

## Overthrows and lanterns

Please see below a letter from our Chairman regarding a fantastic initiative to enable local owners to reinstate the overthrows and lanterns which were originally part of the front railings.

To the Owners of houses in  
Great Pulteney Street,  
Laura Place, Henrietta Street,  
Johnstone Street, Edward Street,  
and Sydney Place

6th March 2014

*Dear Resident,*

PERA wishes to file a “blanket” application for the reinstatement of overthrows and lanterns for all the houses on the above streets. The current planning reference 08/04673/FUL is only for some properties, and we wish to extend this to cover all houses so that owners who wish to reinstate an overthrow of the design approved by Listed Buildings will not have the expense of filing individual applications

This involves you in no cost or obligation, but merely notifies you of our intention, so that in the future you or subsequent owners may install a lantern and overthrow of the design approved in ref 08/04673/FUL. This design is as close as possible to that of the Georgian original that probably once graced your home.

To date ten new overthrows and lanterns have been reinstated in our neighbourhood, and we hope that other residents will consider installing them, further enhancing the streetscape for current and future generations of owners and visitors. Please contact me for any further information and/or look at [http://www.pulteneystates.co.uk/georgian\\_illuminators.php](http://www.pulteneystates.co.uk/georgian_illuminators.php)

If you are not the owner, please would you kindly ensure that the owner receives this.



# PERA

## PULTENEY ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



### Spring 2014

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, Vellore Lane, Sydney Road.

## Want to join us?

## PERA AGM

We are one of Bath's biggest resident associations, representing approx 300 households in the area around Great Pulteney Street, Sydney Gardens, Henrietta Park, and the Rec. Our Ward Councillors are more responsive and B&NES realizes that it has to consult with us on matters that affect us. This means that we have a real say in our local community, so by being a member you have a say. If you want to join us or know of someone who does we have attached a membership form for you to complete and return, alternatively visit our website: [www.pulteneyestates.co.uk](http://www.pulteneyestates.co.uk). We meet several times per year,

The AGM will be held on Monday, **31st March 2014** at the **Bowls Club, Pulteney Road** starting at 7p.m.

A glass of wine and nibbles will be available and there will also be a pay bar.

and have an annual AGM when all members have the chance to attend and openly vote on the key issues you want the Committee to pursue. Some of our newsletters can be found at <http://www.pulteneyestates.co.uk/news.php>. Areas that we have been involved in this year include working with the Bath Marathon organisers to minimise disruption locally (2013 was probably the best so far in this respect); liaising closely with Bath Rugby on matches so that noise and traffic issues are minimised (we have a very good operational relationship); liaising and lobbying the Council on coach parking issues in Laura Place in connection with the Christmas market (coaches were banned from using Laura Place); liaising with bus companies on frequency and timings of buses; lobbying the Council on planning issues that adversely impact local people; liaising with and lobbying the Council on issues around anti social behaviour and begging; liaising with and lobbying the Council on alcohol licensing; liaising with and lobbying the Council and BID on street cleanliness/recycling/gulls as well as a variety of issues in both Sydney Gardens and Henrietta Park.

We work hard to protect your interests. If you would like to support our activities, please become a member by looking at <http://www.pulteneyestates.co.uk/membership.php> The cost is only £5 a year. We do hope you decide to join us.

## Bath Rugby

**Regardless of your stance on Bath Rugby developing the Recreation Ground or not, PERA is trying to keep residents informed of the emerging developments.**

Recent consultation events have taken place regarding Bath Rugby's future plans to develop their facilities at the Recreation Ground. The Club's land use and Stadium plans (as they develop) are available online at [www.bathrugby.com](http://www.bathrugby.com).

We understand that there will be a community wide exhibition in the coming weeks they will then proceed with designs for a planning application this Spring.

In summary Bath Rugby are now seeking to redevelop permanent improved stadium facilities within the existing footprint of the current stadium, but with an extension to the seasonal East stand still being removed three months of the year. The plans do though show that the temporary East stand will move back by circa 10m and currently at this stage of the design evolution it has a roof which PERA believe is inappropriate as the height more than doubles from 8.2m to 19.15m at its highest point. By way of reference the current floodlights are 17m high. The proposed North Stand at the end of Johnston Street will be between 2.1m and 3.6m above the street level.

They have also confirmed that with this plan there will be no expansion of "commercial" activities at the facility. The CEO of Bath Rugby has stated that the plans for the improved facilities under the West stand will only include a café/bistro and ticket office, generally facilities only open late on match days. However they have consistently refused to give any assurances on closure times - our concerns are late night bar venues along this river side and the consequent impact of anti-social behaviour into the heart of this residential area.

PERA's position has always been the safeguarding of the Recreation Ground as a place for all sporting clubs and groups, who are good neighbours to local residents. We therefore require more information about the safeguarding of the other sporting activities on the Rec. We will also wait to see detailed design, the Heads of Terms lease, and the judgment from the Charity Commission Tribunal which is due in March, before taking a final position.



