



# 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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**THIS ISSUE OF THE PRARA NEWSLETTER IS BEING DELIVERED TO EVERYONE IN THE ABOVE STREETS, WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE A MEMBER. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION DOES, AND THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP. BEING PART OF THE COMMUNITY IS WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT. YOU ARE ABLE TO VOICE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES AND KNOW THAT PRARA WILL ACT ON YOUR BEHALF IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. YOU WILL ALSO BE AUTOMATICALLY PART OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND KEPT UPTO DATE ON LOCAL CRIME ISSUES.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING. YOU CAN DO SO BY ATTENDING THE OPEN MEETING ON 18 MAY, OR BY CONTACTING YOUR ROAD REPRESENTATIVE, (see list at the end of this newsletter), AND FILLING IN A MEMBERSHIP FORM. WE ASK FOR A DONATION OF £5 PER YEAR TO COVER THE COSTS OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND THE WEBSITE. YOU CAN READ PAST ISSUES AND KEEP UP TO DATE ON [www.prara.org.uk](http://www.prara.org.uk)**

### **INVITATION TO SPRING 2010 OPEN MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Lyn Carpenter, Head of Hammersmith and Fulham Council's Residents' Services will speak about her wide-ranging role. The Director of Residents' Services is a new post created by the current Administration to manage a department of front facing services which have universal impact on local residents. Her responsibilities include managing a £60million budget to provide a range of services to local residents including waste collection and street cleaning, recycling, environmental cleanliness (flytipping and graffiti removal), parks and open spaces, heritage and archives services, the Library Service, Events, sports development and bookings as well as managing the Community Safety team to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in partnership with the police.

Lyn will speak for about 20 minutes, and then answer questions from the floor.

**Details: Tuesday 18 May, 6.30pm for 6.45pm, at The Parsons Green Sports and Social Club, Broomhouse Lane (between Daisy Lane and Sullivan Road). Please ring the door bell for admittance. You may buy your drinks at bargain club prices at the bar before the meeting!**

**RSVP: Ann Rosenberg, Hon. Sec. email: [anntony@which.net](mailto:anntony@which.net) or 020 7731 5151. We would appreciate this as we need to arrange sufficient seating, and let the Parsons Green Club know how many people to expect. No problem for late arrivals either!**

### **THREE MORE YEARS OF POLO IN THE PARK**

The World Polo Group has booked Hurlingham Park during the summer for the next three years with the intention of bringing Polo 'home' for good. This year Hurlingham Park will be largely given over to World Series Polo from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The setting up and dismantling of the event will take place over a three week period incorporating half term and the May Bank holiday. This year the event has increased in size with the addition of an extra grandstand, the community day has gone but you can register for a chance to get a free ticket.

The polo event in Hurlingham Park will again prevent schools using their usual facilities for summer sports causing additional pressure on South Park where they will be re situated. By 2013 the schools will hopefully be able to use the park again but it looks like the ripped up athletics facilities will be gone for good.

The council promised that the Polo would only result in the temporary loss of the athletics track and that a brand new replacement long jump pit and shot putt area would be build. These promises have been broken. The council claims that park users said they did not want the council to replace them as they thought the areas would be treated as a toilet for dogs.

School sports facilities are a vital part of motivating young people on the build up to the Olympics. The two track painted lines in Hurlingham Park are a paltry offering especially as they have been carelessly daubed over a man hole cover.

£200,000 was given to the council by World of Polo for the benefit of the park. A large amount was donated by the EU for the adventure playground. The launch party for the adventure playground will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> May but we are left wondering where the money from the World of Polo has gone.

### **SOUTH PARK UPDATE**

The Friends of South Park have reported that they are now in a constructive dialogue with the Council to finalise an acceptable master plan, many elements of which are already agreed. A playground working group that is being coordinated by the Friends is informing plans to improve the existing play space, which may include a marginal expansion of play area and better use of the existing space, the addition of natural play features and the assurance that children ranging in age from 0 to 13 will have fun, age-appropriate and challenging play facilities. Grant requests supporting these objectives are underway and plans will be presented for comment at the next Friends open meeting on Wednesday, 16th June.

Another working group is developing proposals for the north west corner including Clancarty Lodge. These have been inspired by Charlotte Sullivan's lifelong interest in horticulture and are in keeping with the park's historic themes of nature, food, children, education and healthy living. The proposals will feature the much requested cafe and public toilets. The Friends have recently been able to inspect all the buildings and found they are in a much better condition than had been suggested.

Renewed efforts to deal with many outstanding maintenance issues are having some success with holes in the pathway repaired and minor repairs ongoing. Of real note is the complete re-seeding of both playing fields which will commence with the north field on 12th May. This will require the entire field to be fenced and taken out of use for six weeks. Please help by respecting this restriction

and understanding why it is necessary. A similar closure of the south field will take place in July and August.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE**

Report from Lance & Sue Pierson:

There are more than 150 Neighbourhood Watch groups in the borough making 214 streets safer, reducing car crime and burglary. Burglaries have fallen by 23%, bucking a London-wide trend.

More people in Sands End took Police advice this Christmas and put burglary deterrents in place such as leaving lights on after dark. The Safer Neighbourhood Team, (SNT), said it was very quiet over Christmas. They are pleased to report that Sands End has the third lowest recorded crime figures in Hammersmith and Fulham despite having the largest growing population.

