



PRARA NEWSLETTER

PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane,
Settrington Road, Hugon Road, South Park Mews & Sullivan Road.

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO PRARA'S WINTER
OPEN MEETING
ON
MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2007
IN
THE LIBRARY AT HURLINGHAM & CHELSEA SCHOOL,
PETERBOROUGH ROAD.**

6.15PM FOR 6.30PM PROMT



THE SUBJECT IS SOUTH PARK

Parks Development Manager Rob Kelly

will update us on the LBHF Open Spaces Strategy 2008 - 2018

**You can hear PRARA's views as part of the current consultation on the
strategy, which when finished will include a heritage conservation plan and
master plan for South Park**



***Please* RSVP to Ann Rosenberg**

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For security and practical reasons we need to know how many people will attend.

South Park

A Parks Development Manager, Rob Kelly, has been appointed and he is currently working on the Borough parks strategy which is now called the LBHF Open Spaces Strategy 2008 - 2018. Anthony Williams and Cllr. Jane Law met him shortly after he commenced work and he confirmed that a heritage conservation plan and restoration priorities for South Park will be a key feature of the Strategy Action Plan.

Consultations on the Strategy will be taking place over the October / November period and we have arranged for Rob Kelly to tell PRARA members about the strategy and for members to provide feedback directly to him at the next Open Meeting on Monday, 19th November.

More immediately, the first stage of the repairs to the perimeter brick walls was scheduled to commence in September and is now in progress. The empty aviary and raised beds in the centre of the park are due to be demolished and replaced by turf in November, as agreed with PRARA. The second pedestrian gate of the main Clancarty Road entrance is now being opened each day as we requested. It is also pleasing to report that the pavilion next to the tennis courts and the adjacent brick buildings have had all their damaged windows and entrances properly boarded up and painted so that they are less of an eye sore.

Further information is given in the September Users' Group progress report which is available on the web site.

New Kings Road junction

The Council's Chief Executive has now responded to our Stage 3 complaint about the junction alterations and has apologised for the responses we received at Stages 1 and 2, and the fact that we consider we were misled about the works. The Standing Committee decided that we should accept the apologies and not take the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman. However, we have advised that we will want to study the assessment of the alterations when the results are published so that we can judge whether the claimed safety improvements have actually materialised. Copies of all the complaint letters can be found on the PRARA web site.

Peterborough School, Clancarty Road

The Council, in their role as the Local Education Authority, have formally decided that Peterborough School should close on 31st August, 2008. The necessary notices have been posted and the consultation period ended on 1st November, although we understand that current regulations make any change of decision unlikely. The Council have also announced that they are in negotiation with the French Government for the school building to become a bi-lingual primary school. We have advised the three Parsons Green & Walham Councillors, in whose ward the school is situated, that PRARA wants to be kept advised of all developments at the earliest possible opportunity so that we can make appropriate representations.

Hurlingham & Chelsea School

In the last two weeks it has been reported that the Council is negotiating with the French Government to convert the school to a bi-lingual secondary school. We do not have any details nor do we know what impact such plans might have on the future of Peterborough School. We are requesting information from our local councillors.

Report from Richard Brown on squatters in the Chandler's site in Peterborough Road

The landowner, Hugh Taylor, has now obtained a court order to evict the squatters. He will engage bailiffs to effect the eviction.

Going forward, he intends to engage a professional occupying company to ensure that the same thing doesn't happen again.

The Council will collect the rubbish which the squatters seem to have dumped outside the premises which they will examine to ascertain whether there is anything which enables them to proceed against the squatters for fly tipping.

The situation will, hopefully, be resolved in the near future.

A Warning and advice from our Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT)

Vehicle Crime Alert

A spate of theft of car parts, which has mainly affected Parsons Green Ward previously, appears now to be spilling over into Sands End Ward. The most recent offence occurred in Settrington Road a few days ago sometime over night between 7pm and 9am when the rear bumper of a 3 series BMW was stolen. This follows the theft of another bumper from a BMW recently on the Peterborough Estate. Many of these thefts in the past have been in the Parsons Green Ward and also involved bumpers being stolen from BMW's [mainly 3 series]. The typical cost of a replacement bumper is in the region of £1500.

A recent enquiry by the SMT of a BMW dealership found it would take up to 45 minutes to remove a BMW bumper. Assuming a minimum of 20 minutes to remove a bumper, that's still sometime to spend risking getting caught, even if at night.

Unfortunately, to date, no one has been seen committing such an offence and there are no suspects. If you see someone who appears to be 'working' on a car at an unusual time of night then please call the control room immediately on 0208 563 1212 or call 999.

Burglary Alert

Since the clocks went back on 28 October, darkness descends upon us in the afternoons. Many of us will be leaving the house in darkness and will be returning in darkness. This time of year we often see a rise in burglaries as it is far easier for the criminals to tell who's in and who's out.

If you don't have timer lights make it your priority this weekend to buy some. The SNT recommends buying several. If you already have some please start to use them both upstairs and downstairs to make your house look occupied. Leave the radio playing [Radio 4 is always a good channel as it is predominately a talk show station]. Make sure all locks on doors and windows are activated and finally, particularly as we approach the festive season, do not leave tempting Christmas goods on display which could be visible from the road as burglars have to do their Christmas shopping just like we do!

Report from Membership Secretary & Treasurer, Chrissy Stenning

Our membership has increased, and many thanks to everyone who has made a voluntary donation to cover PRARA's costs.

From the Committee

It's been a busy year, and we are delighted that finally our efforts on a variety of fronts have shown some progress.

We plan to have a social evening in January 2008, so PRARA members can meet their neighbours, the committee, and the two Safer Neighbourhood Teams who have worked so hard to keep down crime in our neighbourhood.

