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# ASSOCIATION

April 2008

The area covered by the Pulteney Estate includes:

Pulteney Street  
Pulteney Mews  
Laura Place  
William Street  
Sunderland Street  
Johnstone Street  
Edward Street  
Vane Street,  
Henrietta Street  
Sutton Street  
Daniel Street  
Daniel Mews.

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## Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Monday 7 April at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church Hall with the entrance in Grove Street.

All Members are welcome and if you wish to raise a particular subject, please do so under 'Any Other Business'

Since the AGM in 2007 your Association has increased membership by over 60%, which gives us more 'clout' when we are dealing with BANES, with whom we have frequent contact. Please encourage your friends and neighbours who are not members to join, by contacting Chris McGinn, Membership Secretary, whose details are shown on the left.

We offer a particularly warm welcome to the residents of Fitzroy House, Great Pulteney Street, who have joined us 'en bloc'.



Holburne Museum during filming for 'Persuasion'



The Abbey at sunset

## Holburne Museum

As you are aware, we carried out a survey of residents' views on the Holburne extension. We reported in the last newsletter that 41% of the respondents were in favour of the initial contemporary design, with a further 13% favouring an alternative contemporary design.

The Planning decision to go ahead with the original design, subject to minor variations, was democratically approved by BANES. We for our part, as the Committee, do not feel it necessary to pursue the matter further. The Museum will close in Spring 2008 to enable the work on the Extension to commence.

## PACT

We attended the recent PACT (Police and Community Together) on 3 March. The subjects discussed were as follows:-

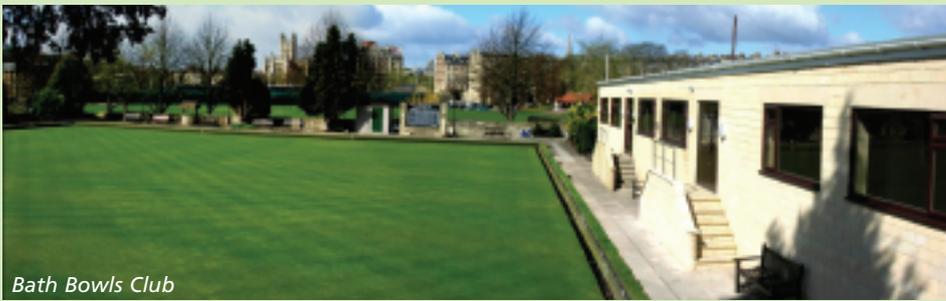
- ~ Anti-Social behaviour in John Street and Grove Street
- ~ Bath City Centre - Poor tourist image and beggars/litter
- ~ Clubs to be more responsible for clientele
- ~ Seagulls

These regular meetings are a worthwhile Forum for any relevant matters to be raised, in which residents have a particular concern. You are given the opportunity to voice your problem and are given a respectful hearing. It is our opinion

that Members should take the opportunity to attend one of them, which are held on a regular basis, to air their views.

It is of particular interest that the Police will be there and do their best to answer legitimate complaints over any appropriate subject. It transpired that if a beggar just sits on the pavement and says nothing, the Police are not empowered to move him/her on. The next meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm on 7 May at the Guildhall, when the following subjects will up for discussion, amongst others:-

- ~ Youth Clubs, vagrants and behaviour outside Clubs and Pubs



Bath Bowls Club

## Bath Bowling Club

**We are pleased to be able to approve the merits of joining the Bowls Club, which has a very high quality Clubhouse and facilities in our own Back Yard.**

Bath Bowling Club is holding open days on Sunday 20 April and Sunday 18 May, between 11am and 4pm.

Beginners are welcome to attend the free lessons before deciding whether to join. Just turn up with a pair of flat shoes or trainers.

There are also vacancies for experienced Bowlers.

The Club is located on Pulteney Road, between the County and Ayrington Hotels and a warm welcome is assured.

For further information please contact;-

Mike Rixson: 01225 446035 or

Roy Hatch: 07710094615

## Film Commissioner

Some of you may know that Maggie Ainley, Film Commissioner for BANES has retired. She has helped to bring more than 800 Films and TV productions to Bath over the last nine years. Probably her biggest success was the filming of 'Vanity Fair' in 2003, when Great Pulteney Street was closed off for a week and dressed up to reflect 19th Century London. An estimated £1m per annum is brought into the local economy from films and this is likely to continue, with Bath and particularly Great Pulteney Street having so much atmosphere and period architecture.



Above: filming in progress on Vanity Fair

## Rubbish

This has not been a good past three months for the way the way BANES have been dealing with rubbish collection. Emptying of rubbish bins has been appalling with several, particularly in Vane Street, having been full to overflowing on many occasions. BANES does have strict rotas they are supposed to follow, but time and again they do not do so, leaving us with a constant and unsightly mess. Glass is a constant hazard, which is a danger to children and animals alike. We are paying for this service and the Management ought to take a grip and deal with the problem permanently. If you come across any rubbish problem, which is not dealt within a short time, please Email [www.councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:www.councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk) and bombard them with Emails until they perform.

## Pollution on the River Avon

We have been in contact with the Environment Agency, concerning the brown scum that appears on the River following heavy rain. They state that the water in the River is described as Class 2, ie Water of good quality suitable for all fish species. They have not wholly addressed our concerns that the pollution following heavy rain most probably comes from farmers and indeed they go on to say that during 2004/5/6, there were only two successful prosecutions of farmers in the Avon catchment area.

This issue was brought up at a meeting of FOBRA (Federation of Bath Residents Associations). They did not provide us with any further backing and consequently, we will pursue the matter on our own. The fact is, the Environment Agency does not have staff on the ground during periods of heavy rain to catch the farmers pouring their slurry into the river. If anyone has evidence of such activity, they should contact the Environment Agency on 08708 506506.

## Overthrows

In March 2005, an application for 25 Overthrows was submitted, but due to planning processes was never formally passed. We are now in the same process with a new application for a total of 31 overthrows along Great Pulteney Street, Laura Place and Edward Street. The detail will be the same as 69 Great Pulteney Street.

Initial conversations with the Planning Department have been very positive and they expressed a view that they would like all the houses along Great Pulteney Street to have Overthrows. The Overthrows would undoubtedly enhance the appearance of the area, as well as the individual houses. We are very grateful to the work put in by Simon Harris and Associates, both in the initial application and the current one.