



PRARA NEWSLETTER

PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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**Our first Open Meeting of 2008 will be held at Hurlingham & Chelsea School,
Peterborough Road on Tuesday 29 April at 6.15pm for a prompt start
at 6.30pm -7.30pm.**

****Please RSVP so we can make sure to have sufficient chairs and refreshments.***

The guest speaker is Angela Dixon, Chairman Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group

There are many changes in Fulham, and she will speak on the following topics:

Successes in PRARA area: Piper Murals, Restoration of Broomhouse Drawdock

Disappointments: Current developments at Imperial Wharf, Lots Rd approval

On going: Sands End Park design, (Imperial Wharf), Riverside Walk, New Station

PRARA Local issues: South Park, State of Carnwath Road, Castle Club

Angela Dixon, MA (Cantab), Hon MRTPI

Chairman Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group

Angela Dixon has lived in Hammersmith since 1967 and has been a member of the Hammersmith Society committee for over 25 years. She was instrumental in founding **the Hammersmith and Fulham Community Forum** (as recommended by the Skeffington report on consultation and participation in the planning process) and was its chairman.

She has been Chairman of the ***Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group** since its inception in 1987. She chairs the conservation working party of the Group which includes representatives from the Hammersmith Society and the Fulham Society as well as other Borough Groups.

In 1996 she helped, to initiate the **West London River Group**, an association of amenity societies and residents' groups on both banks of the Thames from Kew to Chelsea which

had the aim of achieving a Strategy for that stretch of the Thames. The 'Thames Strategy - Kew to Chelsea' was published in June 2002. It sets out a 100 year vision for the Thames and was achieved in co-operation with English Heritage, The Environment Agency, The Port of London Authority, the riparian Boroughs, the Government Office for London and the Greater London Authority. The Strategy has been backed by among others Nick Raynsford, the Minister for Local Government and the Regions and London's Mayor, Ken Livingston. She is a vice chairman of the West London River Group.

Angela Dixon was a member of the policy group of the Mayor's Thames and London Waterways Stakeholders Forum which advised on the **London Plan's** policies for waterways (known as the Blue Ribbon Network). She represented the Historic Buildings Group and other Groups at the Examination in Public into the Mayor's Draft London Plan and gave evidence in the sessions on the Historic Environment, Tall Buildings, the Waterways and Views. As a result of this work, the Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group has been invited to be a member of the Mayor's new working party on Strategic Views.

She is a member of the Advisory Board of New Hall, Cambridge, with a special interest in the 1960s Grade II* listed building. She is also an advisory member of the Management Board of Fulham Palace, a Grade 1 listed Buildings and an Ancient Monument.

In 2002 she was made an honorary member of the Royal Town Planning Institute in recognition of her services to conservation.

*A summary of the work of the Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group can be found at the end of this newsletter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

From Lance and Sue Pierson, NW Co-ordinators

The main recent event on the NW front was the Crime Summit in March, hosted by the Council and the Police.

There was much good news to report. Recorded crime in our borough was 15% less last year than in the previous year (compared with a reduction of only 6% in London as a whole). In both Wards that PRARA straddles there was a reduction in burglary despite one or two blips through the year. Youth crime and anti-social behaviour are a high priority in parts of the borough, including our own Sands End Ward, but it is good to see them in proportion. There are 12,750 youths aged 10-17 in the borough; only 356 (that's under 3%) have been involved with the police. Over 97% of our young people give no significant trouble.

But of course there is still crime and a demand for our Safer Neighbourhood Teams to be active on our behalf. They are aware of the problems that people have in contacting them by phone; this is their latest advice:

* For emergencies, and if you are witnessing a crime or potential crime - 999.

* For the SNTs themselves, about any non-urgent matter in your street -

- *Parsons Green and Walham Ward* (= the north side of Clancarty Road and Peterborough Road north of Clancarty): 020-8246 2993.

- *Sands End Ward* (= all other streets in PRARA, including the south side of Clancarty): 020-8246 2823

These are often an answerphone; they will get the message the next day. So you may prefer to email ParsonsGreen.Walham.SNT@met.police.uk or SandsEnd.SNT@met.police.uk.

* For matters outside the Ward, and where you want an 'immediate' (!) response - 020-8563 1212. This is the number causing problems. It is the central 'Metcall' switchboard which should connect you to Fulham Police Station. But people have found there can sometimes be a very long wait, and that messages do not always get through to the right person.

