



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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2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
and
SOCIAL GATHERING

Tuesday 15th July
6.45 pm - 8.00 pm

The White Horse, Parson's Green
First Floor Function Room - access to the left of the
main bar

PLEASE SEE AGENDA BELOW

Cash bar

1 - 2014 Annual General Meeting

The PRARA Standing Committee warmly encourages as many members as possible to join us for this year's AGM - we will be keeping the formal business as short as possible.

AGM Agenda

- Approval of the Minutes of the 2013 AGM
- Brief overview of the past, very eventful year - 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 8th July, supported by a Secunder and with the consent of the Nominee. All current members of the Committee, who are listed on page 6, are offering themselves for re-election.
- AOB

The PRARA Constitution can be seen by following the link on the *Who is PRARA* page on our web site.

The AGM is your opportunity to get to know the members of the committee and tell us how we are doing and how we can make our association more effective. It's also a good time to meet other members and, subject to their availability, our local councillors and members of our SNT teams.

2 - The changed political climate

PRARA is and always has been a non-political association, and we work with (- or against when necessary!) our local council, whatever its colour. The unexpected result of the local elections on 22nd May will inevitably have an impact on our area in some way, in addition to the potential changes involving Sullivan School reported below. It is too soon to know what else might have a potential impact on our area. We will be closely monitoring developments in case action is needed. Although the Borough is now Labour controlled with a majority of 6, both our wards retained Conservative councillors, all but one of whom was serving previously.

3 - Sullivan School

The new Labour administration announced on 2nd June that they intended to revoke the decision made by their predecessors to combine Sullivan with New King's Primary School and create a new school on the New King's site under the headship of Miles Chester, the Headteacher of New King's. That decision had to be made a second time as the first decision was called in by a Scrutiny Committee.

Before the council can proceed a new consultation will have to be held and it is not anticipated that any further information will be available until after the next Cabinet Meeting scheduled for 23rd June. Naturally, everyone at Sullivan is delighted with the news, especially the Headteacher Wendy Aldridge and the Chair of Governors Rosie Wait.

The amalgamation plans involved New King's moving completely to the Sullivan site for the 2014/15 academic year, where it would occupy temporary classrooms, whilst the New King's site is developed. Pupils from the two schools were then due to move to the New King's site in September 2015 when it would become a new school with a new name. If those plans are revoked, both schools will continue to function separately.

The temporary classrooms required a planning application to which PRARA and Hurlingham District Residents' Association (HDRA), which covers the area on the other site of the Sullivan site, both objected. Our objections were based on the adverse transport and travel impact that would result. Unsurprisingly, approval was given for the construction of the

temporary buildings, which are scheduled to begin installation at the end of June. If they are installed, they will be on the Peterborough side of the existing buildings but will be largely obscured by trees.

HDRA and PRARA met Ian Heggs, Tri-borough Director of Schools Commissioning, and Dave McNamara, Tri-borough Director of Finance & Resources, with Cllr. Marcus Ginn in attendance, on 15th April and therefore when the amalgamation was still underway. The meeting was intended to brief us on the forthcoming changes but the discussion concentrated on flaws in the New King's travel plan for the 2014/15 academic year, which the Council officers could not explain at the time, nor have they subsequently done so.

At the meeting, both associations strongly re-asserted their objection to the possible future use of the Sullivan site by the new Fulham Boys School.

4 - Fulham Boys School

Even though it has not secured permanent accommodation, which is supposed to be a prerequisite before a new school is allowed to open, the Educational Funding Agency has given Fulham Boys School (FBS) permission to open in September on a temporary site behind West Kensington tube station in Gibbs Green.

As part of its application process, FBS undertook a statutory public consultation in December and January but failed to advise either PRARA or HDRA even though both associations have such strong concerns over the school's possible use of the Sullivan site. We expressed our displeasure to the Council, who in turn conveyed this to the FBS. FBS provided a response although we are not certain that the claimed distribution of the consultation document is entirely accurate. No explanation was forthcoming as to why our two residents' associations were not directly advised.

The previous council administration eventually separated the decision over the future of Sullivan School from that over any future use of the Sullivan site. No application for FBS to use the Sullivan site has yet been made and it seems very unlikely that it ever will be. Although we believed that the Sullivan site should not be used by the FBS, we have no objection to the school and hope that it can find a suitable site elsewhere. To this end we have been lobbying the Education Funding Agency, specifically suggesting the possibility of the school being located in the massive Earls Court redevelopment scheme.

5 - Beth Patrick memorial

Beth Patrick was a long standing member of the PRARA committee and a founding member of the Friends of South Park (FOSP) committee. She was passionate about the park and worked very hard to improve it. She had a special interest in planting and trees and raised money for both. Beth's unexpected and sudden death in March saddened both associations as well as those with whom she liaised at the Council and Quadron, the Council's contractor. The council officer concerned has enabled us to commemorate Beth and this was done at a small ceremony on June 8th organised by FOSP and attended by members of the FOSP and PRARA Committees and two of Beth's sons. Two roses and an oak tree were planted and a memorial bench was unveiled. The bench is located on the north pathway near the Victorian shelter. Later this year PRARA will be planting a memorial tree.

6 - Neighbourhood Watch

For the first time in some years, there has been a slight upward turn in the reported figures for some forms of crime in both our Wards. We need to monitor a longer period to see how to interpret this development. It could be a temporary blip in the recent encouraging historic low; or it could be the beginnings of a resurgence as a result of cuts in the police budget.

But before we accept this diagnosis, we should note that the police are saying that most crime is still opportunistic – i.e. criminals are taking advantage of the carelessness of their victims. Better security from all of us would have the crime figures falling again.

