



PRARA NEWSLETTER

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Settrington Road, Hugon Road, South Park Mews & Sullivan Road.

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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

The PRARA annual social get-together is on **Tuesday 24 November, 6.30 – 8.30pm at Aragon House, New Kings Road**. It's next door to the British Legion Club by the traffic lights at the junction of Parsons Green Lane. This is an opportunity to meet the committee, your neighbours and discuss your concerns with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, (SNT), for Sands End and Parsons Green & Walham Wards, operational requirements permitting. Also invited are the Head Teachers of Sullivan School, The Lycee and Hurlingham & Chelsea School. Please buy your drinks at the bar, and join us downstairs.

AGM 2009

The AGM was held at Hurlingham & Chelsea School on Tuesday 8 July 2009.

Kevin Kissane (PRARA coordinator) summarised PRARA's main concerns over the last year in the field of Planning, Environment and Transport, stating what activities in each of these fields had been undertaken.

Planning Matters

Both the Castle Club in Broomhouse Road and the former Chandlers site in Peterborough Road remain empty and there is no sign of development.

Environment Issues

The church at the junction of Hugon Road and Wandsworth Bridge Road had been demolished by its owner.

PRARA's main focus of the last year had been to provide input to the formation of Friends of South Park (FSP) which is the body now representing the community that uses the park, in its dealings

with the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (LBH&F) – Anthony Williams would expand upon this subject later in the meeting.

PRARA was consulted about the practical arrangements for “Polo in the Park”.

PRARA is aware of and will comment upon the future proposed development both of the Hurlingham and Chelsea School and Camwarth Road.

Transport issues

Despite regular complaints by PRARA the rising bollard in Peterborough Road still fails to work and has not done so since Christmas 2008. It is claimed that buses need to have new transponders fitted which are expected to be undertaken soon

Neighbourhood Watch Report and Crime Update

Sue Pierson (Neighbourhood Watch) and the two leaders of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, (SNT), Sergeants McDonald and Trower informed the meeting that robbery in Sands End Ward was 50% less than this time last year. Unfortunately breaking into cars has increased and members were advised to securely lock their vehicles and leave nothing of value in them. In one case a vehicle been broken into and £20 worth of loose change for parking meters kept in it was stolen.

South Park Update (at AGM)

Anthony Williams (AW) explained to the meeting PRARA’s involvement in setting up Friends of South Park (FSP). There may be occasions when the concerns of FSP and PRARA do not coincide and Beth Patrick remains PRARA's South Park representative. AW added that there were still concerns over the content of the master plan which was now being revised. He believed this would be completed by September after which he expected further consultation on its contents. Brendan Bird is PRARA's official member on the master plan steering group.

Finances

	£	£
Donations since last AGM		206.50
Expenses since last AGM	354.81	
Monies brought forward		398.54
TOTAL		205.23

Election of Officers and Committee Members

No other nominations being received, and the existing officers and committee members being prepared to continue in office, the meeting re-elected the officers and committee members for the future period of one year. KK informed the meeting that the committee still had no member to represent Settrington Road and asked anyone prepared to fulfill this role to contact him.

SOUTH PARK UPDATE

AW reported that none of the three outline design options for the Master Plan offered for consultation adequately met the requirements of the local community. Option 4 has now been prepared and, at the request of the Council, is currently being considered by the Friends of South Park Committee before being developed further. The Council expressed the hope that this option will substantially overcome the objections to the original designs and satisfy both the Friends, park users generally and local residents. The development process is now running behind the original schedule but it is better to have this delay than a rushed design with which people will not be happy.

The Friends are monitoring park management and maintenance and are continually pressing for remedial work to be done and action to be taken against unsocial users. The worst of the pot holes (or worse) in the paths have now been filled in, and the changing rooms cleaned inside. (The flood outside when the changing rooms are in use is caused by badly damaged drains.) The two football pitches have been moved to the northern end of the park in order to allow the grass at the southern end to recover, or regrow where it has had to be re-seeded. The pitches are scheduled to move back to the southern end in February.

