

PERA

PULTENEY ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Spring 2010

The Pulteney Estate area includes:
Great Pulteney Street, Pulteney Mews,
Laura Place, William Street, Sunderland
Street, Johnstone Street, Edward
Street, Vane Street, Henrietta Street,
Sutton Street, Daniel Street, Daniel
Mews, Sydney Place,
Beckford Road, Bathwick Street,
Sydney Mews, Darlington Street,
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New Secretary

Sally Brown, who has recently moved to the area has agreed to take over as Secretary with immediate effect. She is very welcome and we hope that in due course, our members will have the opportunity of meeting her. We wish her well!

Sally is taking over from Julia Virley, who has put in over 5 years sterling work in looking after many aspects of running PERA. She deserves a rest and our thanks for all she has done, but she does of course, remain a member of PERA.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the Bath Bowling Club, Pulteney Road, Bath at 7pm on Monday 15th March.

Wine and soft drinks will be available, together with a few nibbles. The Guest Speaker will be Xa Sturgis, Director of the Holburne Museum. He will be updating and inspiring us on the progress of the Holburne and possible plans for Sydney Gardens. This information will reflect the developments listed on the reverse of this newsletter.

Half Marathon

This race is due to take place on Sunday 7 March. As usual, most roads in the vicinity of Great Pulteney Street will be closed for most of Sunday. In 2009 we were reasonably satisfied that the Race Organisers had done their best to limit inconvenience to residents.

There have been problems with barriers preventing residents getting to and from their properties without having to go on long detours. As there are a lot of elderly people in the area, we are looking to prevent this kind of obstruction.

If any member feels that any aspect of the arrangements have caused them problems, please contact one of the Committee members, whose details are printed on this newsletter, with details of your complaint.

Pulteney Bridge Closure

Despite having secured agreement in principle from both the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, the Bridge is still not closed to traffic and progress has slowed to a snail's pace. In the meantime, traffic volumes mean that damage to the Bridge continues, along with on-going issues on pedestrian safety.

Although robust assurances have been given, one wonders if the circa £25,000 per month gained from vehicles crossing the Bridge illegally might be a major factor in any delay in closure

Please continue to Email the Leader of the Council:

francine_haeberling@bathnes.gov.uk

and the Chief Executive:

john_everitt@bathnes.gov.uk

to push for closure.



Christmas Party 2009

For the first time PERA held the Christmas Party at Lunchtime. It proved to be an inspired decision, as numbers attending reached an all time record, despite appalling weather on the day in question, Sunday 29th November.

The venue was the Bath Bowling Club on Pulteney Road, which proved to be an ideal choice. Entertainment was provided by the 'Bristol Shantymen' who split their act into two sessions. They were well received by those attending and a good time was had by all.

We will be repeating the Lunchtime Christmas Party in 2010 on a date which will be advised to all members later in the year.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR 2008 & 2009

Income

	2009	2008
Membership Subscriptions	1305	1105
Grant	1000	
Gull Fund	176	
Interest	5	71
Party Income	589	424
Other Income-Sydney Gdns.		500
Ex Gratia Lloyds TSB		25
	£3075	£2125

Expenditure

Party Expenditure	651	608
Architect Fees(Overthrows)	1001	
Newsletters	605	615
Office Supplies & Postage	181	141
AGM costs	164	26
Subscriptions	70	70
Website	57	
Planning Permission(Overthrows)		459
	£2729	£1919

Surplus

346 **206**

The last two years Income & Expenditure shows the Association living within its means, with a reasonable surplus which helps to build our resources. Cash held in Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2009, amounted to £4676.

Foreseeable expenditure in the future, will include enhancing the existing website into a tool which will provide updated information for all members and will include a feature for members to submit their views and suggestions, under any heading.

International Dance Festival

On the 2nd of May, Laura Place will be the venue for a World Record! 'Dance Festival' will be staging a dance performance at 12 noon for a hoped for record number of children, simultaneously dancing. It will mean the closure of Laura Place from about 9am to 2pm.

We wish them well and trust that the weather is good; if not they may be able to get a World Record for dancing in the rain! Further details will be released later in the year.



Overthrows

The first new metal Overthrow has been made and the joints tested for the 'worst case' scenario. The lead work is being cast week commencing 15th February. Various hand blown lanterns have been made, to ascertain correct colour, shape and thickness. When put together, the final result will be stunning! We are endeavouring to agree firm costs, which will include installation.

This subject will be updated at the AGM.

Cleaning and Rubbish

Street Cleaning remains a 'Hot Potato'.

We have been told by the Banes representative that for instance, they clean Great Pulteney Street three times a day. This is arrant nonsense. We are fortunate if they do it once a day. The Management is at fault here and liberal use of 'Council Connect' by Email or telephone is recommended. It seems to be the only way to get something done quickly.

One recurrent feature is the amount of glass left lying round for weeks on end. This is also a tell-tale feature which enables us to accurately say how long it takes for the Council to clean it up. We can say for definite that on some of the minor streets in our area glass is left for months on the pavements to the detriment of people and animals alike.

Please use 'Council Connect' whenever you feel there is a rubbish problem in your area. They do react in most cases fairly quickly, but it is a pity that the job is not done properly, from the outset.

Email: councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk
Telephone: 01225 394041

"Taking a line for a walk..."

There will be a special event on Sunday 19th September in Great Pulteney Street, when a canvas will be stretched between the Holburne Museum and the Victoria Art Gallery.

Young and old alike can join in by drawing on the Canvas. Again, we hope for good weather! There is no profit motive linked to this extravaganza. It is being held to promote Bath artistically.

Nearer the date, more information will be made available in the press.

Bath Rugby

The Chairman, Nigel Websper has had an open and cordial meeting with Nick Blofeld, Chief Executive Officer of Bath Rugby about their plans for a new stadium.

Nick stated that all options for a new stadium were being considered, that were in the best interests of Bath Rugby, the environment around the Rec. and Bath's status as a World Heritage City. Nick anticipates that by the end of March firm plans will be available for examination and wide public consultation. We wish Nick the very best in meeting this timetable.

Holburne Museum

Construction is now more than half way through and remains on time and budget as work continues apace on every part of the Museum and the new extension. You can now walk between the old and new on every floor and get a clear sense of how all the spaces relate to each other and to the Townscape and Landscape beyond. On the first floor landing for example, you can now have the thrilling experience of being able to look down the great vista of Great Pulteney Street in one direction and along the axis of Sydney Gardens in the other – two different worlds, with the Holburne at their centre!

Elsewhere the roof-lights are now in place, the walls of the extension are almost complete awaiting their ceramic cladding and the glass for the café is installed. The Building is now weather proofed so that work can start in earnest on the internal details and finishes.

The most complicated tasks over the coming months will be the sensitive installation of all the services and the ducting required to ensure the art collections of all types are kept in the best possible conditions. This will be followed by the painstaking and involved reinstatement of the Grand Staircase, which will be the last major part of the construction to be completed. Until then, access will continue to be via ladders on the external scaffolding.