There have been some changes in personnel in our Ward police teams. We have two new PC's: in Parsons Green and Walham, Stewart Cherrington and in Sands End, Pauline Catesby. Their longer-term assistants are: in PGW, PCSO Mark Lyons; and in SE, PCSO Abdul Deen-Jalloh. In theory they are dedicated to their Wards, and we should see them regularly on the beat; but inevitably staff sickness or shortages in other parts of the Borough can see them deployed elsewhere some of the time.

Part of the new police structure means that police stations are open to the public for shorter hours. Hammersmith station is still open 24/7; but Fulham is now open only Tue-Fri 9-5 and Sat 12-8; closed Sun + Mon. The police remain available by phone at all hours: 999 for witnessing crime taking place or, in your judgement, likely to take place; 101 for any other, non-urgent queries.

7 - Chelsea Victory Parades

Chelsea Football Club victory parades have caused massive inconvenience in the past two years. Whilst any sports fan will sympathise with Chelsea supporters' disappointment that the club failed to win either of the two major tournaments this year, it was a relief for affected residents.

PRARA Committee Members Marjorie Simonds Gooding and Lance Pierson had been working to alleviate the impact of a parade if it had taken place. They are now pressing on with PRARA's request for a protocol for future years, clearly identifying who is responsible for what in organising parades.

8 - Thames Tunnel

The public examination on Thames Water's planning application for the Tunnel closed as scheduled at 23.59 hours on 12th March. The Planning Inspectors were required to prepare their report and recommendations and submit them to the Secretaries of State (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Department of Communities and Local Government) by 12th June. The Secretary of State now has up to a further three months in which to make his decision. This must be announced by 12th September at the latest which is also the latest date by which the Inspectors' Report must be published. Both the announcement and publication could come earlier.

The Carnwath Road Coalition is investigating what action will be needed to influence the outcome. and specifically any decision involving Carnwath Road. This would be done in conjunction with other Interested Parties, including our MP, Greg Hands, who are being consulted. To ensure any further protest has maximum impact it will require the involvement of all members of the Carnwath Road Coalition, including PRARA. More information on how you could help when we have it.

Meanwhile, there is a petition to have Parliament scrutinise the irregular financial practices of Thames Water and other water companies. If you want to help keep up the pressure on the authorities, please consider signing the petition which can be found at www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/end-the-great-water-rip-off.

9 - Peterborough School building

The building is now shared by two primary schools, the French Ecole Marie d'Orliac and the English Holy Cross. The development scheme for the building prepared by Marie d'Orliac in

conjunction with the Council, on which PRARA was fully consulted, is currently in abeyance while the scheme is discussed jointly by the two schools.

10 - Putney Bridge extended closure

Following the consultation earlier this year, Wandsworth Council have elected to have the shorter and less expensive total closure of the bridge whilst they undertake essential major repairs. Work will commence on 14th July and the bridge is not likely to re-open until October, which earlier than previously estimated. There is likely to be a huge impact on Wandsworth Bridge and Wandsworth Bridge Road with worse than usual traffic problems. During the closure at least one footway should remain open at all times for pedestrians. Cyclists will have to dismount and use the footway. Buses will operate a shuttle service from both ends of the bridge, with passengers having to cross the bridge on foot to continue their journeys.

11 - Prudential RideLondon

This year's now annual cycling festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 9th & 10th August. The currently published route for the Sunday rides involves King's Road and Putney Bridge but details of the final route and road closures will not be published until next month. The closure of Putney Bridge can be expected to cause a route change which, optimistically, might reduce the impact on our area. The events on the Saturday are confined to central London.

12 - Hurlingham Retail Park redevelopment

The scheme to which we - and many others including our MP - objected was approved by the Planning Applications Committee. We registered our dissatisfaction with the decision making process which showed minimal regard for local views and concerns. Although we received a somewhat unsatisfactory response we have again ensured that PRARA is an association to be reckoned with.

13 - E-mail addresses

We only use your e-mail address to send notifications of crime alerts and any other notices that need immediate circulation and, if you are happy to receive them, issues of the PRARA newsletter electronically. If you have not already done so, please confirm your correct e-mail address and other contact details by sending an e-mail to Jonnie Godfrey at jgodfrey@icuknet.co.uk. indicating if you are happy to be sent electronic copies of newsletters.

14 - Good neighbours

We are pleased to pass on the following local information.

- **CELEBRATING FULHAM WEEK (June 30 – July 6)** The week has a strong 'PRARA' feel to it this year, as our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Sue and Lance Pierson are providing two of the cultural events.

Tuesday 1st July, All Saints Church Fulham, 7.30pm Lance and his musical colleagues Belinda Yates and Heather Chamberlain, are presenting their latest concert 'Shakespeare's Greatest Hits'. They will perform a top 10 greatest speeches / sonnets and the top 10 songs inspired by his work in this, Shakespeare's 450th Anniversary year. Tickets £10 – buy on the door.

Wednesday 2nd July, Christ Church Hall, Studdridge Street, 7.45pm Sue will give her illustrated talk on the history of Peterborough House, which owned all the land now covered by the Peterborough Estate. Free entry. Copies of Sue's accompanying book will be available to buy.

Do support one or other of these events if you can – or both! Further information from 7731 6544.

- **Streetbank** is a simple, web based tool that aims to unlock neighbourly generosity and make it easy for you to carry out small acts of kindness. If you join you'll find all the things and skills your neighbours within a mile of you are sharing, loaning or giving away. By doing so, you'll be helping to build community, saving money and helping the environment all in one. The price of membership is that you must contribute at least one thing. It doesn't have to be special, a book, DVD or perhaps a piece of gardening equipment - just about anything that can be lent or given away - or it can be any skill that you may possess. The web site address is www.streetbank.com and there is local SW6 group.

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