Our SNTs have reported this concern repeatedly, to the point where they think they are no longer listened to. So they are asking us, if we have any problem with that number, to report our complaint direct to the Borough Commander:

Chief Superintendent Ali Dizaei,
Hammersmith Police Station,
226 Shepherds Bush Road,
London W6

Both Ward SNT's continue to deal with household burglary as a high priority. They are concerned that many of the houses they walk past are in darkness after sunset. This is an open invitation to burglars to visit an empty property. The police urge us, if we are regularly out after dark, to install and use timer light-switches; they are cheap to buy and simple to use. Tips from experience they gave us at the Summit were:

- Have at least 2 lights on timer-switches, one at the front and one at the back of the house.
- Set them to come on at different times, so that it doesn't look obviously programmed.
- Leave curtains at least slightly open, so that the lights show clearly through the window.
- Upstairs is better than down; looking through a downstairs window shows that the room is empty.

As good PRARA members, we are OF COURSE doing all this already (!), but please pass the advice on to friends and neighbours

SOUTH PARK UPDATE

The remedial works on the Peterborough Road brick wall are scheduled for completion in April and the long overdue maintenance of the South Lodge is now finished except for the garden, which at the time of writing still required attention. £25,000 has been allocated for the refurbishment of the tennis courts with the work to be undertaken this year following a short review of tennis courts across the borough.

The Borough Open Spaces Strategy is behind schedule. Following an internal review, a revised draft will be circulated to key stakeholders for their comments and we are expecting to receive a copy before the end of April. A public consultation is planned for June involving the various "Friends of Parks" across the borough. Additionally a major user survey to assess residents' open space needs will take place over the summer.

We are reassured that the restoration of South Park is integral to the borough's strategic vision for Parks but as yet no money has been allocated for producing the Master Plan, which has to be the first step. The Standing Committee consider that three year's of reassurances are long enough (two from the current administration and one from the previous) and we have therefore intensified our lobbying campaign. We spoke directly to the Leader, Stephen Greenhalgh, at a recent *Leader Listens'* meeting in Sands End at which, usefully, a significant number of adverse comments about South Park were made, and are pressing Cllr. Paul Bristow, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, hard.

On a more encouraging note, Thomas' School are currently working with contractors to establish design and costs for a major refurbishment of the enclosed hard court area in the south west corner of the park. In due course a planning application will be made with the objective of having the work completed by September of this year.

PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL

The Council is in advanced negotiations with the French Government for the school to become a bi-lingual primary school linked to the Lycee in South Kensington. The aim is to conclude an agreement which would see the new school open in September of this year. The current school closes at the end of the Summer Term. Members of the PRARA Standing Committee have been invited to meet representatives from the Lycee and the Council, following which we should have more information on how these plans could affect the PRARA area. The meeting is scheduled to take place this month.

HEATHROW

In view of all the controversy surrounding the proposed expansion, new member Sue Oriel has agreed to monitor proceedings for PRARA and be the contact person for our HACAN membership.

Kevin Kissane made the following submission to the recent Heathrow Consultation on behalf of PRARA. *" I am the coordinator of Peterborough Road and Area Residents Association (PRARA) in Fulham, London SW6. The association has asked me to record its opposition to any activity at Heathrow Airport, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, which would lead to either any increase in aircraft activity over Fulham or to any increase in noise above that which we now suffer. "*

REQUEST - MEMBER DETAILS CHECK

You have received this copy of the PRARA newsletter because your address is listed on our membership records as a PRARA household. However, we are not always informed of changes. If you are *not* a member we hope that you will become one. A membership form can be downloaded from the PRARA web site; alternatively please ask your road representative or contact the Membership Secretary, Chrissy Stenning.

If you are a new occupant and do not wish to join PRARA, please tell us so that we do not deliver future newsletters and flyers.

Neighbourhood Watch alerts, and some other urgent communications, are now sent out by e-mail. If you have not given us your e-mail address and would like to receive these messages, please e-mail Chrissy Stenning (Membership Secretary) and Lance or Sue Pierson. Their contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

THE FULHAM SOCIETY

Mrs. Judith Drew has taken over the role of PRARA's liaison member with The Fulham Society.

DONATIONS FOR 2008 - £5.00 PLEASE

From Chrissy Stenning (Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary).

As our membership is constantly growing there is no need to increase the amount we are asking each household to donate - £5.00 it is. So would members please either bring cash to any meeting they attend, give their donation to their road rep or put their contribution through my letterbox at 15 Peterborough Road.

