



PRARA NEWSLETTER

PETERBOROUGH ROAD & AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Incorporating Clancarty Road, Daisy Lane,
Settrington Road, Hugon Road & Sullivan Road.

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PRARA AGM – TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2006

The Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association (PRARA) will be held on:

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE, 2006

6.30pm for 7pm prompt

at

Hurlingham & Chelsea School
Peterborough Road.

Phil Cross, Headmaster of Hurlingham & Chelsea School has kindly offered the use of the school library for the PRARA AGM. For security, seating and hospitality purposes, please RSVP to Ann Rosenberg or your road rep.

We are delighted that it will be attended by our Member of Parliament, **Greg Hands**, and invitations have been sent to the six newly elected Ward Councillors, and representatives of the SNT. You are welcome to bring any neighbours whom you think would like to join.

PRARA CONTACTS

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South Park Representative: Beth Patrick, 69 Clancarty Rd., Tel: 7731 0573

Critically, we need to elect a new Co-ordinator at this meeting as Acting Co-ordinator Anthony Williams is standing down after 2 years months in the post, although he is happy to remain on the committee as the Clancarty Road representative and provide initial guidance to the new co-ordinator. Nominations, please, to the Hon. Secretary by Tuesday 30th May.

Anthony will be happy to explain the co-ordinator role - please call him at the telephone number below.

AGM 2006 - AGENDA

- 1 **Notice of meeting and Apologies for Absence.**
- 2 **Approval of minutes of 2005 AGM.**
- 3 **Welcome to guests Greg Hands MP and our new local councillors elected on 4 May, and Sgt. MacDonald and Sgt. Trower of the Safer Neighbourhoods police teams, which cover both Wards, (operational demands permitting).**
- 4 **Introductory overview by the Acting Co-ordinator**
- 5 **PRARA members' questions to our Councillors and Police Sergeants.**
- 6 **Brief reviews by:**
 - Acting Co-ordinator, Anthony Williams**
 - Hon. Secretary, Ann Rosenberg.**
 - Hon Treasurer, Chrissy Stenning.**
 - Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators, Lance & Sue Pierson.**
 - Clancarty Road Representative, Anthony Williams.**
 - Daisy Lane Representative, Guy Nicolson.**
 - Settrington Road Representative, Simon Champion.**
 - Hugon Road Representative, Alan Kelly.**
 - South Park Representative, Charles Truman & Beth Patrick.**
 - Planning, Paul Leonard.**
- 7 **Questions, suggestions and comments: PRARA members**
- 8 **Nominations and Election of Standing Committee Officers:**
 - Nominations for Co-ordinator**
 - Hon Secretary, Ann Rosenberg, is offering herself for re-election**
 - Hon Treasurer Chrissy Stenning is offering herself for re-election**
 - The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators – Lance & Sue Pierson are offering themselves for re-election.**
 - The Clancarty Road Representative, Anthony Williams is offering himself for re-election**
 - South Park representative, Beth Patrick is offering herself for re-election .**
 - All nominations for Standing Committee Officers in writing to Hon. Sec. Ann Rosenberg – see your copy of the Constitution for procedure. If you want a copy, please contact Ann Rosenberg.**
 - Election will be by acclamation, but if necessary by a show of hands**
- 9 **Close of meeting. Mix and mingle. Drinks.**

DON'T FORGET - _RSVP!!! Ann Rosenberg.

South Park

The Committee have intensified our campaign for major improvements to South Park and are strongly lobbying the Council to submit a Lottery bid under the "Parks for People" programme. We have enlisted the help of our Member of Parliament. A site meeting with three Council Officers took place on 21st April as the first step in preparing the masterplan which is required for Stage One of a bid. A report has to be put to the Council's Cabinet in order to obtain formal approval for a bid to go forward and we shall be lobbying all the new members of Cabinet to ensure that efforts are not diverted to other open spaces to the detriment of South Park.

Neighbourhood Watch

We now have NW representatives in Hugon Road, (Fiona Talbot-Smith), and Daisy Lane, (Sarah Morphet). We were also advised by the Police that we needed two NW co-ordinators, one for each SNT Team. Accordingly Lance & Sue Pierson are now designated as the key individual for the Parsons Green and Walham SNT Team, and Kathleen Merrill is the key individual for the Sands End SNT Team.

