

PERA PULTENEY ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Summer 2009

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,
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Rubbish

The day for collection for our area has been changed to Fridays.

Our initial observations are that a number of people still seem to be unaware of this fact and are continuing to put waste out for collection on Mondays. Recycling day is also now on Fridays, as is the fortnightly collection of Cardboard and Garden Waste. Please find below a (hopefully) helpful table showing which Fridays are applicable for the collection of Cardboard and Garden Waste until the end of the year.

We expect this change to settle down over the next few weeks, so that unsightly rubbish, is not left out for days at a time. However, there are several places in our area, particularly adjacent to bins, where rubbish is put out illegally by various parties. If any member finds that their locality in particular is plagued by this habit they should contact:

councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk and request that one of the Waste Managers comes and opens the bag to determine the miscreant. It is an offence, with a fine payable of £60.

Cardboard and Garden Waste collection days

Friday 24th July
Friday 14th August
Friday 28th August
Friday 11th September
Friday 25th September
Friday 9th October
Friday 23rd October
Friday 6th November
Friday 20th November
Friday 4th December
Friday 18th December

PERA website

Our website will shortly be under construction. We have a domain name of www.pulteneyestates.co.uk
Watch this space!

Membership

PERA'S membership of households has exceeded 300 for the first time.

We estimate that this represents over 600 people and has given PERA a strong voice with which we can approach B&NES and be reasonably confident that our concerns will be properly addressed. The Committee wish to push on and build on this figure, as it is quite clear that Membership numbers do matter, when it comes to influencing and convincing the policy makers of the legitimacy of various causes which we have and will pursue. Consequently, we would ask all existing members to suggest to friends and neighbours that they too, join PERA for the benefit of us all living in this area.

Membership requests should be made to Chris McGinn, Membership Secretary at Alexander House, Pulteney Mews, Bath BA2 4DS.

Seagull menace

Residents in Daniel Street have applied to B&NES for a grant towards this year's seagull control measures following successful treatment over previous years. Julian, the pest man, has identified no new nests in Daniel Street this year but signs are that nesting has moved to Bathwick Street. Grants are available from B&NES of up to 50% of the control measure costs.

Three years ago the residents, led by Derek Alsop of 6 Daniel Street, won their appeal against the music licence granted to the Pulteney Arms and a fairly frosty atmosphere lingered on.

The Landlord has recently sold to Martin Cooper and Lara Platek, formerly at the *Five Bells*, Wootton Bassett, who

New landlords at the Pulteney Arms

intend to run the pub in a more hands on manner and who hope to welcome PERA members.

Martin known as "Coop" says that he is anxious that the pub gives no cause for complaint by neighbours and the "new broom" is evident from the tidier external area and absence of cigarette butts on the pavement. No attempt is being made to follow the gastropub fashion and the food offered is of the traditional bar menu type. It is hoped members may give their support to this new endeavour.



Holburne Museum progress

The contractors, Sir Robert McAlpine, started work on site at the end of March this year where they have already excavated the area to the rear of the building and prepared for the foundations of the new extension.

Work on the extension's basement will continue in the coming months, but it is the imminent arrival of the crane and erection of the scaffolding around the building that will signal that the serious construction and restoration work has begun. Much of the work that will be undertaken between now and the autumn will be out of sight, concentrating on the inside of the existing building – and including the restoration of roof, ceilings and doors, and the major and demanding task of relocating the grand staircase within the building. At the same time the somewhat less glamorous but no less essential installation of pipe-work runs and boiler flues within the building. Before work began – and as was planned – the evergreen Lucombe Oak at the rear of the building was regrettably felled. Lovers of the tree will be pleased to know that the Museum are seasoning its timber and all being

well will use it to create new seats and furniture for the re-opened museum.

Fundraising hog roast in aid of the Holburne Appeal

The Friends of the Holburne Museum are holding a fundraising hog roast at Southstoke Manor Farm, Southstoke, BA2 7DP on **Sunday 9th August 2009**, from 6.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m.