Cycling in South Park: Contrary to some people's belief, the Bye Laws covering the park do permit its use by cyclists. There is, however, an expectation that all park users will show consideration to others so that cyclists, for example, should not travel at a speed or in a manner that puts other users at risk or distress. (Similarly dog owners, for example, should ensure that their animals do not foul the park or frighten people.) New bye-law notices are overdue but in the meantime a copy is available on the Friends of South Park web site, www.friendsofsouthpark.org.uk.

LYCEE IN CLANCARTY ROAD

The French primary school in Clancarty Road is officially called L'Ecole Primaire Marie D'Orliac and is part of Lycee Francais Charles de Gaulle de Londres in South Kensington.

The PRARA Standing Committee has acknowledged the efforts made by the Headmistress of the Lycee to deal with the traffic problems in Clancarty Road and appreciate that it is not an easy ask. Now that term has started there does still seem to be a very large volume of traffic. It is hoped that, when finished and implemented, the School Travel Plan will bring an improvement. PRARA has been consulted on the draft travel plan and will receive a copy as soon as it is published.

PLANNING INFORMATION

It is possible to register with the Council to be sent e-mail alerts for licensing or planning applications that might affect your property.
The link is:

http://www.apps.lbhf.gov.uk/public/servlet/ep.sub?auth=0&new=yes&st=ALERT_HOME

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS.

This is a short summary of SNT activity over the last few months – From Sgt. Mark Trower (Sands End):

Following on from the recent good news of several arrests for an attempted Burglary in Narborough Street, Fulham SW6 I thought I would continue in this good news vein with a short synopsis of some of the more pertinent stuff your Sands End Safer Neighbourhood Team have been up to on the ward this summer and beyond.

*Firstly let me give you an update of current crime figures for **Sands End** in relation to core crimes compared to last year. This consists of Residential Burglary figures , Robbery figures and all Vehicle Crime Figures. The time span covered is almost six months from the beginning of the financial year being 01/04/09 to the current date comparing the same time frame for the previous year.*

	Burglary	Robbery	Snatch	All Vehicle Crime
2008	67 residential	19	2	103
2009	43 residential	11	2	104

As you can see the figures are firmly going in the right direction with sizable reductions to date with Burglary and Robbery. Vehicle crime is static but in these figures we have seen an increase in vehicles [mainly mopeds and motor bikes] being stolen. This mirrors what is happening across the rest of The Borough and as I type various proactive operations are taking place both covert and overt to try and address this and these actions will continue for several weeks. It is also worth pointing out that despite very misleading publicity recently stating Fulham features in the top twenty postcodes across the country for committed burglaries, The Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham has the lowest Burglary rates currently in the Met.

Over the summer period the team have been involved in a number of proactive operations to include obtaining and executing 2 warrants under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

We have carried out plain clothes proactive night shifts which has seen us arrest an individual for Burglary, disrupt an illegal pirate station [arrests to follow in relation to this]. We have worked with many partnership agencies to include the NHS Fraud Investigation Team, Hammersmith & Fulham's Blue Badge Enforcement Team, social services, housing officers, and the Councils Anti Social Behaviour Team. Actions to come out of this work have included arrests for various offences, requiring people to enter into acceptable behaviour agreements, assisting housing bodies in the serving of Notices of Seeking Possession on problem tenants and in one case preparing supporting evidence for a housing body to present at court which resulted in a successful eviction of an extremely prominent problem family.

During this period we have had a number of other arrests to include Robbery, individuals wanted on warrant, drugs offences and various public order offences. Many of these arrests tie in with the wards three top priorities of Anti social behaviour from youths, Burglary and Robbery and addresses the enforcement element of tackling these areas.

