

# PERA PULTENEY ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Autumn 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, Sydriey Place,  
Beckford Road, Bathwick Street,  
Sydney Mews, Darlington Street,  
Vellore Lane, Sydney Road.



## Overthrows

The first overthrow has been erected this month and we hope members will be pleased with the result after so many years - as well as considerable time and resource from past and present PERA members.

For those who want to have an overthrow and lantern, and hopefully there will be many, Nigel Websper can provide details.

The cost will be £2,500.

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SUNDAY  
28 November 2010  
12noon - 2pm

PERA  
*Christmas Party*

Please make a note in your diaries for the party to be held once again at Bath Bowling Club, Pulteney Road, Bath.

We have had this function at the Bowling Club for the past three years and it has proved to be a popular venue.

Because of space considerations, attendance by members has to be limited to 80 people and consequently, application has to be on a 'First come, First served' basis.

There will be musical entertainment, together with food and wine or soft drinks, for which the charge will be £6.50, which is the same as last year.

Please submit your request to be present, by completing and returning the tear off strip at the foot of the page to:

Chris McGinn, Alexander House, Pulteney Mews, Bath, BA2 4DS.

No tickets will be issued, but your name will be on a list of attendees.

## Cleaning initiatives

As mentioned in the last newsletter PERA Committee Members have signed up to the Council's Adopt a Street initiative.

Residents 'adopt' a street in their area and act as the 'eyes and ears' by picking up odd bits of litter and reporting potholes, street lights out of action, blocked drains and larger litter mess to the Council through Council Connect. A big thank you to all of you who have signed up to this initiative and 'adopted' a local street. The Council has

provided us with all the necessary equipment such as gloves, grabbers and litter bags.

We still have a number of roads in our area that are 'unadopted' so if you would like to get involved by adopting a street in our area please let Carole King, Committee Member know. Again please let us know if you think there is a litter 'hot-spot' in our area that needs a clean-up. We are happy to organise a litter pick day with volunteers and the Council will provide all the necessary equipment for us.

*Christmas Party  
application*

Please reserve.....places at £6.50 each for which I enclose £                      cheque/cash.

Name.....

Send to CJ McGinn, Alexander House, Pulteney Mews, Bath, BA2 4DS

## Proposed closure of Pulteney Bridge

PERA has for many years campaigned for the removal of the bendy buses (c.150/day) along with HGVs of any type (whether private or public transport) along Vane Street, Edward Street, Great Pulteney Street, Henrietta Street and Laura Place.

The above stance, over many years, has been well supported by our members and residents generally, and PERA has canvassed support amongst BANES politicians and officers.

The proposed closure of Pulteney Bridge has raised concerns, particularly amongst elderly residents within the PERA area, as well as neighbouring areas, as there have been no detailed publicised proposals on alternative public transport options.

After taking recent soundings of many views amongst members and residents within the PERA area we believe that the majority would support the following:-

- If Pulteney Bridge is to remain closed to all but emergency vehicles then a smaller 'University' bus runs along Vane Street/Edward Street/GPS and loops around Laura Place, three times per hour between 9am and 6pm. This bus then continues either up Bathwick Hill or along Pulteney Road. This service is obviously available to all, but is predominantly for those unable to walk the extra distance from Laura Place to Grand Parade, or bottom of Bathwick Hill to Edward Street, the only bus stops lost on this service.
- In terms of the 2/3 other services that used to cross Pulteney Bridge, using smaller buses, these could also do the same loop.
- The pavement on Pulteney Bridge is widened both sides so that only a single carriage 12 foot wide exists in the middle
- That a feasibility study (if not already done) is undertaken to mitigate possible congestion at the junction between North Parade Road and

Pulteney Road and advocate its early implementation.

- That the bus stop on the bottom part of Bathwick Hill, in the downward direction, is moved to the bottom of Bathwick Hill, thus making the distance from Edward Street even less.
- That at least 3/hour of the "university" buses turn right at the end of North Parade Road to service the bus stops at the Guildhall and Grand Parade.

However if the above was not possible, and Pulteney Bridge remains open, it is to LIMITED traffic only and the following is implemented:-

- The pavement on Pulteney Bridge is widened both sides so that only a single carriage 12 foot wide exists in the middle. This carriageway should have a different "texture" to emphasize lower speed:
- A mandatory 15mph speed limit is imposed over the Bridge;
- Taxis can use the Bridge;
- SMALL buses only can use the bridge;
- The frequency of the 'University' buses over Pulteney Bridge is no more than 3/hour (and then only between 8am and 8pm), in addition to the 2 other services, which are 2/3 per day.

Please email or write to Nigel Websper (contact details on the front) with your views. We are very keen to hear from you on this, or any other PERA issue.

## Sydney Gardens Heritage Lottery Bid

The bid process is now underway and will take approximately 18 months. Liaison has been initiated between the Lottery Fund Committee and the Jane Austen Society for the erection of a statue of Jane Austen in Sydney Gardens.

B&NES and the Holburne Museum are currently conducting a Sydney Gardens Visitors Survey as part of the bid preparation. PERA will be e-mailing a copy of the survey to all members for whom we have an e-mail address and posting a copy to the rest.

## Recreation Ground

We are advised a consultation process should be starting shortly (within the next few weeks) on methods of improving access to and egress from the Recreation Ground.

If you would like to be involved in this process please contact Councillor Chris Watts at B&NES Council [chris\\_watts@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:chris_watts@bathnes.gov.uk) to register your interest.

Bath Rugby is keen to invite local residents to an "open evening" before Christmas, to discuss in more details their plans for a new stadium and importantly to listen to any residents' issues that need to be addressed. We hope to have an agreed date very soon.



## Holburne Development News

*The Holburne writes -*

The Holburne Museum is eagerly anticipating completion of work on site, which is on schedule for next month. When McAlpine hands back the keys in November we begin the exciting count down to re-opening next May, which starts with moving back in. Staff will return to the Museum in time for Christmas and the Holburne's collection will be returned to its transformed home in the New Year.

## The Holburne Challenge

This November we also launch the *Holburne Challenge*. This includes the **Big Arts Give** from 6 to 10 December and the **Bath Half Marathon** in March 2011. Please do keep an eye on our website for further information: [www.holburne.org](http://www.holburne.org)

## Light the way for our Lantern Procession

We would love your help in making this year's **Holburne Lantern Procession** our best ever. You can join a free workshop or make a lantern at home to bring to the procession, which takes place on Thursday 2 December from the Museum to the Christmas Market. It would make for a very magical occasion if we could tempt all of you who live on Great Pulteney Street to put a light in your window for the duration of the Procession. Last year 350 people joined in this festive community event and it would be wonderful if you did too. We plan to leave the Museum and head for the Christmas Market at 5pm. Please join us and put a light in your window from 5 to 6pm.

*Thank you.*