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1 - Our next wine tasting

The wine tasting evening last year was so successful that we have organised another, again in association with Friarwood.



2 - Traffic proposal

The Council are consulting on a proposal to introduce a series of NO RIGHT TURN restrictions in Peterborough Estate streets on both sides of Wandsworth Bridge Road between Hazelbury Road and New King's Road, supposedly at the request of residents in those streets. These restrictions would prevent traffic from Stokenchurch, Ryecroft and Studdridge Streets and Bovingdon Road from turning right into Wandsworth Bridge Road. Additionally temporary refuge islands would prevent traffic turning right *into* those roads. If implemented, these restrictions are likely to seriously impact Settrington Road, Clancarty Road, Peterborough Road, Hugon Road and possibly others. Settrington Road, Clancarty Road and Woolneigh Street are already badly affected by being part of a 'rat run' and often thoughtless

school traffic. PRARA has objected to the proposals. The deadline for responses - which can be submitted on-line - is 8th March. Full details can be found at <https://lbhf.citizenspace.com/tts/peterborough-estate/>

3 - Neighbourhood Watch from Jeremy Gilkes

There continue to be house burglaries in our area. In the vast majority of cases entry to the house is by forcing the front sash windows or forcing the front door. It is important to have good securing bolts on your windows and always double lock your front door, even when you are at home. Thefts from your car can also be a problem and the Police have a web site which gives advice to try and help prevent this happening. www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/

Scam emails and telephone calls are an increasing problem. Never give your bank details and certainly not pin numbers to any cold caller who tells you your bank account has been compromised. Your bank will never ask you for this information. I have recently had a series of emails supposedly from the Television Licensing Office saying my payment didn't go through and giving another method of payment. There are also emails supposedly from HMRC telling you that you have a tax rebate and to give your card or bank details to have this credited to your account. Delete all of these.

The next Ward Panel Meeting, which is attended by our Dedicated Ward Officers, is on Thursday March 7th at 18.30hrs at the Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions, 446 Fulham Road. This is NOT an open meeting. If any member would like to attend this meeting please contact me (jjhgilkes@hotmail.com). It is an opportunity to hear the latest crime statistics and to voice any particular local policing matters which concern you. The telephone number for the SNT was incorrect in the latest Police Newsletter(Dec. 2018.) The correct number is 0208 246 2823 which is the one given on the PRARA web site.

4 - Ecole Marie D'Orliac

We are very aware of the traffic problems associated with the school - and Fulham Bilingual - that continue. These are both road traffic and child and parent scooters - some motorised - on the pavements. We have again raised our concerns with the school Head who continues to do what he can to deal with the problems. This can only be by requests, reminders and persuasion as the school has no control over what happens on public highways. They did introduce parent traffic wardens but the parents found the role often became very difficult and sometimes unpleasant and so stopped helping. We continue to be in contact with the Council on this issue and have raised it with the Safer Neighbourhood teams. The fence along Clancarty Road is being replaced but there are no plans for any major alterations or developments.

5 - Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group

PRARA is joining this influential local association which works hard to protect the built environment across the borough. It has considerable influence with the Council. It provided powerful arguments when we were fighting council plans to sell

off the north west corner of South Park and helped prevent this happening. It is also monitoring proposals for the Castle Club.

6 - Castle Club / Castle Centre changed plans

Plans for constructing an additional building parallel to the existing Neo Gothic Victorian "Castle Club" to house 300 13 to 18 year old students from Fulham Prep School have been scrapped as the scheme failed to obtain planning permission. The developers, Thackeray Estates, now plan to turn the buildings into a care home for 32 Alzheimer's and Dementia sufferers. An application for planning permission is being made. The good thing that has come out of this is that Thackeray did get permission to restore the old building and it is now wind and waterproof and awaiting final attention to make it habitable when the new building is started. The external appearance of the new building will be the same with appropriate internal accommodation redesigned.

7 - The Matrix Centre in Peterborough Road

We have been asked by members for information about planning applications for this complex at 91a Peterborough Road. Originally a handbag factory, it became the Matrix Recording Studios in 2000. Subsequently some of the premises were reconfigured as co-working space. In April 2015 a planning application was approved for change of use of part of the ground and first floor levels from an office use into residential use, comprising of 1 two bedroom and 4 three bedroom self-contained maisonettes. Shortly before this permission expired a renewal application was made for the same scheme with some very minor modifications. This was approved in March 2018. The grant of a permission does not automatically lead to a scheme being implemented.

8 - Will you be our Hon. Secretary?

We need someone to fill this role. It is not an onerous one. The main tasks are to take the Minutes of our (very convivial) committee meetings - usually four per year - and open meetings - usually two per year - and to make the arrangements for our open meetings.

9- Bollard News

Securing the Peterborough Road rising bollard was the founding reason for PRARA's existence. The bollard has been extremely effective in limiting large vehicle traffic in our area. It has been out of action for many weeks and our bollard warden, Penny Mitchell, has been maintaining contact with the Council to ensure that the necessary repair work is organised. This has proved far more difficult than expected. At the time of writing the bollard is scheduled to be back in action by the end of February but this is not a certainty.

10 Thames Tunnel weekly update

The contractors publish a weekly e-mail update on the work they are doing at the Carnwath Road site. It usually has pictures showing what is happening in the shaft

and the tunnel preparations. If you would like to receive this update simply send your request to helpdesk@tideway.london

11- Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)

A note to local residents who drive in London. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is introducing an ULEZ to reduce the dangerous nitrogen oxide and particulate matter levels to improve air quality. The new ULEZ comes into force on April 8th 2019 and operate 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. Initially the zone will cover the existing congestion charge area. Generally, drivers of diesel vehicles registered before 2015 will pay the charge as well as petrol cars registered before 2006. You can check your vehicle on this link:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/vrm-checker-ulez>

Residents whose vehicles do not meet the new standard will pay the new charge of £12.50 per day, in addition to the congestion daily charge of £11.50 for driving a vehicle within the charging zone between 07:00 and 18:00, Monday to Friday.

Therefore up to £24.00 per day before you pay for parking! From 25 October 2021 the ULEZ area will be expanded to the inner London area bounded by the North and South Circular roads which includes SW6. The TFL web site has full details.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone?intcmp=26434>. Various groups are raising objections to the extended ULEZ such as the Alliance of British Drivers (London) citing rapid depreciation of vehicles not meeting the standard, additional daily driving taxes, affordability of London drivers to replace their vehicles.

A footnote Our Borough is in the middle of a trial scheme to punish motorists who have stopped with their engine idling in parking and loading bays, taxi ranks, or any roads where waiting is restricted, with Traffic Wardens issuing a £40 PCN.

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