



PRARA NEWSLETTER

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We apologise for the delay in sending out this newsletter – but you may like to note the date of the PRARA AGM, which is on **WED. 8 JULY 6.30-7.30 pm at HURLINGHAM & CHELSEA SCHOOL**. We will send a reminder nearer the date.

REPORT ON OPEN MEETING ON 1 APRIL 2009.

Phil Cross, Headmaster of Hurlingham & Chelsea School addressed PRARA members and guests, who included local councillors.

Since he took over what was a failing school with a bad Ofsted report and the threat of closure in 2004, the changes he and his staff have made have been remarkable. In 2008 the Ofsted report said "A good and rapidly improving school". Since then the reports have been glowing. He revealed the statistics which have raised the profile of the school and which demonstrate that the continuing improvements will establish Hurlingham & Chelsea as one of the Borough's top performing schools.

The school is due to receive funds in the region of £20m for development and refurbishment. Among the ideas are the development of an urban leadership and research centre based in the school to enable the young generation to engage in training on the job; a sixth form, specialist teaching in maths and CT; a library open to the community, and a health care centre. The school building could be open day and evening for the use of the community which would make Hurlingham & Chelsea School the community hub.

SOUTH PARK / POLO IN HURLINGHAM PARK

The Master Plan public consultation process has now commenced. Please see the South Park page for details of how you can take part and help ensure that the PRARA objectives for regeneration and restoration, rather than major change, are secured.

PRARA and the *Friends of South Park* will be making separate submissions as representative organisations. There are no substantive differences between us. Both are recognised as key stakeholders and it is important that we each ensure that our views inform the consultation."

PRARA and the Friends of South Park

The two organisations are constitutionally separate with different concerns. The Friends is a single issue body and its entire focus is the well being and improvement of South Park. PRARA, as before, represents its members on a wide variety of issues that affect local residents, such as crime and anti-social behaviour via Neighbourhood Watch, including matters affecting South Park."

Polo in the Park - tickets for PRARA members

Hurlingham Park will be largely given over to World Series Polo from Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th June. Major preparations will start on 26th May and dismantling of the site will begin on 8th July and last for some 7 days.

The PRARA Standing Committee has been briefed by the Council's Events Team and we have expressed strong concern about traffic implications and requested that all parking bays be for residents' use only on the main days. The final decision on this rests with Highways and the Police.

Residents of the roads most affected roads are eligible to apply for free tickets for the two match days. PRARA is also being allocated approximately 150 free tickets for our members for the Polo Open day on Sunday 7th June. If you would like tickets, please send an SAE with a note with your phone number and the number of tickets required to **Ann Rosenberg, 72 Peterborough Road SW6 3EB. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis.**

The polo event in Hurlingham Park will be preventing schools using their usual facilities for summer sports. There will therefore be a temporary relocation to South Park, mainly over the period May to July, with both sports pitches marked out as necessary. The sports involved are cricket, softball, rounders and running. A temporary running track will be created on the Clancarty Road pitch which will be location of approximately 10 sports days during June and July. The usual adult summer cricket pitches will not be affected.

Diary

Saturday 16th May - South Park Consultation - first focus group meeting

Thursday 21st May - South Park Consultation - second focus group meeting

Saturday 6th June - Master Plan Fun Day in South Park

Friday 5th June and Saturday 6th June - World Series Polo in Hurlingham Park

Sunday 7th June - Hurlingham Park Polo Open Day

PRARA Annual General Meeting – ~~Wednesday~~ 8 July at Hurlingham & Chelsea School.

Master Plan Consultation

All households with a 1/2 mile radius of the park should have received a Survey Form with details of the three public consultation events. If not, it can be seen on www.southparkmasterplan.co.uk It is important that you either send in your completed survey form or complete the survey online.

To take part in the two focus groups (on 16th and 21st May) you need to register your interest as numbers will be limited if there is an excessive demand. Contact brigid@creativeproicess.org.uk or call her on 8691 6279. Please support the PRARA objectives for the regeneration of the park which are detailed in the report we gave to the Council in 2006. (Email subscribers [Click here](#) to see a copy). There will be a further opportunity to contribute your views at the Park Open Day on 6th June.

PRARA will be represented as a key stakeholder on the master plan steering group, which will overseeing the results of the consultation and the development of the final plan.

Friends of South Park

The Friends is a single interest group and therefore separate from PRARA and you are welcome and encouraged to join the Friends. If you have not already done so, please complete a Membership Form even if you attended the launch AGM or were part of the South Park Users' Group. Forms will be available at the AGM in 8 July. Membership is only £5. (Email receiptants of the newsletter [Click here](#) for a Membership Form). Any queries please contact the Friends secretary, Alex Schiewind on 7751 9975 or info@friendsofsouthpark.org

Schools Sports Facilities

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Maintenance

Low level maintenance continues to improve, mainly due to pressure applied by the Friends who have escorted the new Head of Residents Services around the park. Her grasp of what is required was encouraging and we should continue to see urgent works undertaken. The major renovation of the exterior wall and entrance pillars and gates is entirely due to PRARA campaigning and the results are extremely pleasant and in many ways better than we dared hope. The work has so far cost around £200,000.

Results from the Help a London Park vote The results of this competition were announced on 3rd March. Although South Park secured more than 3,000 votes, coming in third, we did not win a grant. This was disappointing but there are still several other sources of major funding which will be actively pursued when the master plan is completed and approved."

PRARA DONATIONS

From Hon. Treasurer Chrissy Stenning: Each year, we ask members to give PRARA a modest donation to cover printing, postage, paper and general administrative expenses. We suggest the sum of £5 per household. So, if you would like to make a donation, please would you put it through my letter box, (**CHRISSEY STENNING,15 PETERBOROUGH ROAD, SW6 3BT**) or give it to a committee member at the AGM. Cash only please, as we do not have a bank account.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The news of crime prevention and detection in the PRARA area remains very encouraging. We have had Safer Neighbourhood Teams of 6 police dedicated to our Wards for nearly 5 years, and in each of those years the overall crime rates have fallen. There are occasional blips in particular crimes (e.g. most recently thefts of mopeds, and mobile phones being snatched, which may lead to the police helicopter on patrol at night). And of course, in an imperfect world, we shall never reach zero crime because there are always some criminals around uncaught. But many long-term criminals have been arrested recently and are for the moment out of harm's way.

The main plea to us from the police - beyond remaining vigilant for our own security and that of our neighbours - is to report any crime we suffer or witness, however minor it seems. One criminal recently arrested confessed to stealing over 100 mobile phones. But he got off with a very light sentence because so few of them had been reported as stolen, and he could be convicted only for reported crime.

So a quick reminder of how to report crime or anti-social behaviour:

* If you need the police present within a few minutes (i.e. crime is in progress or there is a threat to life or property) - 999.

* Any other crime that needs reporting - 0300 123 1212.

* Any very local issue that you think the police should keep an eye on, call the Safer Neighbourhood Team answerphone -

Parsons Green and Walham Ward (the north side of Clancarty Road and anywhere north of that) - 020 8246 2993.

Sands End Ward (the south side of Clancarty Road and anywhere south of that) - 020 8246 2823.

* If you're not sure if something is a police matter, by all means consult us:

LANCE AND SUE PIERSON - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS (Contact details at foot of Newsletter)

BOLLARD NEWS

The bollard in Peterborough Road has been inactive some for weeks now, enabling large vehicles to use the road. The problem is the transponders, and this should be rectified in a few weeks time when new ones are installed in the buses.

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