

PERA PULTENEY ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Summer 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,
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**Queen's Birthday
Honours
congratulations**
go to PERA member
Irene Weller, for her
much deserved MBE for
services to Dorothy House
hospice.

Jungle Rescue

PERA members who may also be members of the Friends of St Mary's Churchyard will know of the massive job of clearing the site and the subsequent help received from the Heritage Lottery Fund and B&NES.

The Churchyard, on the corner of Bathwick Street and Henrietta Road, is owned by St Mary's Bathwick whose parish includes the PERA area and although the Council is responsible for maintenance by Act of Parliament it has always been minimal. A Churchyard, which was closed to new burials in 1856, is very much down the list of priorities.

We hope that PERA members will take a new look at the Churchyard, which has been fairly extensively planted by the Friends in ways that, through experience, have been found to be resistant to the resident badgers. Not easy!

With this newsletter you will receive a leaflet on the Churchyard and in this we have highlighted some of those buried there and who may be well known or have been important in different ways. A former landlord of the Pulteney Arms and co-founder of the Shipwrecked Mariners Society is there, the mother of Sir Thomas Brisbane after whom Brisbane, Australia is named are among the 300 or so tombs and headstones.

Funds enabling us to continue the work are important. The cost of membership is £5.00 pa and for those who would like to help we meet at the Churchyard on the second Saturday of each month at 10am. You will be most welcome.

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Overthrows

Full planning consent has now been given. You can see all the documents under Ref 08/04746/ LBA on the B&NES Web Site.

A sample overthrow has been built by *Iron Age Forge* of Frome, who have won the competitive tender to produce these. *Iron Age Forge* are high quality blacksmiths who have recently completed the railings around the Royal Crescent. The copper lantern has been made, and looks stunning. It will come with a long lead to plug into a regular socket (after careful tapering around the overthrow and railings). The various moulds and castings are also underway.

We have been given a grant to pay for essential one-off costs of tooling. This enables us to keep the costs down. We are finalising the model that will allow Residents to order the complete overthrow and lantern and have it professionally checked, without dealing with a myriad of suppliers. We hope to complete these arrangements, and have firm costs agreed, in July. We should then be able to see a completed overthrow and lantern in place by August.



Laura Place in the record books

On Sunday 2nd May 2010 a record number of 232 people danced, with umbrellas, to 'Singing in the Rain' around the fountain in Laura Place and danced their way into the Guinness Book of Records. Even the rain helpfully obliged at the crucial moment! The event was organised by Bath International Dance Festival and they especially wanted to thank PERA members for their help and support with this.

The record -breaking event made news on local TV and radio, the Telegraph, Daily Mail, Daily Mirror and is on websites all over the world.

Pulteney Bridge closure

B&NES have now commenced formal consultation on the closure of Pulteney Bridge and Argyle Street to cars and buses. Emergency vehicles responding to an emergency and cyclists will still have access. Positive negotiations with First Group have been conducted. B&NES is working towards issuing a Traffic Regulation Order for the closure of the bridge on 5th September 2010. The proposal includes no loading on the bridge at any time and no loading on Argyle Street between 10 am and 6 pm

Lawson Cypress trees, The Rec

Sally and Peter Brown (28 Pulteney Mews) had a meeting with Mr John Crowther, Neighbourhood and Environmental Services, B&NES on 27 May 2010 regarding the forlorn fir trees to the left of the green turnstiles to the Rec.

The area is generally scruffy and unkempt and the old trees could be replaced with something more in keeping with the landscape of the Rec. One tree was replaced with a silver birch a few years ago, and there are several other silver birch trees around the Council's buildings in that area.

Mr Crowther will arrange with Denise Hart, Arboricultural Officer, "for the trees to be surveyed to establish and verify their condition and safe useful life".

Once this has been done, Mr Crowther will meet with Sally and Peter Brown for further discussion and "then meet with Mr Glenn Chip, Strategic Director for Customer Services so that he can liaise with the Trustees of the Recreation Ground in order for them to consider the various options".

