

# PERA - 2017 Spring Newsletter

(Pulteney estate residents' association): 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.

**PERA's purpose.** Our purpose is "To preserve and promote the Pulteney Estate as a great place to live" Our supporting objectives are:

- a. To help make our community a friendly and sociable place to live by bringing people together and supporting local groups and events.
  - b. To represent residents' views and concerns about local issues, and campaign to protect the things residents value in our community.
  - c. To connect with other communities and groups in Bath.
- We are proposing this as a permanent amendment to our constitution.

**2017 AGM** - to be held at The Holburne Museum on Wednesday 22nd March at 6pm.

We are delighted that Tony Crouch, City of Bath World Heritage Site Manager, will be our key speaker at the AGM. All residents are very welcome to come along – light refreshments will be provided.

**Join the PERA Committee.** Many of our Committee have served for over 6 years now and, given that half of our residents are female, half of PERA residents are people who live alone and a quarter are couples under 65, the Committee feel we can best serve residents if we are more representative of the area as a whole. Consequently, we are very keen for people who support our objectives, and have a little time, to join us. PLEASE do contact Nigel Websper if you are interested or who know others who may be.

**CCAG & PERA.** PERA is part of City Centre Action group (CCAG) - along with The Abbey and Circus residents association. There are about 800 households in membership and we have regular meetings with the Council Leader and MP, amongst others, to try to influence events that will protect and enhance the lives of residents. "Party houses", licensing issues, number and type of commercial events, reduction of pollution, are all on-going topics.

**Gulls.** BANES have agreed to fund a further round of gull control in this area, mostly "oiling eggs". This all helps to keep the gull population down, along with more obvious measures like not putting out food waste in bags that can be opened by gulls.

**New pedestrian crossing** - on the corner of Grove Street, and Argyle Street is planned. This will greatly improve pedestrian safety crossing this busy junction.



**Georgian Overthrows & Lanterns** - 5 more lanterns and 3 new overthrows have been installed since our last AGM. We are very hopeful that a further 5 new lanterns and 3 new overthrows will be installed by summer.

## **Social meetings at 'Rising Sun' & summer event at The Rec.**

In 2016, there were seven socials at The Rising Sun, Grove Street with up to 40 people attending each event. This is an opportunity for members to meet one another over a drink and importantly meet and welcome new people.

Dates for 2017 are all on the second Tuesday of alternate months, the next being 11th April, followed by 8th August, 10th October and 12th December. Just pop in anytime 6.30-8.30 pm, no need to say in advance. There will always be someone from the committee to welcome you and make any introductions.

We are planning to hold an afternoon event in the newly refurbished Pavilion at the Bath Rec on Saturday 17th June 4-7pm. This will be an opportunity to enjoy this lovely space. Our event coincides with 'The Great Get Together' weekend of nationwide community events, which aim to bring local communities together.

**Bath half marathon** - We are expecting that the 2017 event will be as good as last year's in terms of minimizing disruption to local people. We work very closely with the organisers, discussing the detail of the event and what could work better. We appreciate the donation they make to PERA and welcome your views on how further improvements could be made.





**Sydney Gardens.** BANES working with the Friends group, and local residents groups, have been awarded a £300k grant to be used to develop plans and projects as part of a £4m revamp of Sydney Gardens.

**Weekly rubbish collection.** BANES proposals to move to fortnightly rubbish collection, but retaining weekly recycling, has been a hot issue. Of concern has been the possible proliferation of the proposed large gull-proof waste bags that will be left permanently hanging on railings outside homes ruining the aesthetics of the area. We have been told that Great Pulteney Street, and the "City Centre" will maintain weekly rubbish collection, but are unclear on exactly which streets will be included. There are also no firm proposals to prevent the large gull-proof bags becoming permanent fixtures.

**Pollution.** Levels of pollution in our area and the City Centre remain too high, and in breach of both BANES and Government maximum levels. The increase in the number and type of buses travelling over Pulteney Bridge, and along Great Pulteney Street, has also not helped. Solutions are not easy, but we have secured a compromise with First Bus and Wessex Bus to reduce the frequency of University buses over our iconic Pulteney Bridge and have assurances that buses will be upgraded, and many re-routed along North Parade (as previously). An Eastern P&R will hopefully reduce car traffic (and private diesel cars in particular) Bath-wide and a possible A36/A46 link road, which should remove a large number of HGVs & through traffic, will also help.

### **Senior Friends Group of Bath**

We are an elderly group living in or near Great Pulteney St and meet monthly to get to know each other, relax and enjoy listening to interesting Speakers. We go home feeling refreshed after a cup of tea and some stimulating conversation. We meet the last Friday in the month in the afternoon at The Rising Sun, Grove Street where we also have a monthly Sunday lunch. If you are interested in joining us, please phone Tessa 01225 316665.

**Annual membership** - fees are due NOW for people who pay by cash or cheque. Minimum fee is £5 per year for flats. Our preference is for a standing order. Forms available at the AGM and on the web site at: [www.pulteneyestates.co.uk](http://www.pulteneyestates.co.uk) Bank details PERA, Lloyds Bank, Sort 30-90-54. Account 02034854.

**Bath Rec Trust.** The Courts issued a new governing document in December 2016. This confirmed that the Trustees have all the rights of an absolute owner. The Trust must have land in or near Bath for use as outdoor recreational facilities for the benefit of the public at large but it does not have to include the Rec.

**Bath Rugby.** Communications between Bath Rugby and local residents are generally good and continue to improve. Bath Rugby are committed to doing what they can to reduce the impact of 'unnecessary' noise (generally 'base' music - cheering and clapping is liked!) impacting those homes that border the Rec.

**Bath Carnival 15 July 2017.** The carnival have a new professional management team this year, and have obtained funding from BANES and the Arts Council. They have applied to use Sydney Gardens from 10am – 10pm for what will be a "family fun" occasion with professional stewards monitoring noise, litter and alcohol consumption to ensure minimum disruption to local residents and park users.

**Friends of Henrietta Park.** A new 'user' group called Friends of Henrietta Park was set up last year with aims including preservation, promotion, and improvement of this much loved and used park. This has very similar objectives to the Friends of Sydney Gardens group which is now well established. Details of both organisations can be found on their web sites. The Friends group have teamed up with Avon Wildlife to launch with a family day in the park on Sunday May 7th - including nature activities for children and light refreshments for all.

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