



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

[www.prara.org.uk](http://www.prara.org.uk)

---

**NEWSLETTER**

**Volume No. SIXTEEN**

**Issue No. 57**

**Date: January 2017**

---

1. **Is your name correct?**
2. **Annual General Meeting Minutes**
3. **Christmas and Summer gatherings**
4. **Neighbourhood Watch news**
5. **New Secretary needed !**
6. **Trees - Good News 1**
7. **Trees - Good News 2**
8. **Peterborough Road broadband**
9. **"Report it"**
10. **South Park news**
11. **Thames Tunnel update**
12. **Electric car charging points**
13. **Charing Cross Hospital**
14. **2017 & A New Year Appeal**

### **1 - Is your name correct?**

If we have not matched the correct name to your address, please tell either your road representative or our Membership Secretary. We would greatly appreciate your help so that we can keep our membership records up to date. All contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### **2 - 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of last October's AGM are attached to this newsletter as an Appendix

### **3 - PRARA Christmas Party & Summer gathering**

We were heartened by the number of people who attended the Christmas Party and it helped to put names to faces. The more we recognise each other the more effective we can be as a community association. The response to the party is encouraging us to organise another Summer gathering this year.

### **4 - Neighbourhood Watch news**

For policing purposes Sands End and Parsons Green & Walham Wards have been amalgamated. PC Rupert Higham remains as the officer for Sands End Ward and PC Phillippa Saleem for Parsons Green and Walham Ward. The Wards remain separate for voting and other administrative purposes.

In the last three months the theft of motor scooters has still been a problem, thieves can apparently unlock a scooter and drive away with it in 27 seconds. Two scooters have been recovered which had been fitted with trackers. The police are trying to persuade scooter manufacturers to build in trackers to the frame which will be much harder for thieves to tamper with. There was a spike in the number of house burglaries in September; since then a repeat offender has been arrested and in November only 2 burglaries were reported. The means of entry is largely by forcing up a sash window. Please make sure your windows are securely fastened. The police send a further plea to remind people not to leave anything on show in your car - that includes in the foot wells.

The front office of the Fulham Police Station is still open to report crime Tuesday - Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 12noon - 8pm. It is intended to maintain this facility during the redevelopment of the police station site, and there will be a permanent replacement when

the Fulham Boys School opens on the site. Hammersmith Police Station is now closed and to replace this Shepherd's Bush Police station , 226 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7NX, is open 24 hrs.

## **5 - New Secretary needed !!**

We still need a volunteer to become our new Secretary. Will you do it?? Main tasks are the newsletters and minutes of the standing committee meetings - which are very friendly, often humorous and highly sociable - and the minutes of the AGM. Want to know more? Have a chat with Sue Oriel or Anthony Williams. Contact details at the end of this newsletter.

## **6 - Trees: Good News 1**

The Castle Club, the grade II listed Victorian gothic building at the corner of Broomhouse Lane and Daisy Lane has recently been bought by The Thackeray Estate. They now call it the Castle Centre. We do not know yet what they are going to do with the property but the grounds have been considerably tidied up and some trees cut down. There are two trees, a large ash and a mulberry, which have a preservation order on them and which they could not cut down. However they applied for planning permission to fell them which the PRARA standing committee considered was unnecessary and willfully destructive. Both trees are probably more than 100 years old and in good health. The ash is in proportion to the buildings and how many mulberry trees are there in Fulham? There is also an established but unprotected sycamore tree standing nearer the Broomhouse Lane boundary.

Your committee therefore wrote to the council and objected accordingly and we are very grateful to many other members and non members, particularly those in Daisy Lane, who we persuaded to do the same. We are also very grateful to the Fulham Society whom we alerted and who consequently objected. The outcome was the The Thackeray Estate withdrew their application and the three trees will therefore continue to grace this ancient property. It was originally built as a 'ragged school' for the poorest children in the Borough of Fulham.