The tickets are priced at £20 per person to include a Gloucester Old Spot on a spit, salad, cheese and fruits. Please bring your own picnic paraphernalia, wine and friends! Please apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to J.M Angelo-Sparling, 10 Daniel Street, Bath, BA2 6NB. There will be live music at the event and a champagne/spirits raffle

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings

These extremely useful meetings for local residents to meet with B&NES officers and Avon and Somerset Police are under threat, we understand.

The meetings are held every two months and give local residents the opportunity of raising issues of concern affecting Abbey Ward. We urge PERA members to attend the meetings whenever possible to stop B&NES from cancelling them completely. Issues raised at recent meetings include cycling on pavements, HGVs causing damage to pavements, begging in the City centre and street cleanliness standards.

The next PACT meeting is on Wednesday 14th October in the Guildhall from 6.30 to 8.00 p.m.

Overthrows

Good progress has been made with our appointment of Rhys Brooks, a Conservation Architect, and the help and support of the Bath Preservation Trust. A considerable amount of work has been done, and seemingly endless detailed drawings and documents have been produced. Many conversations have also taken place with B&NES planners. There are now relatively few matters outstanding and we are very hopeful that a full set of documents will be filed for approval by late Summer, with formal consent granted soon after. We are sure that Residents will be impressed with the final design and historical authenticity of the Overthrows and Lanterns.

Bath Christmas Market

Bath Tourism Plus is intending to apply to B&NES for planning permission to operate the Christmas Market for eighteen days this year from 25th November to 12th December 2009.

They are also proposing to extend the site into Abbey Churchyard and around the north east corner of the Abbey to ease congestion.

The contact for further information is Charlotte Buckley, Bath Tourism Plus, Abbey Chambers, Abbey Churchyard Bath BA1 1LY.

Holburne events this summer and autumn

The Holburne Museum have advised us of some other events that are planned:

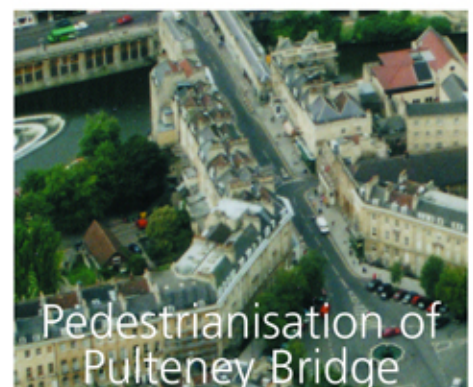
- Do come and join us for our free family event The **Holburne Picnic** in the Park, this year with a masquerade performance, on Sunday **30 August** from 12noon to 3pm. Bring your own picnic and join in the mask and hat-making workshops.

For further information please contact Sue Puntis T: 01225 820829.

- Wednesday **16 September**, 6.30pm, as part of The Holburne Lecture Series at Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution Martin Postle, director Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, will give a **lecture on the work of Johann Zoffany** RA. Doors open 6pm, tickets £5 on the door or book in advance T: 01225 820818

- The Holburne **Autumn Dinner** will this year take place at the Roman Baths and Pump Room on Thursday **15 October**. It promises to be a splendid evening which will include a drinks reception hosted by the Chairman of Bath & North East Somerset Council, an auction and musical entertainment.

If you would like further details about this event please contact Marnie Whiting T: 01225 820822



Following on from a constructive meeting in February with Councillors Terry Gazzard and Charles Gerrish, and the B&NES Head of Transport David Trigwell as well as a lot of follow-up discussions, little tangible progress has been made. Nigel Websper has been assured though that a lot of work is going on behind the scenes with commitments to pedestrianisation being expressed by the B&NES leadership. Please keep the pressure on B&NES by writing to, or emailing, Terry Gazzard at terry_gazzard@BATHNES.GOV.UK.