CHARLOTTE SULIVAN (1824-1911)

Sue Pierson has researched and written a book about Charlotte Sullivan who was a Victorian benefactress in this area. Her family lived at Broom House which was demolished when she died and the land bought up by the Hurlingham Club. Her father Laurence built the Elizabethan schools in Broomhouse Lane in memory of his wife. Charlotte founded the Parson's Green Club for working men and a library in Wandsworth Bridge Road. She built the St Dionis' mission hall in memory of her father and was generous to St Dionis' and St Matthew's churches. South Park owes its origins to her and of course Sullivan Court, Sullivan School and Sullivan Road all owe their names to the family.

But there is much more to Charlotte Sullivan than that! She was the niece of Lord Palmerston, a gifted artist, had a keen interest in her garden and travelled as far as Canada.

The book has 80 pages with illustrations and costs £5. It can be ordered from Sue at 48 Peterborough Road or by phoning 0207 731 6544 or email: sue@lancepierson.org

Summary of the work of the Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group

The Hammersmith and Fulham Historic Buildings Group was established in 1987. It is concerned with all aspects of the historic environment including historic buildings and their settings; conservation areas; open spaces including commons, parks gardens and squares, the Canal and the River; landscape and views; the public realm including street furniture and signage and the integration of the historic environment into new development.

The Group draws on the support and assistance of interested and experienced individuals throughout the Borough, a number of whom have specialist knowledge in relevant professional disciplines. It has an elected committee of fifteen, including Chairmen of local amenity groups, architects, and historians, some of whom serve on London wide, specialist and national amenity organisations.

It played an active role in public inquiries into the **Unitary Development Plan** (the most recent one adopted August 2003), particularly in relation to Historic Buildings, Open Space, Conservation Area policy, the Riverside, and the street scene. It had submitted a large number of detailed amendments to the proposed Revised UDP. This culminated in 2001 in three days of detailed evidence to the Inquiry followed by two and a half days of site visits. Many of the Group's amendments were accepted by the Council and the Inspector. In 2003 it was called as one of few Amenity Societies give evidence on the built environment (the historic environment, tall buildings and views) at the **Examination in Public of the London Plan**. It has since been invited to sit on the Mayor's working party on views and panoramas.

We are now actively involved in the consultation on the Borough's LDF and its associated documents.

One of the Group's major achievements has been to promote the drawing up of a **Local List of Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest**. The Local List is known in our Borough as the '*Local Register of Buildings of Merit*' and has been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. In the last 15 years, in consultation with the Borough, we have surveyed, listed and researched over 1500 buildings for this list. The Group has published its own version of the Local List which includes a summary of its research on each building with details of age, architect if known, style and history of each building. It is at present completing a photographic survey of the Borough's historic buildings – some 3,500 photographs – as a visual record to complement the verbal descriptions in the list. Copies of the list, photographs and research notes are supplied to the Borough's Conservation team and to the Borough Archives.

As well as the Local List its **publications** include two informative illustrated newsletters a year and an illustrated history of Bradmore House, one of the Borough's important historic buildings.

The Group is involved in an on-going study of the Borough's **Conservation Areas**. The Conservation working party of the Group, which includes representatives from the Hammersmith Society, the Fulham Society and other local amenity societies, has so far commented in detail on the draft Conservation Area Profiles of 33 of the Borough's 43 Conservation Areas including Hammersmith Centre, Baron's Court, Parson's Green, Shepherd's Bush, White City, Ravenscourt Park as well as all the Conservation Areas along the River. The Group continues to do research on historic buildings and areas in the Borough. An audit of **Sculpture** in the Borough has being recently completed. Its current research project is a survey of **Industrial Archaeology** in the Borough. It is regularly consulted by the Borough on planning applications involving the historic environment.

In 1996 the Group together with the Hammersmith Society was instrumental in starting up the **West London River Group**, an association of amenity societies on both banks of the Thames from Kew to Chelsea. The West London River Group spearheaded the drive to commission a Thames Landscape Strategy for this section of the Thames following on from the much admired *Thames Landscape Strategy Hampton to Kew*. As a result the *Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea* was launched in June 2002 and has been adopted as supplementary planning guidance by the LBs of Hammersmith and Fulham, Hounslow and Richmond.

The Group is represented on the **Fulham Palace Management Board** in an advisory capacity.

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