## **7 - Trees: Good News 2**

A number of Clancarty Road residents noted that the trees planted in the pavements were now actually touching their houses and dropping leaves in the gutters. As the trees are the responsibility of the council to maintain, PRARA contacted the Head of Arboriculture, Mr. Gavin Simmonds, and requested that he please assess the situation. Gavin responded very quickly and reported back that the hornbeams (the larger trees) were indeed due a sizeable prune and the maples (the smaller, newer trees) a light 'haircut', as he put it. He promised to do this within 2 - 3 months so we will be chasing him at the end of January if nothing has happened by then.

## **8 - Superfast Broadband in Peterborough Road**

We have contacted our local councillors asking for help with the provision of Fibre Optic Broadband for properties in two Peterborough Road postcodes, namely SW6 3BT and SW6 3EB. These encompass house numbers 1-79 and 2-40 and Sullivan School. The residents in all other parts of Peterborough Road and our PRARA area of Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane, Hugon Road, South Park Mews, Settrington Street and Sullivan Road, are all eligible for Fibre Optic Broadband and can choose to enrol for the increased speeds and the price reductions on offer. This is not an option for the residents in the two Peterborough Road postcodes despite their close proximity to the British Telecom exchange. Our councillors raised the issue with our MP, Greg Hands, who in turn has contacted the Chief Executive of BT Group plc, Gavin Patterson. We await the outcome of this approach. If you are considering working in Hurlingham Business Park in Sullivan Road we have found that there is, at present, no superfast broadband there either.

## 9 - South Park News

Work commenced at the beginning of December on the South Park Ecology & Biodiversity Corner in the south east corner of the park. This work was made possible by a grant given by SUEZ (ex SITA), match funding from the Council and years of work by the late Beth Patrick.

The majority of the works were completed before Christmas, which was a requirement of the grant conditions. The site was cleared, the pond excavated, pathways through the meadow areas constructed and the learning area prepared ready for installations of tables and chairs. Before the end of this month, the pond will be planted, the sheep sculptures and sign installed, when the area should re-open. The meadow seeding will be carried out as soon as it's warm enough, which will be in late February or March.

There is no access to the site during the works, which is secured with temporary fencing. The main footpath passing the site has to be closed occasionally throughout the project for safety reasons, when there are deliveries to site for example, but the contractors/council do their best to keep this open as far as possible. The Council have contracted the company involved but the Friends of South Park were and are also keeping an eye on the works. If you require any further information on the project please e-mail Clair on [fulham.southpark@gmail.com](mailto:fulham.southpark@gmail.com)

## 10 - Thames Tunnel Update

At the most recent meeting of the Community Liaison Working Group (CLWG) on 21 November, the following points were discussed:

- Tideway are encouraging all residents disturbed by work on the site to contact their 24 hour helpline, so they can deal with any problems immediately. People do not have to suffer in silence. The freephone number to call is 08000 30 80 80.
- Despite apparent delays on the site, Tideway have assured everyone that work is on schedule.
- A mitigation and compensation meeting will be arranged with residents inconvenienced and affected by work on site, which is mainly those who live along Carnwath Road.
- There will be regular updates on air quality, noise, and land pollution supplied to the Health subgroup.
- The Traffic subgroup will investigate the impact of increased use of barges during construction to cut down on the use of HGVs.
- The work of local artists will be displayed on the site hoardings in early spring.

