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incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road,
South Park Mews, Sullivan Road and Settrington Road

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1 - Tree Petition

The plane trees on the east side of South Park overhang the back of the houses in Settrington Road. The last time that the trees were pollarded was in 2007 and residents have become increasingly concerned about the extent of the overhang and the risk to people and their properties. The recent high winds have brought branches down and exacerbated these concerns. Individual requests to the Council for pollarding have been rejected. PRARA therefore organised a petition last month which was signed by the occupants of all 46 houses which were not empty. The petition was acknowledged by the Cabinet Member concerned who arranged for the Head of Parks to commission an arboricultural survey. We are told that this found that none of the trees met the necessary criteria for pollarding. We are currently considering what our next steps should be, including requesting a copy of this survey.

2 - Thames Tunnel news

Tideway is the working name of Bazelgette Tunnel Limited, the company created by Thames Water to build the Thames Tideway Tunnel. It heads a consortium of construction companies who were awarded the contract to build the tunnel. This consortium has begun work in Carnwath Road. By law, Tideway and the consortium members - which are collectively known as Tideway - are required to liaise with the local community by means of a Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG). Tideway were ineffective in establishing such a group locally. The Carnwath Road Coalition (CRC) therefore rallied people in south Fulham and some 400 attended a meeting last November, at which Ann Rosenberg was elected a chairman of the Working Group. She has to be independent and is therefore no longer a member of CRC.

Three CLWG meetings have taken place this year with great efforts being made to ensure that all affected groups are represented, particularly those who live along Carnwath Road but also residents further north and businesses in Wandsworth Bridge Road. The objective of the CLWG is to mitigate as much as possible the impact of tunnel construction works on local people. This impact can be through increased and large vehicle road traffic, changes in air quality, noise, vibration, structural harm to properties as well as traffic disruption and

general safety. A number of specialist sub-groups have been established to focus on these issues. The subgroups are Health and Safety, Traffic, Property and Legacy.

To be effective the local community and Tideway have to work to-gether and it has been difficult to establish a good working relationship because of past mistrust. The situation is improving with a major effort now being made to ensure that all relevant council officials are involved. The borough has the responsibility for monitoring and checking that Tideway is adhering to all the permissions it has for the work it does.

Tideway are scheduled to move on to the western end of their Carnwath Road site in May but they will not have access to the full site until the Business Park (sometimes referred to as Topps Tiles) is cleared, which should happen by the end of July. Tideway are hoping that the removal of all excavated spoil and the delivery of the tunnel components will all be done using barges. This cannot happen until new jetties are built. Therefore for the first year everything will be conveyed by road involving some very large lorries and exceptional loads. Specific information on this is not yet available as Tideway are still developing detailed transport plans.

As a result of pressure on LBHF and TfL by the Carnwath Road Coalition and the CLWG Traffic sub-group, work on modifying the Carnwath Road/Wandsworth Road junction is to be brought forward to make it safe for large HGVs to turn left into Carnwath Road. The timetable for these works is not yet confirmed.

Anyone wanting to find out more should contact Ann Rosenberg by e-mail at annrosenberg72@gmail.com

3 - Clancarty Road school traffic

Dialogue with Council and the school continues and we are awaiting details of improved enforcement of the existing parking restrictions. These are regularly ignored by drivers delivering children to school or collecting them. It is possible that the forthcoming 20 mph restriction might help.

4 - Donations needed please !!

Our Treasurer has reported that funds are now very low and the time has come to ask all our members - except those who have joined in the last 12 months - for a donation. We normally suggest an amount of £5.00 per household. As PRARA does not have a bank account please make your donation in cash. You can either post or deliver it to Jonnie Godfrey at 47 Hugon Road, or give it to your road representative. Please identify it so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

5 - Neighbourhood Watch - Crime prevention advice

Simon Patterson, the Community Safety Officer for south Fulham, has notified us that their service provider, Bishop Creighton House, has offered free home security surveys and upgrades to members of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the borough. As a member of PRARA you are automatically in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. To take advantage of this service you should e-mail Bishop Creighton House directly at saferhomes@creightonhouse.org stating the scheme name (Safer Homes) requesting a home security survey. The funds for this service are limited but it is understood they will cover the cost of the locks fitted, if this is advised in the survey.

At the last Ward Panel meeting the local crime statistics showed that theft of vehicles had increased, but this was almost exclusively mopeds stolen whilst not secured to fixtures. Also thefts from motor vehicles had increased. These mostly involved vehicle windows being

smashed to steal visible items left in the car. The Sainsbury's car park in Townmead Road was being particularly targeted by youths on stolen mopeds, looking for handbags in the footwells of cars. They are in and out of the car park in a couple of minutes before security personnel monitoring closed circuit television cameras can respond. These thefts mostly occur between 11am and 4pm.

Burglary had also increased but half of these cases related to an attempted burglary, indicating that simple crime prevention is very effective, as most burglaries are committed by opportunists identifying a weakness. Ensure windows and doors are locked and tools are not left outside properties as they can be used to gain entry. If you are going to be away after a bin collection ask a neighbour to replace your dustbin lids. Leaving the lids off indicates you are away and vulnerable to a burglary. Further crime prevention advice is provided at the end of this newsletter.

On a positive note there has been a significant decrease in drug related problems. This was thought to be due to plain clothes police patrols and an increase in stop and search.

