



Peterborough Road & Area Residents' Association

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

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1 - PRARA AGM and presentation by Thames Tunnel contractors Tideway - "Behind the Hoarding"

This year's Annual General Meeting, to which everyone is most welcome, will be on Wednesday 13th November in the Tideway Community Information Centre in Carnwath Road. The AGM Notice is on the next page. After an extremely brief AGM, there will be an opportunity to find out what has been happening since the construction work started and to ask Tideway questions about this major and very impressive British engineering project. Tideway were not involved in any way in the decisions to build the tunnel or where to build it - so this presentation focuses purely on their skill as constructors and engineers. We hope you will find this privileged access interesting and take advantage of this special opportunity. The Community Centre is next to the junction of Peterborough Road and Carnwath Road.

2 - Clancarty Road highway changes

Following the recent consultation PRARA met with the Project Engineer and as a result of our discussions and input from a resident, the pavement extension outside the Ecole Marie d'Orliac/Fulham Bi-lingual school was reduced. This was to ensure two vehicles could pass in this section of the road. The scheme was implemented during the school summer holiday, with a further small modification following a safety review in the final stages of work.

Initial experience is that the changes, especially the large amount of yellow paint on the road outside the school on the north side of the road banning parking and waiting, have resulted in a seismic change in behaviour by drivers. The Ecole has remonstrated with drivers stopping in the wrong places and the Borough Road Safety Officer arranged a period of enforcement. The previous traffic jams at school opening and closing times seem to have disappeared with traffic flowing freely except for brief stops by some two way traffic. The

NOTICE OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and Presentation by Tideway

Date: Wednesday, 13th November

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Tideway Community Information Centre, 27 Carnwath Road, SW6 3HR

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM
3. Brief overview of the past year - Co-ordinator Sue Oriel
4. Short Financial Report - Hon. Treasurer Luiz Motta
5. Member's Questions
6. To elect the following members of the Standing Committee, for which the following are offering themselves for election or re-election:

Co-ordinator: Sue Oriel

Road Representatives : Peterborough North: Fenella Gray
Peterborough South: Sue Pierson
Clancarty: Anthony Williams
Daisy Lane: Guy Nicholson
Sullivan: Victoria Snell
Settrington: Marjorie Simonds-Gooding
Hugon: Acland Geddes

Hon. Secretary: currently vacant

Hon. Treasurer / Membership Secretary: Luiz Motta

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Jeremy Gilkes

Any further nominations must be received by the Co-ordinator by Tuesday, 5th November at newhousefarmcottage@gmail.com

7. AOB
8. **"Behind the Hoardings"** - an illustrated presentation by **Nargiz Kamalova-Payne** on what Tideway has been doing behind the Carnwath Road hoardings.

Light refreshments will be provided by Tideway.

repositioning of the two pedestrian crossing points has proved a success, and reduced the number of people crossing the road in other places.

3 - Studdridge Street traffic scheme

The response to the recent consultation on proposals to introduce a *No Right Turn* from Wandsworth Bridge Road (WBR) into Studdridge Street and from Studdridge Road into WBR was negative. This was no doubt due to all the objections submitted by PRARA and our members and other residents in the affected areas. Surprisingly, the Council chose to disregard responses from people outside a small area that they defined as the consultation area. This ignores the impact there would be on residents living in the wider area that the scheme would affect. PRARA has written to the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr. Wesley Harcourt, with copies to the Leader, other Cabinet Members and Officers, strongly deploring this decision and the Council's current intention to introduce an experimental scheme in January/February 2020. Planning continues for the proposed right turn from New King's Road into Wandsworth Bridge Road. There is no timetable for this as the scheme will require major changes at the junction.