Mr Crowther will arrange for the area to be cleaned and weeded. He also asked Sally Brown to seek the opinion of local residents. This is currently in hand.

Holburne Development News

The Holburne writes -

The Holburne's development project continues apace even if the hoardings do hide the work being done. If you peek over the boards in the Museum's back garden you will be able to see how many beautiful ceramic tiles are now up and how they catch the light and the reflection of the trees.

This summer our education team is offering some fantastic free workshops for all the family.

Splash it about a bit!

12 – 16 July

Drop-in Workshops for all the family
Come and decorate the Museum hoardings facing Sydney Gardens for National Children's Art Day – let your inner artist out.

Mon 12 July 3.30-5pm

Splash it about – paint like Pollock

Tue 13 July 3.30-5pm

The Big Face – put up your portrait

Wed 14 July 3.30-5pm

Spray 'n stencil: eat your heart out, Banksy...

Thur 15 July 3.30-5pm

Letter Magic – free-hand and stencil letter art

Fri 16 July 3.30-5pm

Positive and negative - action portraits

Workshops in July and August celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Kennet & Avon canal and culminate in our **Free Bank Holiday Holburne Picnic in the Park** on Sunday 29 August 11 to 2pm. All sorts of canal-themed activities so bring your own picnic along and enjoy!

- ❖ Dress up as a Bargee Family and have your photo taken
- ❖ Paint a flowerpot with big fat flowers
- ❖ See the Great Xa's Magic Show by the waterside

- ❖ Make a hobby horse to pull your boat
- ❖ Be a gongoozler - explore the canal with a new fun trail
- ❖ Paint your face with castles and flowers
- ❖ Dress a peg-doll as a bargee
- ❖ Make a sunbonnet for those scorching days...
- ❖ LIVE MUSIC !
- ❖ Refreshments available

Looking towards the autumn our **Holburne Portrait Prize** exhibition will once again be hosted at Chapel Row Gallery. It runs from 18 September to 12 October. Drop in for the **Big Draw** on Saturday 9 October and also vote for your favourite portrait in the exhibition. This year the **Holburne Lantern Procession** is on Thursday 2 December with our usual free lantern making workshops in the run up to it.

Pick up our **Art for All leaflet** to see all that is on offer.

All courses and workshops (including those free of charge) should be booked in advance.

Phone 01225 820829 (9.30am-12.30pm) or email s.homes@bath.ac.uk

Further information about all the Holburne's events and activities (including the Friends of the Holburne) can be found on our website www.bath.ac.uk/holburne

Sydney Gardens Heritage Lottery Bid

A very constructive meeting was held in early April 2010 with B&NES, the Holburne, Lottery Heritage Fund expertise and other stakeholders to discuss the future revamp of Sydney Gardens. The prime objective of the group was to develop and execute a "winning bid" for lottery funding.

This will involve -

- Preparing a conservation statement
- Preparing a master plan and establishing the costs involved
- Consultation with the public and other stakeholders
- Development of an activities plan/cost base
- Development of a management plan/cost base
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Production of a timetable for the application
- Identifying source/s for match funding
- Need for specialist surveys

The next steps will be for the significance of the Park to be detailed by B&NES; the Holburne to set out its aspirations commensurate with the "attraction" of the refurbished Holburne museum and liaison with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

PERA as a stakeholder will be kept informed of developments. Peter Turner, PERA committee member, is our representative and will attend future meetings as the bid develops. We will continue to keep you apprised in these newsletters.

Cleaning initiatives

PERA Committee Members have signed up to the Council's **Adopt a Street** initiative.

Councillor Terry Gazzard is championing this initiative after witnessing its success whilst living in Florida. Residents 'adopt' a street in their area and act as the 'eyes and ears' by picking up odd bits of litter and reporting pot holes, street lights out of action, blocked drains and larger litter mess to the Council through Council Connect.

If you would like to get involved by adopting a street in our area please let Carole King, Committee Member know. Alternatively if you think there is a litter 'hot-spot' in our area that needs a clean-up please let us know.

We are happy to organise a litter pick day with volunteers and the Council will provide all the necessary equipment for us.