# PERA Social Activities Questionnaire

PERA is interested to know whether or not members would be interested in developing a social side to its activities.

Please can you indicate your interest to participate in principle:

	Very Interested	Moderately Interested	Not Interested
Specifically, are you interested in any of the following examples:			
Monthly get-together at a local pub			
Monthly get-together at a local café			
Monthly lunch at a local restaurant			
Summer/ Christmas drinks			
Book group			
Film group			
Bridge/card group			
Discussion group			
Private visits to local galleries and museums			
Outings local			
further			
Other-please give your ideas			

Please give your responses to

Mrs Jane Palmer, 26 Great Pulteney Street BA2 4BU or email [pera.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:pera.secretary@gmail.com) by March 30th

We shall arrange a get-together in a local pub to follow up on ideas for social activities if a number of people express interest. Please give your name and contact details so that we can keep in touch.

*Many thanks.*

Name:

Contact Details:

## HGVs and pollution

PERA is now working closely with the FoBRA (Federation of Bath Resident Associations) and in particular the Circus Area and Abbey Area Resident Associations on this issue. Air pollution remains a major issue in our area, affecting health and quality of life and we want to see HGV traffic rules enforced (they are blatantly ignored) and HGV traffic routed outside of Bath. The City Centre Resident Associations have met with South West MEP, Julia Gurling to push for accurate pollution monitoring as the first step in developing a robust and long term solution.

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## Adopt a Street

This is an initiative whereby a local resident takes responsibility for ensuring the refuse and recycling collections are carried out correctly in their street, also that any rubbish left out on railings is collected into one pick up point then phoned through to Council Connect 01225 39 40 41. This means that the unsightly and unhygienic bags missed by the refuse collection are removed quickly by the Council leaving our neighbourhood looking a lot cleaner (which is nicer for everyone!). It has been a huge success across the Pulteney Estate, especially if you compare the cleanliness of the Pulteney Estate to many other city centre streets.

Many of our committee members have adopted their street but we are looking for a volunteer to adopt Henrietta Street (gloves, bags and tongs are provided!) Please contact Carole King if you are interested at [caroleking@btinternet.com](mailto:caroleking@btinternet.com)

## Laura Place Fountain

It is great to see the fountain working again! Whilst there is still more work to be done, most people are delighted to see the waters flowing again; they hopefully won't be a 'magnet' for anti social behaviour in the late evenings which causes some distress to nearby residents.

## Senior Friendship Group

Have you enough friends? Would you like to meet others who may be lonely and would welcome meeting up for a chat and cup of tea together?

This is a lively and friendly group who meet monthly in the Fitzroy House Garden Room. These get-togethers include meeting new members, entertainment, listening to each other and guest speakers, a quiz, helping one another, and planning excursions, including Sunday lunch at a local "pub".

For further information please phone Tessa Berridge (316665) or Rosemary Henning (426245)

## Laura Place



## Bath Croquet Club on The Rec

**free  
Open  
Day**

Come and meet your neighbours and try out croquet at our **free Open Day** on **Sat 10 May** from 10.00am onwards

In aid of Dorothy House.  
For further information, please contact

Paul Francis, 07411 044 109  
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*We look forward to seeing you!*

## PACT

Many attendees at the city centre PACT meetings last Summer reported a surge in "organised" begging across the city centre. In addition there was an increase in dog attacks from the street drinking community's dogs in the city's parks and public spaces. The police team led by Bath Inspector Steven Mildren and B&NES committed to addressing this through better enforcement and urged all residents to call 101 to report begging (citing that this was a PACT priority) and to call the dog warden service on Council Connect 01225 39 40 41 if they experienced any aggressive dog behaviour. The approach adopted by the police has made a really positive impact and they are now working with a multi agency team to ensure that this positive work continues.

The next PACT meeting takes place at the Guildhall 6.30pm 3rd April 2014, this is a really useful opportunity to discuss and establish local policing priorities. We would urge you to come along and meet the police teams who are responsible for city centre policing. They are a really great team and are very open to listening AND acting on the issues you raise.

In the meantime the Police have urged residents to call 101 if they witness any anti social behaviour. If you don't phone it in, they may not be aware that the problem exists.

### Useful contact numbers

**Neighbourhood Police Team**  
0845 456 7000 or 101 for reporting incidents including begging, anti-social behaviour, suspicious behaviour etc.

For **emergencies** only please continue to call 999.

**Council Connect**  
01225 394041 for reporting missed waste collections, litter (including excrement and vomit and bin emptying), street lights out of action, dangerous paving, graffiti etc.



And Finally... PERA also wishes to support a great local initiative

## Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG)

We would love you to join this recently formed group whose aim is to improve and maintain the only remaining Georgian Pleasure Park in the country.

If you would like to receive an information pack please send an email with your name, phone number and address to

[friendsofsydneygardens@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsydneygardens@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support.  
FoSG