## 11 - Electric Car Charging Points

The Council has started installing *Source London* charging points across the borough with a target of 100 by Easter, at 28 locations. The only location in our area is in Peterborough Road, opposite Sullivan Road, where there are four charging points. The Council have also launched the *Bluecity car club* which is similar to the Santander cycle scheme. The cars are based at Source London charging points and members can use any Source London charging point across the 16 London boroughs who have signed up to the scheme. A map of the charging point locations can be found at [https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hf\\_electric\\_vehicle\\_parking\\_bay\\_locations\\_0.pdf](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/hf_electric_vehicle_parking_bay_locations_0.pdf)

## 12 - Report it on My Account

If you use the My Account option on the Council web site to report incidents or problems such as fly tipping, blocked gulleys and dirty pavements, be aware that there are two ways to do so. If *H&F Report* is selected this allows reporting, tracking and viewing submissions. If the option *Report it forms* is selected, this allows an incident to be reported but there is no tracing or viewing of submissions. This is a major disadvantage if the problems is not resolved and you need to pursue matters.

### **13 - Charing Cross Hospital**

The future of the hospital has been a highly controversial issue for some time. As it is one of the main hospitals used by residents in South Fulham we have endeavoured to provide an objective summary of its current status.

The NHS's North West London Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), published late last year, and Imperial Healthcare Trust - of which Charing Cross is part - have both stated that Charing Cross is not closing and there will be NO reduction in the Hospital's A&E and wider services during the lifetime of the STP, which runs until April 2021. The STP gives a clear commitment that "there will be no substantive changes to A&E in Hammersmith and Fulham until such time as any reduced acute capacity has been adequately replaced by out-of-hospital provision." The STP does not include any implementation of plans for Charing Cross to become a local hospital nor any reduction in its current capacity.

Although there are long standing plans, consulted upon in 2012, to develop Charing Cross as a local hospital within the wider network of hospitals and community services run by the Imperial Healthcare Trust and others in north west London, it is too early to say whether these plans will ever be implemented in full or part. The local situation has changed since 2012 and a huge amount of analysis, design and evaluation is required in order to progress these plans, especially to ensure that new services that are intended to reduce the need for inpatient hospital care, particularly for long-stays, are in place and working before any changes are made to Charing Cross's acute hospital services. Changes are therefore possible from 2021 onwards but meanwhile Imperial Healthcare Trust is spending substantial capital sums on maintaining or improving the hospital's facilities and services.

### **14 - 2017 and a New Year appeal**

We wish everybody a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

This is also the time we have to make an appeal for help in refilling our very modest coffers. We are therefore asking 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 everyone.

*8th January 2017*

#### **PRARA STANDING COMMITTEE AND MAIN CONTACTS**

**Co-ordinator:** Sue Oriel, 21 Clancarty Road, SW6 3AH Tel: 07768 231 058

Email: [newhousefarmcottage@gmail.com](mailto:newhousefarmcottage@gmail.com)

**Clancarty Road:** Anthony Williams, 59 Clancarty Road, SW6 3AH Tel: 7736 6045 Email: [Gileswill@aol.com](mailto:Gileswill@aol.com)

**Daisy Lane:** Guy Nicolson, 21 Daisy Lane, SW6 3DD Tel: 7736 8015 Email: [guy@guynicolson.co.uk](mailto:guy@guynicolson.co.uk)

**Settrington Road:** Marjorie Simonds-Gooding, 50 Settrington Road, SW6 3BA Tel: 020 7731 8866

Email: [marjorie@simonds-gooding.net](mailto:marjorie@simonds-gooding.net)

**Hugon Road & South Park Mews and Membership Secretary:** Jonnie Godfrey, 47 Hugon Road, SW6 3ER,

Tel: 07952 016 223 Email: [jgodfrey@icuknet.co.uk](mailto:jgodfrey@icuknet.co.uk)

**Sullivan Road:** Brendan Bird, 1 Sullivan Road, SW6 3DT Tel: 7736 8722 Email: [brendanbird3@btinternet.com](mailto:brendanbird3@btinternet.com)

**Peterborough Road North:** Fenella Gray, 65 Peterborough Road SW6 3BT Email: [fenellagray@waitrose.com](mailto:fenellagray@waitrose.com)

