

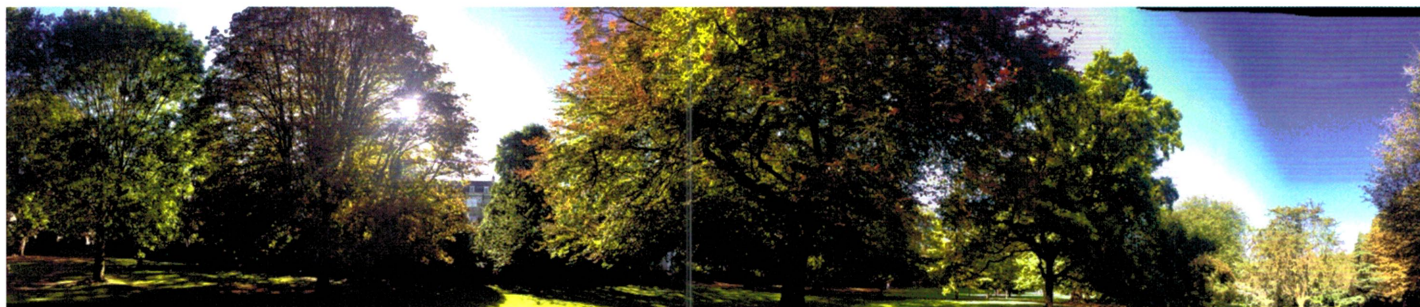
Upcoming Events

2018 AGM. The AGM will be held at **St Mary's Bathwick Church Hall** on **26 April 2018** at **6.p.m.** The AGM will include a presentation by architect Rob Delius on Laura Place and water features of Bath, and also a short presentation on the new PERA web site. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Informal drinks at The Rising Sun, Grove St. To be held at **6.30-8.30p.m.** on **Tuesday, 10 April.**

Summer party at the Cricket Pavilion on The Rec. To be held on **Saturday, 16 June.**

See below for more detail on social events.



With Spring now here, time to think of Henrietta Park in warmer times than of late.

Merger with Henrietta Park Residents' Association (HPRA)

PERA and HPRA have agreed to merge to form a single, larger residents' association for the local area. The Pulteney Estate and Henrietta Park are very closely linked, deal with many of the same local issues, and have a common interest in promoting the area as a great place to live. Joining the two associations together should give our two communities a more effective voice on local issues and better opportunities to socialise with our neighbours. As a result, we are also delighted to welcome Ian Herve and Ceris Humphreys, current members of the HPRA committee and great champions for the local area, to the PERA committee.

Social events and gatherings

Informal gatherings. Our regular informal gatherings for local residents are held at The Rising Sun, Grove St and were very well supported in 2017. They provide an excellent opportunity for residents to meet over a drink and, importantly, to meet and welcome new neighbours. Dates for 2018 are **10 April, 14 August, 9 October, and 11 December** (all Tuesdays). Just pop in anytime 6.30p.m. - 8.30p.m., no need to say in advance. A committee member will always be there to welcome you and make introductions.

Summer party. Following a successful Summer Party in 2017, with over 80 people enjoying Pimms and afternoon tea in glorious sunshine at the Cricket Pavilion on The Rec, we are planning another party this summer at **4p.m.** on **Saturday, 16 June.** The event is free but donations are welcome - all proceeds will go to charity.

Senior Friends Group. We are an elderly group living in the neighbourhood and meet monthly to get to know each other, relax and enjoy listening to interesting speakers. We meet on the last Friday of each month, at 2.30pm in the Cricket Pavilion on The Rec. If you are interested in joining us, please phone Lisa on 01225 282883 or 07753 215624.

Bath Croquet Club Open Day. The Club is hosting an Open Day on The Rec from **1-4p.m.** on **28 April** where you will be able to try your hand at croquet and meet the members. Home-made cakes and drinks are available with all proceeds going to Dorothy House Hospice Care. In addition, an Introduction to Croquet Course starts on 6 May and runs over three Sundays (cost £20, all equipment provided).

Laura Place streetscape

Members of the committee are in discussion with BANES and other interested local parties to look at revitalising the fountain at Laura Place and improving the streetscape around the fountain. Laura Place is a beautiful space but is a busy junction for traffic. Discussions are at a very early stage but the aim is to make Laura Place a more attractive and welcoming place for all residents and visitors.

Sydney Gardens

Work continues with the bid to obtain Heritage Lottery Funding to improve and develop Sydney Gardens with a view to revitalising the space as a beautiful pleasure garden with peaceful and tranquil spaces. The plans also include a new play area for children and refurbished tennis courts. The final bid for funding for this work is due to be submitted by end August 2018. Latest design plans for the gardens will be available at the Friends of Sydney Gardens Community Day on **Sunday, 22 April, 2p.m –5.p.m.** All activities on the day are free and include a stone carving demonstration, art and printing, nature exploring, bird box and seed-bomb making, stalls, a heritage game and a fire engine. Go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/sydneygardens for more information on the project and events at Sydney Gardens.

Become a member and support your community

Please give your support to help PERA achieve its objectives for the community. The more members PERA has the stronger and more influential its voice can be for the local area.

Annual membership starts from just £5 per household although larger donations are always welcome. From 2018 we would like to encourage all members, old and new, to pay their subscriptions by standing order rather than cash or cheque. Standing order forms are available on request from the Treasurer, Peter Knight (contact details below).

Please look out for the Membership Form delivered with this newsletter.

Would you like to join the PERA committee?

Are you able to help the PERA Committee? We are looking for someone to take the minutes of our meetings and type them up for distribution to committee members. The meetings start at 1.30p.m. and finish at 3.00pm. We hold eight or nine meetings each year, each within walking distance of Great Pulteney Street. Our next meeting is on 21 May. Please contact Nigel Websper (contact details below) if you are interested.

General information

PERA covers Bathwick St, Beckford Rd, Daniel Mews, Daniel St, Darlington St, Edward St, Great Pulteney St, Henrietta Gdns, Henrietta Mews, Henrietta Rd, Henrietta St, Johnstone St, Laura Place, Pulteney Mews, Pulteney St, Sydney Mews, Sydney Pl., Sydney Rd, Sunderland St, Sutton St, Vane St, Vellore Ln, and William St.

PERA's purpose is to preserve and promote the local area as a great place to live. Our supporting objectives are to:

- Help make our community a friendly, sociable place to live by bringing people together and supporting local groups and events.
- Represent residents' views and concerns about local issues, and campaign to protect the things residents value in our community.
- Connect with other communities and groups in Bath.

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