PC Alex Douglas who was our Dedicated Ward Officer has made a career move and his place has been taken by PC Rupert Higham.

6 - 20 mph speed restriction

You have probably received notification of the Council's decision to introduce a borough wide speed restriction of 20 mph. The main exceptions in our part of Fulham will Wandsworth Bridge Road, New King's Road and Fulham Palace Road. There will be a phased introduction of the speed limit over 2016/17 but specific dates will not be available until the programme is finalised. This will include the publication of a draft traffic order with the opportunity to comment or object. Physical implementation will not happen until this process has been completed. The project manager for the scheme will be looking at measures to support and reinforce the new 20 mph limit areas from 2016 - 2018.

7 - Our 'rat run'

We continue to press the Council to find out if anything can be done to lessen the number of vehicles which use Woolneigh Street, Settrington Road, Clancarty Road and Peterborough Road as a back route between Parson's Green to Wandsworth Bridge Road. We are also concerned that this situation will soon be greatly exacerbated when there is the inevitable heavier use of Wandsworth Bridge Road by many vehicles when work starts on the Thames Tideway Tunnel site in Carnwath Road. Council traffic officers hope that the new 20 mph limit will reduce the amount of rat running as Wandsworth Bridge Road will - in theory at least - be a faster route.

8 - Boules in South Park !

A message from the organisers of the Boules sessions that have started in South Park and take place every Sunday from 11.00 am onwards. No equipment is needed and there are people on hand to demonstrate the game. "Do come and join us."

9 - Fitness and fun! Over 55s Table Tennis Outreach Club at Hurlingham Academy

Sands End Seniors invite you to join their friendly inclusive table tennis club which meets on Monday and Wednesday mornings. You'll become fitter (in a gentle way!) The average age is over 55 year old but goes right up to 89 and games are usually played as doubles. Some members hadn't played for many years, but soon adapted. Because the club meets inside the school you'll need to be DBS checked. If you're interested Brendan Bird, the PRARA

Sullivan Road street representative, says 'Come along!' He will be happy to explain all. Please contact him by e-mailing brendanbird3@btinternet.com and include your phone number, or call him on 020 7736 8722 in the evenings.

10 - No. 424 bus route

The consultation on route changes has ended but it is not yet known whether the strong local opposition will result in the existing route through Sands End being maintained.

11 - 2016 Prudential RideLondon

It has been acknowledged that the stewarding and other ride arrangements in south Fulham are not good enough and need to be improved for this year's ride. The ride will go through our part of Fulham on Sunday, 31st July. We are in contact with the Community Engagement Manager at RideLondon and the Council officer who is the borough representative assisting RideLondon with the planning of the event through the borough. Both say that several measures are in hand, including enhanced training for stewards and additional stewards. Vehicles coming northwards across Wandsworth Bridge and effectively entering a cul-de-sac, causing local gridlock, is recognised as a major problem. Permission has already been given for the event to take place over the same route in 2017 so there is no possibility of an alternative route which would avoid south Fulham until after that date.

12 - Polo in the Park

This year's event will take place in Hurlingham Park on June 3rd, 4th and 5th. As usual, days on either side of these dates will be used for set-up and dismantling. The site arrangements have been modified this year with extra entertainment areas.

13 - Hurlingham Academy

Leon Wilson, who was an impressive member of our Neighbourhood Question Time Panel at last September's AGM, has been appointed Executive Principal at the school. We wish him good luck.

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Police Crime Prevention Advice

Be wary of bogus callers who aim to enter your home under false pretences and steal from you. Perpetrators may pose as builders, utility company personnel, door-to-door sales people, council staff, police officers or even children collecting for a bogus charity bike ride - which happened to one of our members in Settrington Road. Always be wary of people who turn up at your door unannounced. Think before opening the door -

- Are you expecting anyone? Use your spyhole (if you have one) and your door chain to see if you recognise the caller.
- Ask the caller for proof of identity. Beware any caller who shows an I.D. card but keeps moving it around so that it cannot be verified. Contact the company the caller claims to represent using the number in the phone book. Never ring the number given by the caller.
- If you are in any doubt do not open the door. Ask the caller to return at a later time and arrange for a friend, relative or neighbour to be present. You do not have to let anyone in to your home.
- Utilities companies now offer a password identification system. Any caller from one of these companies should be able to give a pre-arranged password as additional proof of identity. Look on your bill and contact your supplier for further information.
- If you are suspicious dial 999 immediately.

OTHER GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- Avoid keeping large sums of money in the house
- Keep valuables and documents containing personal details out of sight
- Keep your keys in a safe place and not on display
- Secure all other doors and windows before answering the front door

WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT BEWARE PICKPOCKETS

Thieves love crowded places. While you are out relaxing, they can be very active in bars, pubs, café, restaurants, trains, buses or supermarket queues.

- Never leave your bag or handbag unattended
- Be aware of people around you
- Remember, you may be with friends or family; others will be targeting your possessions
- Carry your bag close to you, with the clasp facing inside. Keep it zipped up and make sure your wallet or purse cannot be seen.
- Never hang your bag over the back of a chair where you cannot see it. If necessary, loop the strap of the bag around your chair and between your legs
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or valuables
- Keep your mobile separate from your keys
- Keep store cards and credit cards separate from your purse or wallet
- Never store PIN numbers with any of your credit/debit cards
- Store personal items at home