4 - Sullivan Road changes

We have sad news and good news. Brendan Bird, who has been our Sullivan Road street representative for many years, is retiring owing to increasingly poor health. Brendan is a well-known and much loved character in and around our area. He has served not only PRARA but also the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham more widely as a member of the Council where he was involved in a wide range matters. Brendan is a genuinely caring and thoughtful man, a staunch socialist with a proper desire to improve the lot of others. He will be hugely missed by us on the committee and no doubt those of you who got to know him over the years. We wish him and his wife Viv all the very best.

And the good news? Victoria Snell will be taking over as Sullivan Road representative with immediate effect. Living in Sullivan Road, she and her husband run a property company on the New Kings Road and they have three small children, including twins. They say if you want something done, ask a busy woman! I look forward to introducing you all to Victoria at our next open meeting which will be the AGM. Thank you for joining us, Victoria!

5 - Our web site needs updating

Your committee's computer skills do not extend to web site designing so we hope that one of our members has the necessary expertise. Apart from introducing our new image for the header, the design has not changed for well over 10 years. We have become very aware that we need a new look. Will you give it to us?

The site is hosted by FASTHOST. We understand that this company offers its own site builder and WIX has also been recommended to us a good source of templates. If you could be interested, please contact either Sue Oriel or Anthony Williams. Contact details are on page 6 of this newsletter.

6 - Bollard 2 - Car 0

On 3rd September a car attempted to follow a bus through the bus lane at the junction of Peterborough Road and Clancarty Road but found itself impaled on the bollard. The fire brigade had to attend to deal with oil/petrol spillage. This was the third car which has suffered serious damage by ignoring the direction and warning signs. Thanks to our bollard warden, the damage to the bollard was repaired and put back in action. Then another car suffered the same fate on 9th October. The full score is therefore Bollard 4 - Cars 0. We do not yet have a date for the bollard's latest reinstatement.

7 - Peterborough Road fibre broadband request

For those residents at numbers 1 - 79 Peterborough Road who would like the faster and currently cheaper option of Fibre Broadband please will you register your interest at <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband#registerinterest> Also please advise your Peterborough Road north Street Representative, Fenella Gray: fenellagray@waitrose.com. There are still no plans for BT Openreach to install this service for those living in the SW6 3BT postal code area despite their close proximity to the BT Exchange Building.

Allegedly the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham has been chosen as a pilot area for the large scale rollout of 5G in 2019-20. 5G may be the only option for residents in the area without incurring the expense and inconvenience of a BT Openreach Community Fibre Partnership.

8 - The Castle Club

PRARA recently supported our members and residents in Daisy Lane who were objecting to the proposed east elevation of the of the new building that would be constructed to enable the Grade II listed and historic Elizabethan style building to be used as a care home. Following consultations between residents, the developer (The Thackeray Estate) and the Council a revised design that presented a much more sensitive treatment of this elevation was agreed. The planning application with this new design was granted on 15th October.

9 - Neighbourhood Watch news

Your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Jeremy Gilkes, attended a full day Neighbourhood Watch Summer Seminar held in central London on August 9th, chaired by John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of the whole NW network. There were about 60 people in attendance representing Neighbourhood Watch in London and Home Counties.

There were presentations from The Eden Project and Crimestoppers. The Eden Project began as a now internationally known ecology centre in Cornwall but has since widened its aims and works to bring communities together. It launched The Big Lunch where communities are encouraged to organise street lunches each June to help bring neighbourhoods together - 40% of the population don't know their neighbour's names.

Crimestoppers are there for people who have information about a particular crime but are reluctant to speak directly to the Police. They emphasised that any information given to them was entirely anonymous. Their telephone number is 0800 555 111. Reports of a crime should be made directly to the Police.

At the end of the day the message was that we should all be more neighbourly, know who our neighbours are, their names and offer help by taking in parcels when they are out and watching their house when they are away. Also as good neighbours we should look out for those of our neighbours who are socially isolated or unwell. The better we know each other and share information with each other the safer our community will hopefully be.

