



Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association  
incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road,  
South Park Mews, Sullivan Road and Settrington Road

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## 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### and SOCIAL GATHERING

with a talk by

**SUE PIERSON**

*“The fascinating history of  
Peterborough House”*

**Wednesday 26th June**

**6.30 for 7.00 pm**

**St. Matthew's, Wandsworth Bridge Road**

**Wine by donation**

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### 1 - Annual General Meeting

- Approval of the Minutes of the 2012 AGM
- Brief overview of subsequent events - Co-ordinator Sue Oriel
- Questions
- Short financial Report - Hon. Treasurer Jonnie Godfrey
- Election of Officers (the Standing Committee): Co-ordinator / Road Representatives / Hon. Secretary / Hon. Treasurer / Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Any nominations must be received by the Hon. Secretary by 18th June, supported by a Secunder and with the consent of the Nominee. All current members of the Committee are offering themselves for re-election.
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### 2 - The fascinating history of Peterborough House

PRARA member Sue Pierson is - among many other things - a local historian. She has just finished writing an illustrated book on the characters who lived in the house over a period of some 600 years. Come and hear - and see - a sneak preview of the results of all her

research. Peterborough House and its grounds covered most of the houses known as the Peterborough Estate.

### **3 - Thames Tunnel**

Many thanks indeed to those of you have registered with the Planning Inspectorate; this is our way of indicating our objection to the level of disruption it would cause.

As far as the planning process goes, nothing further will now happen till September, when the Inspectors will hold hearings and invite those who have registered to voice their objections. As your PRARA committee, we are totally opposed, not only to the Carnwath Road drilling site (because of the disruption it would cause); but also to the whole idea of a 20-mile tunnel (because there are cheaper, greener and more effective ways to prevent the rain going into the drains and causing polluted overflows into the river). We therefore support Clean Thames Now and Always (<http://cleanthames.org>) and other groups promoting green infrastructure as an alternative to the tunnel; they certainly will be keeping busy between now and September. If you have not yet signed their petition to Boris

Johnson, asking him to champion green infrastructure, please now do so <http://bit.ly/stopSS> If you can't remember if you have or not, don't hesitate: just sign, and it will prevent you if you have already done so.

### **4 - Neighbourhood Watch**

The main news to report is a change in the local policing structure, to take effect from later this month. The police are having to impose financial savings, as much as any other public body, and this is their response. From June 24<sup>th</sup> many duties now carried out by other police teams will be transferred to our Safer Neighbourhood officers. To achieve this, there will be an extra 92 police constables in the H&F Borough Neighbourhood Police force, but most of them will be in a central pool, ready to be allocated to areas of greatest need or special emergency. Each Ward (in our case, Sands End and Parsons Green & Walham) will have only 1 PC and 1 PCSO allocated to it, compared with (at full strength) 2 PC's and 3 PCSO's at present. The one improvement is that the two officers in each Ward will be ring-fenced to give all their time to it, and will not be diverted to other duties, as is sometimes happening at the moment. There will still be a Sergeant in supervision of both Ward teams, but he will have other duties as well; so the PC and PCSO will take more initiative than at the moment, when they have to await the Sergeant's say-so. The appointments have just been announced, and we are pleased to say that the current Sergeant and senior PC's and PCSO's will remain in post.

Reported crime in our two Wards is at an all-time low and continues to fall year on year; so it seems churlish to object to having a smaller basic team. And of course the pool of other officers will be sent to us if things get worse, just as much as to any other Wards. But it is an untried structure, which we shall monitor very carefully. The Borough Commander asks us to trust her while the change takes place.

### **5 - E-mail addresses**

If you want to be sent immediate notifications of crime alerts, and receive future issues of the PRARA newsletter electronically, please ensure that we have your current and correct e-mail address. Simply e-mail either Jonnie Godfrey or Lance Pierson - their addresses are at the end of this newsletter.

### **6 - Agilisys Awards**

These are new borough awards launched by the Council in conjunction with Hammersmith & Fulham Chronicle and Agilisys, a council supplier. We nominated Lance and Sue Pierson for the Crime Fighter Award and were delighted that they were short-listed. The awards were made at a ceremony in Hammersmith Town Hall on May 15th: we are very pleased

that Lance and Sue were one of two runners-up, but the winner – very properly – was the late Piotr Mickiewicz, the street cleaner who was fatally stabbed trying to stop a crime.

## **7- Boris Bikes**

Transport for London has been lodging planning applications for cycle hire bike stations across the borough, including one at the south end of Settrington Road adjacent to Woolneigh Street and another for 27 bikes outside South Park in Clancarty Road. PRARA supported local objections to the Settrington Road location and planning permission was refused. We have lodged an objection to the Clancarty Road location on safety and parking grounds and its effect on the park. Our members who live closest to the proposed station all consider the location to be unsuitable. Ecole Marie d'Orliac has a similar opinion and have lodged their own objection.

## **8 - Ecole Marie d'Orliac**

We have supported a request by the school for a re-timing of one morning service of the 424 bus, and a small 30 minute bus only zone outside the school at the start and end of their school day. Both measures are designed to reduce traffic congestion and encourage the use of public transport.

## **9 - Peterborough Road bollard**

Following the re-instatement of the scoot loops on 18/19th March the bollard has worked correctly with only one known failure. Manual traffic data counts show that other vehicles have used the bus lane when the bollard is out of action, which is a danger to other drivers. Our bollard warden monitors what is happening but please tell us if you notice that the bollard is permanently down.

## **10 - South Park**

A small beehive has been installed in the Heritage Garden. On behalf of FOSP, Quadron are in contact with Bristol and Sheffield Universities to identify a range of urban plants which would be good pollinators for bees throughout the year. There are plans to locate these in the south east corner of the park. An application for a SITA grant was unsuccessful but will be re-considered in the next funding year which begins in July.

## **11 - Revd. Gary Piper**

Gary Piper, a resident of Clancarty Road, retired at the end of April after 28 years as Vicar of St. Matthew's, Wandsworth Bridge Road. Until a replacement is appointed the church continues under the stewardship of Sue Pierson, who would warmly welcome any PRARA members to the 10am Service any Sunday.

## **12 - Hurlingham & Chelsea School Library**

The library was eventually given a 'soft opening' in March pending the final resolution of the outstanding planning issues. Access is strictly controlled and access times are limited. When the closure of the Sands End Library was proposed, a replacement 'community library' on school premise was promised. However, what we now have is a school library with limited community access. Fuller details are due to be published at the time of the official opening, date as yet unknown.

## **13 - Hurlingham Retail Park redevelopment**

This site, currently occupied by Curry's and PC World, is scheduled for redevelopment in the next two to five years. The proposed scheme is predominantly residential but with space for a replacement of the existing retail outlets and car park at the lower level. The PRARA Standing Committee was briefed by the developer and architect during our 26th March meeting. We were favourably impressed by the proposals except for the building heights. A formal planning application is awaited before any submission can be made.

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