We have set up a number of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and are in the process of helping roll out many more across the ward. Utopia for us would be to see every street on the ward have a successful Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is a big ask but we are certainly heading in the right direction. We have held monthly drop in surgeries at The Broughton Road Community Centre, The Townmead Estate and The Sands End Playhouse. These will continue every month with the addition of a new location being added from next month at the Imperial Wharf Room, Imperial Road SW6. Full details of dates, times and locations can be found on the internet via the Met Police Home page - Sands End SNT. These surgeries give members of the community a chance to drop in to have an informal chat with local SNT Officers. We have held a couple of Street briefings in both South Park and Pineapple Park which has given us an opportunity to hold public meetings in unique but prevalent ward locations.

During the summer Sands End Officers have taken part in various youth community events to include Summer Sports Camps, an all day large football event in South Park in July which this year was supported by Fulham Football Club and various events with the areas youth clubs. As many of you are already aware four of your SNT took part in the London Mazda Triathlon in August and in the process raised in excess of £2000 for the NSPCC thanks to the kind donations of many of you and our friends and family. We are currently looking into setting up a boxing training scheme with an external agency aimed at vulnerable youths on the brink of crime or indeed involved in crime. This type of project has seen great successes in other areas and in addition to the training sessions will focus on teaching respect for themselves and others, dealing with knife crime, drugs etc. This is a very bold project but one that could make a big difference to a lot of easily lead local youngsters who may choose a different life style and direction as a result of being involved in such a positive project. Ultimately this could mean less anti social behaviour and less crime. I am very excited by the prospect of this project and will keep you updated on its progress.

Some of you may have received this quarters local SNT News Letter and those who haven't should do so over the next few days. All wards across all boroughs in the Met are also receiving their respective news letters from their SNT's and therefore given the size of this operation the Met employ an external

agency to deliver them. Already I have had one complaint from a resident as our letter was left hanging halfway out of their letter box. This resident rightly points out that this could advertise the fact that there is nobody in. If you have had a similar experience with our news letter [not the latest leaflet offers from your local pizza company] please let me know so that I can feed this back. Equally please let me know if you did not receive your news letter.

Finally, as we race towardsdare I say Christmas. The nights are already starting to draw in and next month the clocks change making day light hours even shorter. Therefore, this is an ideal time if you haven't already done so to dust off those timer lights or indeed buy some timer lights. Next time you make your way home as night falls just have a look around you at how many houses are left in darkness.....It doesn't take a genius to come to the conclusion that in all probability there is nobody in and if you're thinking that then surely so are our opportunistic miscreant burglars !!

If you witness anyone acting suspiciously please ring **0300 123 1212** or **999** if you think a crime is about to happen or indeed is happening.

BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE (BSF) PROGRAMME.

You may have received a letter from the council informing residents of a programme of investment and change in its secondary schools with the aim of transforming education for students. Hurlingham and Chelsea school has been selected as one of the sites to be considered for improvement in 2012. At present there are no detailed proposals, but you can view the planning brief online at www.lbhf.gov.uk/planning and click on the link: *Planning Briefs for BSF*.

NEW FLYER/LEAFLET

We have printed a flyer/leaflet 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. Hon. Sec. Ann Rosenberg has copies of the leaflet/ flyer which you can request to give to your neighbours who are not already members of PRARA. The 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.

DONATIONS

Our expenses are minimal – stationary, printing and the website are the main cost. So we request a donation of £5 a year which covers our expenditure, and is due at the AGM in May/June each year. Many thanks for all of you who have paid for 2009, but we need to remind the two-thirds of you who have forgotten (oops!) to please give your payment to your road representative or pop it through Chrissy Stenning's letterbox at 15 Peterborough Road, with your name and address. Many thanks.

CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB LIAISON

PRARA needs someone who will represent its members and attend the quarterly Chelsea Football Club liaison meetings at the Club, as Simon Champion has now moved away. The meetings begin about 6.30pm and are intended to address residents' concerns about the impact of the club in the area. So far we have not had any issues. Please email or phone Hon.Sec. Ann Rosenberg.

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