

# PERA PULTENEY ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Spring 2013

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.

## Bath Rugby

Many in this association like and support Bath Rugby and enjoy watching games on the Rec. The current proposal is not just a new stadium, but also putting the leisure centre into the Rec Trust, and a lot of commercial development. B&NES also want to re-zone the whole of the Rec as "City Centre" making it easy to get hotels, bars and other "City Centre" activities through planning and licensing.

The Leisure Centre loses some £250k per annum, and the cost of rebuilding in about 10 years is about £10 million. (The proposed increase in rents from Bath Rugby will NOT pay for this) Both the Leisure Centre annual loss AND saving up for the rebuild would be from the Rec Trust. This puts an unsustainable pressure on the Trust who can only hope to meet these commitments by substantially commercialising the Rec Ground.

The planned riverside development behind the new West Stand and onto the river front could see late night bars not only on Rugby days, but every day of the year. Concerts and other money making events, causing more disturbance to local people, could take place several days of the week, throughout the year.

PERA is doing all it can to understand all the issues (legal and otherwise) to ameliorate the adverse impacts of these plans. Please can you continue to let us have all your views on this issue, which will undoubtedly have the most significant impact on local people.

## PERA AGM

The AGM will be held on Tuesday,  
**12th March 2013**  
at the **Bowls Club,**  
**Pulteney Road**  
starting at 7p.m.

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

## Henrietta Park

In 2009, B&NES wanted to put Henrietta Park into the Rec Trust, as compensation for Bath Rugby having an expanded footprint on the Rec. Although the idea was not pursued, we did not realise that Henrietta Park could be "traded" in this way. We are looking at how Henrietta Park can be better protected in the future thereby ensuring that B&NES can not "trade" it in future.

## 'Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party in the Park'

The party, held last June, was a great success despite the appalling weather on the day! Thankfully it didn't put too many people off and the event raised over £1700 for charities. £700 was donated to Dorothy House, £700 to the Gurkhas and £300 to B&NES for the Henrietta Park memorial tree, which was planted last November (see pictures of the planting ceremony). The tree is a *Catalpa bignonioides* 'Aurea'.



## Henrietta Park Sensory Garden

The beautiful Sensory Garden in Henrietta Park is in need of some repair and restoration. The wood of the pergola is rotting, the pond is leaking and the paving needs attention. A rough estimate indicates something in the order of £10,000 at least needs

to be spent to bring it up to scratch. B&NES do not have that sort of money budgeted for improvements so it will continue to sadly decline. We would like to raise funds to contribute towards the necessary repairs and are looking for ideas to raise funds.

If you would like to get involved and/or have ideas for fundraising initiatives please contact Carole King at [carole@pulteneyestates.co.uk](mailto:carole@pulteneyestates.co.uk) on the PERA Committee.





## Street Lighting in City of Bath Conservation Area

We understand the Council is to embark on a consultation exercise shortly to determine the appropriate type and design of street lighting in the City of Bath Conservation Area (which encompasses the whole PERA area). There are streets in our area where the street lighting is poorly designed and sadly inadequate (Daniel Street for example). The consultation will include local Residents Associations so please let us know of your concerns and issues. We will advise as soon as the consultation is launched.

## HGVs and pollution

PERA works closely with the FoBRA (Federation of Bath Resident Associations) on these issues. 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 air quality pollution map is on our website at [www.pulteneystates.co.uk](http://www.pulteneystates.co.uk)

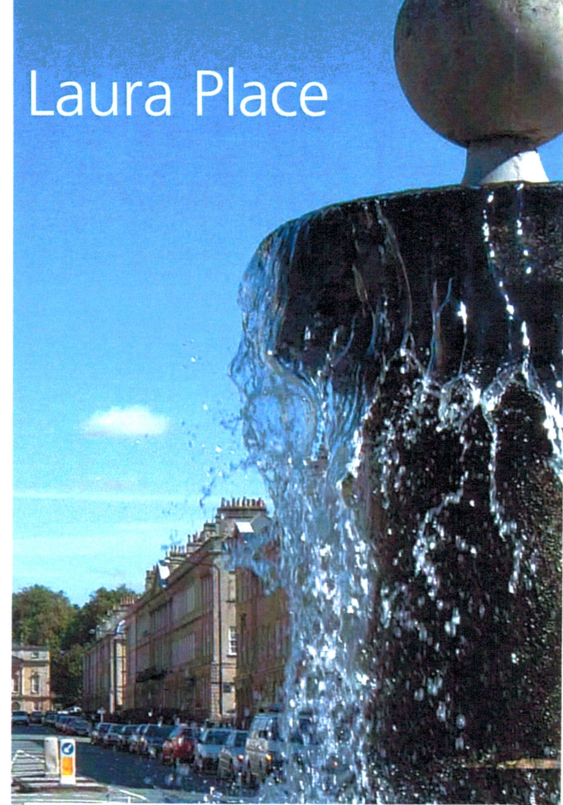
## Laura Place Fountain

This is another much loved local feature that has fallen into decline and disrepair. A number of you have contacted PERA and the Council to express your concerns. PERA Committee member, Carole King, attended a meeting in February 2013 to discuss the fountain and its future with B&NES officers.

The Fountain will cost in the region of £22K to repair and restore to working use. The Council have received suggestions from local residents to use the fountain as a planter rather than as a working fountain, but their preference is for it to be restored and maintained. B&NES would very much like your views on how the fountain should be used. Would you like to see the fountain made into a planter or kept as a working fountain?

Please contact Carole King at [carole@pulteneystates.co.uk](mailto:carole@pulteneystates.co.uk) to express your views. As Council funds are limited they are looking at working with City of Bath College stonemasonry students (as they did recently with the Rebecca statue by the Abbey) and seeking sponsorship from Wessex Water and Western Power.

## Laura Place



Proposals to turn Laura Place into a Coach Park, at least during the Christmas market, was finally rejected after intervention by local residents and Manda Rigby, local Ward Councillor and importantly by a rethink of both the Leader and CEO of B&NES.

## Zone 1 Parking

PERA will continue to work closely with B&NES to ensure that the potential threat of a re-zoning exercise does not make parking more difficult in Zone 1.

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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)