**Peterborough Road South:** Ann Rosenberg, 72 Peterborough Road, SW6 3EB Tel: 7731 5151

Email: [annrosenberg72@gmail.com](mailto:annrosenberg72@gmail.com)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Jeremy Gilkes, 78 Settrington Road, SW6 3BA Tel: 3565 0317

Email: [jhgilkes@hotmail.com](mailto:jhgilkes@hotmail.com)

**Pub liaison:** Tony Bell, 72 Peterborough Road, SW6 3EB Tel: 7731 5151 Email: [tonybell3144@o2.co.uk](mailto:tonybell3144@o2.co.uk)

**Planning Representative:** Paul Leonard, 21 Peterborough Road, SW6 3BT Tel: 7610 6827

Email: [paulleonard@leonarddesign.com](mailto:paulleonard@leonarddesign.com)

**Minutes of the PRARA Annual General Meeting held on 11 October 2016  
at 21 Clancarty Road, SW6 at 7.30pm**

20 people were present including local councillors Robert Largan and Steve Hamilton.

1 - Apologies had been received from Jonnie Godfrey and Lance Pierson.

2 – The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were approved.

**3 - Co-ordinator's Overview**

Sue Oriel presented a review of the committee's involvement in local issues over the year, which included: Thames Tunnel drill site; Digging under houses; relations with the bilingual school particularly the traffic congestion; 20mph speed limit; Neighbourhood Watch reports, mostly car related thefts (especially from the Sainsbury's car park) and opportunistic burglaries from houses; South Park and the £2million from Tideway to build a community centre in the NW corner; unsuccessful petition about the trees in South Park bordering the houses in Settrington Road; campaigning to retain the 424 bus route.

**4 - Treasurer's Report**

On behalf of the Hon. Treasurer, Sue Oriel reported that in the last year we had received donations of £180 and there had been expenditure of £57. Currently there is £279 cash in hand.

**5 – Member's questions**

Our local councillors reported that the Police had advised that they will not be enforcing the 20 mph speed limited, which it was noted was not being observed.

**6 - Election of Officers (the Standing Committee)**

The standing committee were unanimously re-elected with the exception of the role of Hon. Secretary. Ann Rosenberg has stood down because of pressure of work with meetings about the Thames Tunnel. The post of Secretary is therefore vacant and there had been no volunteers so far. Ann remains the street representative for Peterborough Road south.

**7 - AOB**

Sue Oriel expressed concern that the trees in Clancarty were touching houses and needed to be trimmed. It was suggested that she contacts Gavin Simmons at H&F.

Members were advised that there is now a closed circuit camera in Peterborough Road covering the entrance to Sullivan Court. It was hoped that a camera could be put up in Hugon Road to catch people going the wrong way but funding is not available.

It was mentioned that large weeds and even small trees are growing through the paving stones as a consequence of the Council no longer using weed-killers 'for environmental reasons'.

Ann Rosenberg reported on the forthcoming tunnel drilling works in Carnwath Road. Barges will be used as much as possible to make deliveries and take away any spoil that will not be re-used. When lorries are used, they will not be allowed in the side streets. The business

park is being demolished. The three lanes on the northbound side on Wandsworth Bridge at the junction with Carnwath Road had been reduced to two, which will enable lorries to safely turn left into Carnwath Road. Complaints about traffic or other concerns should be made on 0800 308080; these are all logged and reported to Ofwat. There are Community Liaison Working Group meetings every 4 weeks. Patrick Kelly is the new community officer for Tideway. There will be an art exhibition on 19/20 November at Fulham Library, showing the works that will be featured on the main hoardings enclosing the tunnel site when they are erected next year.

There are planned changes to the crossing on the Kings Road about which we have not been consulted. Sue Oriel will write to the Council expressing our dissatisfaction.

A member reported that The White Horse is under new management. There is a discount available for CAMRA members.

Anthony Williams thanked Sue Oriel for hosting the meeting.

Signed..... (Co-ordinator)

Date.....