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Our first newsletter heralds the long awaited Spring weather, and with it comes an invitation to our first Open Meeting of 2011, to meet the Hammersmith & Fulham Council Planners on 20 April.

The next few years will see the development of much of Sands End Ward bordering the river, mainly along Carnwath Road, and also the major Sainsbury's development in Townmead Road. It is rumoured that Thames Water are proposing an alternative route for their Super Sewer through Sands End as an alternative to Barnes.

PRARA has invited Hammersmith & Fulham's Team Leader, Planning Regeneration Mr Matt Butler. He is responsible for managing the projects within five borough regeneration areas which include South Fulham Riverside. This involves both formulating policy guidance to assist and co-ordinate development proposals in the areas and deal with pre-application discussions as well as planning applications.

He will give us an oversight of these proposed developments and the likely impact it will have on residents, schools and our streets. These include increased traffic and the pressure on parking space, schools and other amenities. He will be accompanied by leuan Bellis, (xxxx)

You and your guests are invited to attend the meeting and ask questions. The meeting will be held at The Parsons Green Sports and Social Club in Broomhouse Lane (between Daisy Lane and Sullivan Road) at 7pm.on Wednesday 20 April. Refreshments at club bar prices.

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School run traffic problems

Anthony Williams reports:

Ecole Marie d'Orliac, the Lycee primary school in Clancarty Road, are very aware of the congestion and local traffic problems that can occur near the school, mainly by arrivals at the start of their school day. The Headteacher and Parent Teacher Association have been working very hard to introduce measures that discourage car use and encourage children to come by other means such as cycling and scooter. The school has a comprehensive Travel Plan which they have discussed fully with PRARA. The latest version has just been approved by TfL and includes new targets for the next 12 months.

The Plan encompasses a programme of events and changes all designed to educate both children and their parents. These include, for example, reducing the amount of illegal parking, road safety training sessions, competitions, walking buses, marshals, new cycle racks inside the school premises, a shelter for parents who come on foot to collect their children, and educating children to show courtesy to others when using scooters. The Plan is also discussed with the Council's school travel officer to enlist Council support and help.

The following table shows the various travel modes when the Travel Plan was first introduced in 2009, the result at the end of 2010 and the targets for 2011. Of most significance is the pleasing reduction in car use for which the school should be congratulated.

Mode	2009 survey	2010 actuals	2011 targets
Car	31.7 %	28.1 %	23.2 %
Walk	30 %	24.5 %	27.1 %
Bicycle or scooter	15.5 %	31.8 %	34.4 %
Bus	14.5 %	10.5 %	10.5 %
Train or tube	8.3 %	4.8 %	4.8 %

SOUTH PARK UPDATE

Anthony Williams reports:

The good news is that, following a further consultation in January, one important and significant part of the master plan - the enlarged and improved childrens' play area - now has an approved design and is fully funded. The money for the work has come from Council monies specifically designated for play and external grant funding obtained by Friends of South Park. Work is scheduled to begin in the Spring with a Summer completion.

The first, albeit very small, step in transforming the north west corner is also under way. The fenced and under used rose garden will be turned into a heritage market garden. The launch of this will be celebrated with a community event on 15th May, which is South Park's 107th birthday.

The much less good news is that in spite of 42 objections to the Council's proposal in the Proposed Core Strategy to remove the Open Land designation of Clancarty Lodge and the surrounding buildings and depot area, the Core Strategy has been submitted unchanged. The Core Strategy is subject to approval by a Planning Inspector who will hold public hearings at which selected people who made submissions are invited to discuss them with the Inspector.

Work commenced on 14th March with the entire area closed for an initial month for ground preparation. The area will then be brought back into use in phases with a scheduled Summer completion

At the same time the Friends are continuing to pursue the legal enforcement of the protective covenant created by Charlotte Sullivan when she sold the South Park land for public recreational use.

POLO IN THE PARK

Fenella Gray reports:

For the third year running Hurlingham Park will be the venue for a Polo event this summer. The 2011 dates for Polo in the Park are 3rd-5th June and tickets are on sale through Ticket Master. Again the park will be partially closed for the schools half term break whilst the event is being set up.

The problems which caused the park to be partially closed after last year's event are being addressed. The grounds were not adequately watered after the reseeding resulting in a poor quality playing surface in areas of the pitches. The suggestion by the organisers of World of Polo is to place a bore hole in the park at a location agreed with the rugby club. This will be funded by World of Polo which is also offering to cover the annual licence cost of extracting the water. This idea is well received as a long term solution to dry summers in the future.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Lance and Sue Pierson report from the Crime Summit and reproduce below the latest reports from our two local police teams, led by Sgt Mark Trower in Sands End Ward, and Sgt Pete Nicholson in Parsons Green and Walham Ward.

From Sue Pierson:

"I attended the Crime Summit on Saturday at Chelsea FC in their impressive conference suite. There were lots of people there when I arrived looking at the various stands eg. Neighbourhood Watch, SNTs, recycling etc.

After the opening introductions, I went to a workshop on Anti-social Behaviour. The speaker from the council gave us all the technical jargon, far too much and too fast. At the end, someone asked, 'Yes, but what is anti-social behaviour?' After that we had a very impressive presentation from students at Fulham Cross and Henry Compton about how they were working with local shops and businesses to show that not all young people carry knives or are into drugs.

