



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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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY
8th JULY AT HURLINGHAM & CHELSEA SCHOOL
AT 6.45 pm FOR 7.00pm**



Members and guests welcome.



AGENDA



- 1 Welcome.
- 2 Apologies for absence.
- 3 Approval of minutes of AGM of 2008.
- 4 Overview of last year's activities.
- 5 Neighbourhood Watch and crime update.
- 6 South Park update.
- 7 Election of officers and committee members for 2009/10.
- 8 AOB.

We have invited our local councillors, and both Safer Neighbourhood Teams who, (operational requirements permitting), will be around to chat to you at the end of the meeting.

UPDATES TO MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER:

SOUTH PARK

The public consultation for the Master Plan has now finished. Over 300 questionnaires were returned and over 100 people attended the open day in South Park on 6th June 2009. There was no consensus over the three design options on display at the open day, which was not surprising as they did not accurately reflect what people had asked for. These requests were generally in accord with PRARA's long standing objectives for the restoration of the park.

A Master Plan Steering Group, of which PRARA is a member, is now working with the council and the landscape architects to develop a revised outline design which should be closer to what we want. It is hoped that this will be ready for consideration before the end of July. A borough sports policy both for the general public and schools is affecting discussions and, very disappointingly, is delaying action on the additional tennis courts and the improvement of the enclosed hard court in the South West corner opposite Thomas's School.

The work on the railings, gates and pillars has been successfully completed and is a great improvement but other basic and immediate maintenance is virtually at a stand still, with the only work scheduled being some minor repairs to the paths. The Friends of South Park continues to press the Parks Department but a miniscule maintenance budget for the entire borough is proving a severe limitation to what can be done.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ALERT.

**From Mick MacDonald PS 40FH
Parsons Green & Walham, Safer Neighbourhood Team,
020 8246 2993 (Not 24 hours)**

This is to ask all residents to be alert during the night-time hours. Since 1st June our neighbouring ward, Sands End, has suffered two thefts of front bumpers from BMW vehicles.

This has been a sporadic problem on our ward in the past, with some of our residents suffering the same offence more than once. In addition, Kensington and Chelsea residents have suffered a few as well in recent weeks. We have worked with our borough vehicle crime squad and I believe they have been exploring the possibility of putting electronic tracking equipment on some BMWs in the area.

So far, we have not fallen victim to these offenders for some time, but as they are clearly operating on our borders, it seems sensible to alert you all. We are pretty certain that they must operate at night, and that they have to get under the vehicle to remove the parts.

*Night time patrols will be in place but, as there are many more of you than us, I would ask you please to bear in mind that these thieves are in the vicinity. If you do happen to see any suspicious activity near a BMW, **please call 999 immediately.***

It is almost certain that the thieves will have a car or van of some description to take the bumpers away. If possible please try to make a note of the descriptions of the suspects and the type of vehicle they are using. The registration number would be a bonus.

**From Sergeant Mark Trower 33FH
Sands End SNT,**

This is to inform you about an incident that occurred 10th June in Parsons Green Ward.

A white male with a Liverpool accent described as being aged 23-26 years old, 6ft tall and of slim build wearing a grey sweatshirt, cargo trousers and grey flat cap approached the victim in her street on a bike stating he was a window cleaner and asked her if she would like her windows cleaned. The victim was on her way to her child's nursery but agreed for the suspect to call round to her house later that day to clean her windows. The male attended at the agreed time complete with a bucket and leather and was very chatty. He cleaned some windows in the upstairs of the house as well as other windows before stating to the victim that he was going off to get a scrapper and would then return to finish the rest of the windows. Needless to say the male did not return and when the victim checked her bedroom she found two very expensive watches had been stolen.

I'm sure many of you are reading this and thinking that you would never let such a thing happen to you but I'm sure if I had asked the victim the same question a few days ago she would have said the same. The point being that this person must have appeared very credible at the time and as a result has now had a very profitable outcome.

Please only employ people who have come recommended by friends, family or neighbours that you feel comfortable about or that you have actively sought out yourself through a trade directory or similar.

PRARA DONATIONS

Your annual voluntary donation of £5 is due now. This covers the expenses of stationery and printing and the maintenance of the PRARA website. Please complete the attached form which will update your phone and email details, and either give it to your road rep or send it to Hon. Treasurer & Membership Secretary Chrissy Stenning. Your contact details are confidential and PRARA will not divulge this information to any third party.

PRARA FLYER

We have printed a flyer which details our role and activities. We would like all residents in the PRARA area to become members and keep in touch and have a say in what is happening in our rapidly changing area of Fulham. Our emailed Neighbourhood Watch police alerts, (circulated by our NW representatives, Lance & Sue Pierson), are one example of the service we provide our members. We don't bombard you with requests, other than remind you when your annual voluntary donation is due. The more members we have the more effective we can be.

BURGLARY ALERT

Burglaries tend to rise in the warm weather because windows are left open. Recently a PRARA member was burgled during the night whilst asleep and access was gained through a window left slightly open but on a latch. It is thought that a child may have been used to enter the house and then open a door. Each year our local police team give out the same common sense advice – close and lock all windows. More advice is on the PRARA website.

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