the New Kings Road to take in some of the other side.

Each of these Wards has three Councillors: Sands End has two Labour and one Conservative and Parsons Green & Walham has three Conservatives. There is a by-election on September 12 for *one* seat in Sands End, caused through some unstamped election voting slips.

Because the police organise their work by Wards, as does the Borough Council, PC Amey spoke only for the Ward for which he has responsibility – Parsons Green & Walham. PC Richard Sparks currently represents Sands End, but he

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has a number of additional responsibilities so it is likely that he may be assisted by another Constable. We will report back on this.

Nevertheless everything PC Amey said about Neighbourhood Watch applies to all PRARA members regardless of which Ward they are in, although Sands End PRARA members will usually need to speak to PC Sparks if they have concerns.

***So none of us, including the gallant expeditionary force from Daisy Lane, need worry about being out of PRARA'S and the Neighbourhood Watch footprint. Everyone is included.***

### **Parsons Green & Walham Ward**

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Finally, if those of you who have e-mail would like the next newsletter sent to you via e-mail, please e-mail me: [anntony@which.net](mailto:anntony@which.net).

Postscript: Patricia produced a booklet containing colour photos of neglected areas of South Park, and brought her master copy to the meeting at the White Horse, for members to view. We didn't make it clear that it was a viewing copy only, so if you took it, please could you return it to her as it is the master copy, and is used to make photocopies for anyone wanting one. Many thanks.

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