



PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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HIGH SUMMER MEETING OF PRARA MEMBERS

The first full meeting, (since our inaugural meeting in February), of **all PRARA members** is on **Tuesday August 13 at 7pm at the White Horse Pub** on Parson's Green. They have very kindly given us the use of their upstairs room free of charge. PC Christopher Amey who is our Neighbourhood Watch officer will be the guest of honour, and will talk about the importance of this scheme and its relevance to you, answer any questions and hand out some useful printed material. We hope you can attend so that we can get to know each other over a convivial drink. If you are unable to get along please let Patricia or myself know, and we will send you the official information on Neighbourhood Watch.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Andrew Gray's first report is attached.
All PRARA members are automatically included as members of Neighbourhood Watch.

SOUTH PARK

Since Anthony Williams expressed his concerns about the deteriorating state of South Park to the Council last September, Clancarty Road member Charles Truman has written to PRARA about his concerns. Patricia has photographed some of the worst areas and drafted a letter to Iain McFadyen, Parks Officer offering assistance from PRARA. She has made four packs of this information, one of which will be presented to Iain McFadyen with a request for further information as to the Council's future plans for South Park. The pack will be available for PRARA member to see at the July 13th meeting. Ann Rosenberg expressed an interest in putting forward a proposal for developing a wildlife area including a pond. She will do some research and make a formal proposal. Anthony Williams will find out if, as South Park is now part of a conservation area, its special features can be considered for listed status.

BOLLARD UPDATE

The rising bollard went operational on Wednesday 3rd July. A glitch in the software meant that it sometimes remained down. A meeting between the manufacturer's engineers and the council found that a timing mechanism was astray. This has now been put right.

However if any PRARA member witnesses some kind of accident or hears a bang there in the night, please call Highways emergency number: 8753 3022 between 9am and 5pm weekdays and 8753 2260 after hours or at weekends.

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SULIVAN COURT

Patricia reported that the Council's recent improvements to the estate have included altering the internal spaces to prevent moped riders using the estate as a race track and new security doors on entrances. CCTV cameras are due to be installed.

However drug pushing and drug taking are apparently taking place in and around this area, and Patricia, who has been threatened with violence after photographing traffic passing by the bollard, suggests caution when dealing with youths and adults in the vicinity. There is an Anti-Social Behavior Select Committee set up for Sullivan Court, and an Anti-Social Behavior hot line for the Sands End area – 0800 358 5655.

POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

Patricia Hicks attended the Police Consultative Group meeting held at Fulham Town Hall on 11 July and reported on the relevant information for PRARA members:

- Inspector Stan Davis is in charge of Park Police and 5 Wardens who cover Shepherds Bush Green. For reference his phone number is 7385 8963
- There are 23 Community Police to cover the 16 Wards in the Borough. They are deployed according to operational needs.
- PC Sparks will be involved in working with Hurlingham & Chelsea School to deal with local problems.
- The police do not organize or run Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Chief Inspector Vic Lazell is the Borough Liaison Officer

LOCAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

Circadian, the Lots Road developer is planning for two towers and other work divided between our borough and Kensington & Chelsea. They have put in an amended planning application which is very little different at first sight from the first one. Patricia has consulted the Fulham Society secretary, (their planning expert), and provisionally agreed that we get a sight of their new submission re Lots Road, and, if we agree, adapt it for our response. We may also consult ARISE (the Sands End Residents' Association). We are not too affected by this proposed building work, at least at present, but there may be local repercussions.

Imperial Wharf: St George, the developer is trying to sneak in 300 more units than those allowed by the Council in Phase 1. PRARA has protested to the Council.

GRAFFITI/FLY POSTING OFFICER

The Borough Direct Services department have appointed a Graffiti/Fly Posting officer to deal with local problems.

GRAUNIAD CORNER

Correction to Patricia's last report on the property developments in Lots Road. In part of it, she accidentally handed over the development of Imperial Wharf to Circadian instead of St George. Patricia's rigorous proof reading should mean that there may not many entries under this heading – but there's many a slip.....

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Neighbourhood Watch Report

The Peterborough Road, and Area Residents Association now has a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We will be writing to you twice a year with updates, or when the need arises.

There are similar schemes in the Peterborough Estate and Sullivan Court.

The Community officer is **PC Christopher Amey** who has recently taken over from PC Richard Sparks. He is contactable at Fulham Police Station, Heckfield Place SW6, **Tel:020-8246-2909**.

One of the most important duties of the scheme members is to look out for any activity that seems suspicious or unusual, by making a note of who, and what you have seen, and report it to the Police by dialling 999. You will not be criticised for dialling 999 in good faith.

Drugs are a particular issue and Dealers activity can follow a regular pattern, so look out for suspicious behaviour at regular times/places. Then dial 999 and report it.

The following are some suggestions about how to prevent crime:

- Do not leave valuables in Cars.
- Please secure your backdoors if you are not in residence.
- Make sure that garden tools (often used to break in) are brought inside or locked up in a shed.
- Cancel milk/paper orders.
- Make sure the neighbours know that you are away so that they can clear your letter box and remove large catalogues/directories left on your doorstep for you.
- Meter readers and Peddlers, always ask to see license with photo on it.
- Secure letter boxes with security flaps and wire baskets.
- If you are concerned that your home is not secure, ring the crime prevention officer at Fulham Police Station, he will offer to come to your house to give free advice on security.

I would welcome any feedback on our Newsletters and of any other matters/issues that you feel are appropriate.

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