The local Ward Panel was held on 5th September. Burglary was slightly increased from the last quarter in Sands End and there were several reports of anti social behaviour around Imperial Wharf, Townmead Road and Pineapple Park. The Police are involved and are having discussions with the parents of youths that are apprehended and this appears to be having a good effect. The Sullivan Court murder on Sunday 18th August is an on going enquiry. The Police confirmed that 5 people have been arrested and charged with murder and arson. The Police, however, wish to speak to anyone that saw, heard or knows anything that can assist them with this case.

Cyclists using the pavements has become an increasing problem. The Police held a spot check in the New King's Road recently and several cyclists received summonses. It was

reiterated that the use of electric scooters is illegal except on private property. Door to door charity collection is only allowed if they are issued with a licence from the Council. Those of you who receive emails from Nextdoor.com will have read about several local crimes. These reports are not corroborated by the Police, who do not have access to reading reports on Nextdoor. They can only post on it.

10 - South Park cafe

The cafe in the Cricket Pavilion will continue to be run by Paggs until its lease expires at the end of November. The Council is required to put a future lease out to tender from 1st December onwards.

11 - Ward Boundary Review

From July 2018, the Local Government Boundary Commission (www.lgbce.org.uk) began a three-year programme of electoral reviews of the London Boroughs. An electoral review recommends new ward boundaries so that each councillor will represent approximately the same number of voters. It also aims to ensure that the pattern of wards reflect the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government. Hammersmith & Fulham was last reviewed in 2000 and a consultation was held in the Summer. PRARA made the following submission:

PRARA is located in South Fulham. A small number of our members live in Parson's Green & Walham Ward, with the majority being in Sands End Ward. Sands End Ward includes the River Thames frontage from Kensington & Chelsea to the East up to Palace Riverside Ward to the West. This area has its own Supplementary Development Plan which designates the primary intended use of the land as residential, with this use replacing industrial use. Nearly every industrial site has now been converted to blocks of residential accommodation, or has planning permission either existing or expected for residential use.

The majority of the Carnwath Road site currently being used for construction of the Thames Tunnel sewer will become residential when construction work has finished. Hurlingham Retail Park at the junction of Carnwath Road and Wandsworth Bridge Road (currently occupied by Dixons / PC World) has planning permission for a residential scheme which will occupy the entire site. The gas works site in Imperial Road is under re-development for residential. These and other small scale developments will therefore substantially increase the Sands End population.

The Council's own figures indicate a 20% increase in the electorate by 2024. As some of the redevelopment schemes will not be completed until after 2024 we consider that the actual increase will be greater. The scale of this increase compared to other wards indicates that South Fulham should have additional councillor representation.

We also wish to bring to your attention that a percentage of these residential properties are not owner-occupied but tenanted, with some tenants unlikely to be on the electoral role. The actual residential population is therefore likely to exceed council estimates. We are uncertain as to how this is reflected in your calculations.

We consider that the population increase in South Fulham requires the ward boundaries to be re-drawn, particularly those for Sands End Ward. We request that in re-drawing boundaries you remove an anomaly in the PRARA area. The existing boundary between Parson's Green & Walham and Sands End Wards runs along the centre of Clancarty Road. Logic calls for any ward boundary to encompass a road and not half of it.

The Commission's final recommendations will be published on 5th May, 2020.

12 - A plea from your Standing Committee: we still need a new Secretary

Do you have a neighbour who you think would be a good Secretary for PRARA? (That is, if you couldn't do the job yourself.....) The role is not onerous. Just let us know and we'll do the rest.

13 - Lyme Disease - a warning

We would not normally include an item such as this, but high risk areas for the ticks that cause Lyme Disease include grassy and wooded areas in southern England, such as Richmond Park and golf courses. If not treated, such ticks can lead to very serious cardiac, neurological and arthritic problems. Anyone with a fever and/or night sweats for over 10 days and has been to an area where Lyme Disease is known to be present, should be tested for it. You may have been bitten by a tick without knowing it and also have no rash. Lyme disease is easily treated in the early stages with doxycycline. Further information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

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