Technically, the Parsons Green team covers the north side of Clancarty Road and the north end of Peterborough Road while the remainder of the PRARA area falls within Sands End. However, the two teams work very closely together to provide comprehensive and co-ordinated coverage.

Caffe Deno

Thank you to the 30 members and others who signed our letter objecting the alcohol licence application for this cafe in Sullivan Court. The application was in fact withdrawn when it transpired that the cafe did not have landlord's approval to sell alcohol. The landlord is of course the Council and we have written to the Head of Valuation and Premises Services requesting that permission not be granted.

Annual Donations

Thank you to all members who responded to our Treasurer's recent appeal. If you have not yet made a donation this year and would like to do so, Chrissy Stenning will be pleased to receive it at the AGM.

Police alert.

You may receive a card through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) saying that they have a parcel awaiting delivery instructions.

Please be aware you will be asked to contact them on 0906 6611911.

We advise that you DO NOT call the number, as this is a premium phone scam originating from Belize.

If you call the number and listen to the recorded message you will be billed £1.50 a minute for 10 minutes.

If you receive a card with these details, please contact ICTIS (Premium Rate Services Regulator) at <<http://www.icstis.org.uk>> as this service is under investigation by them. Or contact your local trading standards office.

Spring Open Meeting

Twenty PRARA members attended the Opening Meeting at Hurlingham & Chelsea School on Tuesday 14 March.

The speakers were:

PHIL CROSS – Headmaster of Hurlingham & Chelsea School who spoke about the achievements so far as well as his aims and plans for the future.

VANESSA HARRIS – successful fund raiser for neighbourhood projects on how associations can successfully find funding to improve quality of life.

SGT MARK TROWER & SGT MICK MACDONALD - Safer Neighbourhood team leaders – on the recent spate of street crime in the neighbourhood.

Phil Cross charted the progress of the school out of Special Measures to achieving the best exam results last year. Ofstead have given the school a good report and Phil Cross said it was his goal to make it a local school - one that parents in the borough will send their children to. This would make it one of the highest achieving schools in the borough. There are still problems and issues to be addressed but he was confident that the school had turned the corner. There are plans to establish a Community Health Centre, a Study Centre for community use as well as a fitness centre at the school.

He invited anyone to visit the school whenever they pleased, and said that if there was any cause for concern regarding the behaviour of the children, he or a member of his staff wanted to be told immediately. The telephone number is 020 7731 2581.

PRARA members acknowledged his achievements and praised his efforts.

Vanessa Harris who has helped raise funds for community projects where she lives in Hither Green, Lewisham, explained the process. Local people wanted to improve the quality of life in their neighbourhood, banish litter and graffiti and reclaim the streets. This was achieved by a group of 150 residents who formed an action group, found sources of funding for small projects, and raised money through donations, raffles and other fund-raising initiatives. They sought and obtained support from the local council, and established community action days to plant window boxes and street corner planters, wash windows and clean shop signs and remove graffiti. She showed before and after photographs of the local streets which revealed the success of the community effort.

Sgt. Mark Trower, (Sands End ward), summarized the achievements of the Sands End SNT team in their first year of operation. Crime in the ward was down by 12% except for a brief rise in January-February which was due to displacement as borough crime hot-spots were targeted. Reported crime is low in Sands End.

A Safer Neighbourhood Challenge has been established where children engage in projects to help in the community such as visiting old folk and clearing the river bank. A football match between the police and members of the Castle Club youth centre is also planned. The aim is to build stronger links with the school and youth centre. Also more Neighbourhood Watch groups need to be formed.

Sgt Mick MacDonald, (Parsons Green and Walham Ward), reported the successful conclusion of the Broom Farm problems in Clancarty Road, with the result that the crime rate in the immediate area has halved. However the domestic crime rate in Studdridge rate has risen, which is attributed to young people excluded from the Youth Club at the church. But the good news is that the overall crime trend is down. He advised everyone to remove belongings from view in parked cars, and also away from windows which should be locked. Carelessness attracts criminals, and burglaries usually occur in the middle of the day.

HACAN

As LBH&F have not joined the protest against the development of the proposed runway use alterations at Heathrow's new Terminal 5 – the only London borough not to have done so - PRARA will write and ask why.