It is important to register valuable items such as sat navs, bicycles, mobile phones etc; in fact anything with a serial number on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Then, if they are stolen and recovered by the police, they can be returned to you easily.

Listening to the experiences of people in other parts of the Parsons Green Ward, makes us realise how fortunate we are to live in the PRARA area!

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 on answerphone; they will get the message the next day. So you may prefer to email [ParsonsGreen.Walham.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:ParsonsGreen.Walham.SNT@met.police.uk) or [SandsEnd.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto: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.

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.

This is the latest email bulletin from Sgt Mark Trower head of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) who patrol Sands End Ward.

*Dear Residents,*

*Despite continued year on year healthy burglary crime reductions within Sands End it is my duty to make you aware of any patterns of increases.*

*This has been the case within the last week and there are many similarities with the method employed. Primarily, this includes targeting ground floor sash windows of houses and flats which have basic window security [or have very poor lock security] such as a single central window locking bolt. Some properties [whilst still being occupied] have been displaying for sale signs or to let signs. Many offences are occurring overnight and property taken includes cash, electrical items and in some cases owners cars.*

*Response team colleagues have been successful in making two separate arrests in relation to some of these offences in Sands End and our burglary squad have and will continue to carry out proactive operations. Likewise, we will continue to carry out visible patrols in your area along and offering crime prevention advice. The former occurred due mainly to the quick and decisive actions by members of the public to alert police.*

*However, despite these good results burglaries are still being committed so we need your support. My request of every recipient of this email is to ask you to review your own home security to see if it is fit for purpose. If you would like us to assist in this review we would be very happy to do so. Any recommendations we make will be realistic and affordable. If you have a vulnerable or elderly neighbour who may benefit from a visit by one of my staff then please let me know. For such neighbours, we can obtain many security improvements free of charge through one of our crime prevention partners and in turn help promote reassurance.*

*Finally, if you hear or witness any suspicious activity call 999 immediately. In all other cases Hammersmith & Fulham Control Room can be contacted on 0300 123 1212*

*Together we will continue to drive down crime and help keep Sands End one of the safest wards in Hammersmith & Fulham.*

*Kind regards*

*Sergeant Mark Trower 33FH  
Sands End SNT  
Fulham*

**PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL, CLANCARTY ROAD – NOW GRADE II LISTED.**

"The former Peterborough School in Clancarty Road is one of the 500 schools built by the London School Board, mainly in the last quarter of the 19th Century and many in densely-populated, poor areas where they were (and often remain) the most striking buildings in their locales. By the Edwardian period few neighbourhoods in London were without one of these red brick, Queen Anne style, three-storey buildings. The Peterborough School building has now been honoured with a Grade II listing for the following principal reasons:

- \* It is an unusually handsome and well-preserved example of a London board school, designed by the Board's architect TJ Bailey and notable for its striking roof line of towers, gables and dormer;
- \* It contains an unusual collection of commemorative items comprising several school honours boards

and a Great War memorial."

## **STREETBANK**

A report from Hon.Sec. Ann Rosenberg – now a Streetbanker!

Log into [www.streetbank.co.uk](http://www.streetbank.co.uk) and read about this new initiative in neighbourliness. Put in your postcode and you are connected to other members within a mile of your address. The Streetbank launch party in mid April at St. Pauls Church in Hammersmith was a friendly event with people bringing things to give away. Books, DVDs, clothes and even a unicycle were up for grabs. It was one of those events which restores your faith in people.

### ABOUT STREETBANK

Sam, a man with a good idea, piloted a simple website where you could list things that could be borrowed, things you wanted to give away, and things you needed, and then exchange them with your neighbours. The website was called [Streetbank](http://www.streetbank.co.uk), and after some testing in East Dulwich and running in Beta, they were ready to launch.

The principle behind Streetbank is that sharing between neighbours is a good thing. Why should everybody have their own ladder, or lawnmower, or power drill, if you can share one between you? Everybody saves money, it keeps the household clutter under control, fewer things are bought and thrown away, and hence fewer carbon emissions. And we get to meet our neighbours and build community in the process.

When you sign up to Streetbank, you can list things that you don't mind lending, things you want to give away, and skills that you can offer to your neighbours. You can also view everybody's else's offers within a mile of your house. The more people sign up, the more useful the site becomes, until you have a whole network to draw on. How about exchanging DVDs, rather than buying them or going to Blockbuster? Or passing on baby clothes or toys as children grow up? Or offering to set up neighbours' broadband connections, or sharing a surplus of runner beans?

*A Streetbank experience: Mother-of-three Marianne cycled from Brussels to London for charity. Through Streetbank, she was lent a bike, a bike-carrier and learnt to repair a puncture.*

## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF AGM**

This will take place on **Monday 5 July 2010** at 6.30pm for 6.45pm at the **Parsons Green Sports and Social Club** in Broomhouse Lane, followed by a talk on Fulham's benefactress Charlotte Sullivan by Sue Pierson.

The agenda will include the approval of the AGM 2009 minutes, and the election of officers and committee members for 2010/2011.

Nominations are invited for the posts of Coordinator,(Kevin Kissane is standing down) Settrington Road representative, and Chelsea Football Club liaison (currently vacant), and all other committee posts. Please send nominations to Hon. Sec. Ann Rosenberg by Monday 14 June 2010.

**Sue Pierson** has researched and written a book about **Charlotte Sullivan (1824-1911)** 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.

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