



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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NEWSLETTER

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2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE with NEIGHBOURHOOD QUESTION TIME

Date: Tuesday 15th September

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Sullivan Primary School, Peterborough Road

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 AGM
3. Brief overview of the past year
4. Short financial Report - Hon. Treasurer Jonnie Godfrey
5. Questions
6. 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 Monday, 7th September, supported by a Seconder and with the consent of the Nominee. With the exception of Lance and Sue Pierson, all current members of the Committee, who are listed on page 4, are offering themselves for re-election.
7. AOB
8. **Neighbourhood Question Time** - a chance to find out more about what is happening in our area, from our Panel Members:
 - Robert Largan, Councillor for Sands End
 - PC Alex Douglas, Sands End SNT
 - Lady Dido Berkeley, a leading Thames Tunnel opponent and founder of the environmental group Thamesbank which works to protect the Thames
 - Ben Parnell, Executive Principal, The Hurlingham Academy (formerly Hurlingham and Chelsea School) - invited

Free glass of wine !

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1 - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator needed

As we are still seeking a replacement, we are re-printing the appeal we made in the last issue of the Newsletter:

Lance and Sue Pierson have been our lead Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for the past 12 years. Sadly they both need to stand down at the AGM in September, so we are looking for someone (or maybe two or even three people) to take over this role within PRARA. Please consider helping your community in this way.

PRARA has always been a Neighbourhood Watch group as part of its function. The Co-ordinator's role has now evolved to representing PRARA in 4 forums, the first two of which we treat together:

(a) H&F Council's Neighbourhood Watch Association and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC): each of these involves one or two meetings a year with occasional e-mail communications with the Co-ordinator reporting back to the PRARA Standing Committee (of which the Co-ordinator is a member) / members when relevant.

(b) Parsons Green & Walham (PGW) Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police Team – quarterly meetings, regular news bulletins and occasional SOS alerts from the police, reporting / forwarding to PRARA members as relevant.

(c) Sands End Ward Safer Neighbourhood Police Team – the same pattern as PGW above. The two wards have the same Sergeant and share the same office so communications are easy.

Lance and Sue have covered all 4 forums together as a job-share. They believe the role could be covered by one person or continue to be a job-share, depending on how much time they have available. If you would like to explore / discuss this further, please contact Lance and Sue at the address on page 4.

This is a very important role. Will you take it on?

2 - Summer 'At Home'

This was enjoyed - and appreciated - by everybody who attended. Our thanks to Sagrika Rai for hosting the gathering and to her and her sister for providing some lovely and very delicious food.

3 - Diary date - Christmas Party

The contacts that are made at these house events are helping PRARA become more effective. We are therefore holding a Christmas Party on Wednesday, 9th December. More details nearer the time.

4 - Clancarty Road Zebra crossing petition

The petition secured over 300 signatories and was submitted to 13 Council officers and councillors in mid-July. We have received acknowledgements and a site meeting is being arranged at the start of the Autumn Term. The petition was the main front page story in the 23rd July edition of *The Fulham Chronicle*.

5 - Council 20 mph consultation

The Standing Committee decided that this was a matter that should be left for individual decision. We therefore did not respond to the consultation.

6 - Chelsea Victory Parade / Prudential RideLondon

We continue to be involved in monitoring the effect of Chelsea FC Victory Parades on our area. We congratulate Chelsea on their continuing success, and were pleased to observe that the Parade on May 25 was far better managed than the previous one. We duly thanked Chelsea and the Council, but made sure they noted the following failures, to be improved next time (Chelsea confidently expect to win something again next year!):

- The second, last-minute information letter was not delivered to several streets in our area.
- The telephone helpline, while a good idea, was completely overwhelmed and next to useless. They have agreed to look at supplementing it with a mobile number, e-mail address and text facilities another time.
- Some stewards near Parsons Green had wrong information and caused considerable distress to people waiting there to see the Parade.

Meanwhile we are also pursuing a longer-term discussion with the Council about representing the concerns of residents better in planning future Chelsea Parades and similar events. At the moment we feel that the Council and Police are too subservient to Chelsea's wishes, and regard residents' freedom of manoeuvre as a low priority.

Prudential RideLondon is an event which also needs a longer term solution. The Ride on Sunday 2nd August caused massive disruption and inconvenience and serious and prolonged traffic jams in many roads on either side of the King's and New King's Road. Road closures were very poorly managed and most drivers entering our membership area were not aware of RideLondon nor the impact it would have on their journeys.

7 - South Park issues

Our members and other residents in Settrington Road have been woken by a very noisy vehicle which drove every day (including Sundays) into the park, moved some bins and drove out again between 4.45 am and 5.15 am. This is well before the permitted time of 7.30am for operational activity and 8.00am for the use of any machinery. Following pressure from PRARA the Council eventually identified the driver and he has been instructed not to use the vehicle before 8.00am.

We are also working to resolve the problem of plane tree branches which overhang Settrington Road gardens. Not only are they a potential safety risk they also take light from the gardens and houses. The relevant trees were last pollarded in 2007 - for the first time in 20 years - as a result of a PRARA petition to the Council in November 2006. Follow-up surveys in conjunction with residents were promised - at the time these were supposed to be every three years - but these and any further treatment have not happened.

Not an issue but good news. South Park has been awarded Green Flag status for a further year. The awards are given annually.

8 - Neighbourhood Watch

Our PC for the Sands End Ward (essentially below the middle of Clancarty Road down to the river) is Alex Douglas. His mobile number is 0788 166 1830 and it is recommended that you call that number first. Alternatively call the office number which is 020 8246 2823. Please note that neither number has 24 hours coverage. If you leave a message you will receive a response as soon as a member of the team is available. The general police non-emergency number is 101 but if a crime is seen or suspected or for any other emergency - call 999 immediately.

9 - Thames Tunnel: latest situation

Thames Water are due to start work in Carnwath Road following some preliminary work undertaken over the last few months. There has, however, been no announcement regarding the confirmation of stakeholder funding at the time of writing.

The Carnwath Road Coalition (CRC) continues to oppose the TTT in its entirety, and has joined forces with the Thames Blue Green Economy (TBGE) to continue to put pressure on the government to reconsider alternative solutions. CRC had a further meeting with Greg Hands MP on 13th August to brief him on the current situation regarding improved water quality which meets EU and EA standards and therefore makes the TTT unnecessary.

10 - Lost cat appeal

Tania Forte would like to thank all PRARA members and others who responded to her appeal to find her lost cat, Ginger. He was missing for two weeks and two days and was eventually found locked in Christ Church in Studdridge Street. He was scared when there were people in the church and hid in the organ, which is why it took so long for him to be discovered.

11 - Pub liaison

Chrissy Stenning will be relinquishing this role at the AGM as she will be moving out of the PRARA area. We have been fortunate to have already found a successor, Tony Bell, who is also a Peterborough Road resident. This role is a committee co-option.

12 - Statements of Gambling and Licensing Policies

Along with other local organisations PRARA was asked to comment on an update of these policies which the Council are legally required to review at stipulated intervals. We have respondents saying that we are happy with the proposed changes to both current documents.

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