The other workshop I attended was on the environment, where there was a much better explanation about what the department is responsible for. But again the most encouraging part was from the young men running the Kickz project at Chelsea FC where they not only teach football skills but help the youngsters to see what it means to be good citizens by getting them to identify the problems and suggest the solutions.

There were a number of folk in the seminars with personal grievances which the officials took seriously. The person who introduced the day called the workshops, break-outs, which seemed very appropriate!

It was a very interesting and instructive morning which I recommend to you for next year – anyone can go.

In the light of the presentations I heard, it made me wonder if we should be actively recruiting some younger members on the PRARA committee. We certainly should have them on the Ward panels which I will be suggesting”.

SANDS END WARD

Report from Sergeant Mark Trower 33FH
Sands End Safer Neighbourhood Team

The borough has seen a recent increase in residential burglaries being committed. Sands End has not escaped this increase and in response all Sands End Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers undertook a week of pro active plain clothes night time patrols. This week of action produced the following;-

- 42 stops of which 33 were searches
- 2 arrests [one burglary related]
- Assisted in the search for three suspects connected to a burglary in Parson Green Ward which resulted in three arrests.
- Seizure of property from one stop to make further enquiries
- 2 cannabis seizures
- No burglaries in Sands End during these patrols
- No Robberies " " " " " " "
- No vehicle crime [excluding two criminal damage to vehicle]
- Good intelligence gained from stops

We will continue to monitor our burglaries with consideration for further plain clothes patrols should the need occur. Our actions form only part of the boroughs response to this recent increase and there are many other positive police activities taking place behind the scenes to bring those responsible to justice.

As ever, my offer to each and every resident in Sands End still remains; if you would like one of your local officers to visit you at your home {at time to suit you} to review your home security, please to not hesitate to contact me.

With your help we will continue to keep Sands End one of the safest wards in Hammersmith & Fulham

PARSONS GREEN & WALHAM WARD.

Report from Sgt. Pete Nicholson
Parsons Green and Walham Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Burglary [i.e. theft from houses] on the ward remains the number one problem, with the spike in offences continuing, albeit at a slightly lower rate. The team have been working hard to try and combat the ongoing burglary problem, including further burglary prevention advice to residents, along with other methods. For the past ten days and for the next twelve days, we have changed our shifts completely, to work the hours when the burglaries are being committed. This has led to some long hours but at the some time some good results, where offenders have being removed from the streets. We are also working closely with our neighbouring wards along with the borough burglary squad to try and get this problem well under control.

Arrests of prolific offenders for burglary have taken place and this work is ongoing. The main issue appears to be that several known burglars have been released after serving their sentences and appear to be carrying on where they left off, and also recruiting others. I am sorry to say that I don't feel that this problem will cease in the short term, despite our best efforts.

Please help us by ensuring that your doors and windows have good quality locks, as mentioned in many previous emails. We have had some recent attempted burglaries on sash windows, but the suspects have been unsuccessful due to the sash window side bolts that were fitted, they really do work. Please also ensure that you also have a letterbox cowl fitted, as letterbox type burglaries are currently being committed on the ward and borough.

Now for the good news. Robberies [i.e. theft from people] remain at a very low rate on the ward, well down on last year, and the fears of further robberies on lone females haven't materialised, certainly not in your immediate area. However, please remain vigilant and be aware of what is going on around you.

Motor vehicle crime, again, is well down on last year but offences do continue. Please leave nothing of value in your car and ensure that it is locked. This will reduce the chances of becoming a victim of this type of crime.

STOP PRESS- EMAIL NEWS UPDATE FROM Sgt. Mark Trower – Sands End Ward.

In February a robbery occurred in Fulham shortly after 5pm where the female had just parked her car near to her home, having returned from a shopping trip. She was about to get her young child out from the rear seat when she was grabbed from behind by a suspect wearing a crash helmet. A second suspect, who was also wearing a full faced helmet, tried to remove rings from her finger. When this was unsuccessful, one of the suspects instructed her to remove the ring which she did; both suspects then made off on a motor bike. Since then another Robbery, involving two males wearing crash helmets has occurred in a residential road in Fulham. This offence happened at about 6.20pm on the 24th February whereby the female victim had just walked from her house, with a friend and her friends children a few doors along to the friend's house. Whilst walking back to her own house she was grabbed around the neck from behind by one of the suspects whilst the other suspect pulled of a ring from her finger; both then made off on a motor bike.

Both these offences by their nature have been linked. They in turn have further been linked to a similar series of offences that have been committed in Wandsworth. Suspect descriptions for the Wandsworth crimes and both Fulham crimes are described as black males. Victims are usually lone females, sometimes with children and jewellery and watches are the items of property being targeted.

Both Hammersmith & Fulham and Wandsworth Police are working closely together to try and catch those responsible for these despicable and cowardly crimes. This email is not sent out to alarm, but to inform you of this emerging pattern and encourage you be aware of your surroundings when going about your daily lives. Please remember such Robberies on this borough are thankfully, extremely rare.

If you see males together wearing crash helmets in residential roads that give you cause for concern please do not hesitate to call police on 0300 123 1212 but always remember to use 999 in an emergency.

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