

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Welcome to the Autumn 2014 edition of Knoll News. The most important news is that the Association's 40th AGM will be held on Tuesday 25 November in the main hall at St John's United Reformed Church at the corner of Lynwood Grove and Mayfield Avenue. Proceedings start at 7-45 pm and we look forward to welcoming all members on the night.

The meeting starts with a small amount of formal business but the most important part of the evening is the chance to hear and question our guest speakers and local Councillors about issues which affect the Knoll area and other matters of concern. We always try to get interesting and relevant speakers: this year we have:

- Inspector Toby Noar of the SE Cluster Local Police team, who will be updating us on the changes to local policing and the SNT scheme and who is representing Chief Superintendent Chris Hafford, Head of Bromley's Metropolitan Police Team;
- Sharon Baldwin from the Orpington Business Improvement District ("BID") to talk about the latest activities to reinvigorate Orpington High Street;
- James Cleverly our local GLA member to talk about recent GLA initiatives and changes.

We also hope to have:

- A representative from SE Trains to talk about the improvements to London Bridge Station and train timetable changes while the work is ongoing and other changes that SE Trains are contemplating;
- A representative from Bromley Council's Planning department to talk about the changes to planning laws, which make it easier for some developments to go ahead, and what this might mean for you.

All these topics affect us all – so please do come along and hear, and question, our speakers. We will also have representatives from our local Councillors (Kim Botting, William Huntington-Thresher, Pauline Tunnicliffe and hopefully Tony Owen), who will be on hand in the general question and answer session that follows the speakers to answer questions about Bromley Council actions and what is happening in and around the Knoll area. Our speakers and Councillors are also usually on hand during the drinks and nibbles, which follow the meeting, to answer any further questions. We also expect to have representatives from the SE Local Policing Team E, Orpington/Petts Wood joining us.

As usual, the meeting will conclude with drinks and light refreshments. This gives us all the chance to talk to Councillors, guest speakers, members of the KRA Committee and, of course, your neighbours in a friendly and informal setting. Additionally this year, for the first time, there will be displays about groups, clubs and activities for the local community in and around St John's URC. This new dimension will give you the opportunity to investigate new interests and hobbies.

A copy of the Agenda is on the back page. Copies of the minutes of last year's AGM are available on the website (www.kra.org.uk) and will also be available on the night. Copies of the Association's Accounts for the year to 30 September 2014 will also be available on the night. I and the rest of the Committee look forward to meeting as many members as possible at the AGM - so do make a note of the date in your diary and please come along.

YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU! by Chairman, Paul Savage

Two members of the Committee have had to leave this year which means we now have five vacancies - so you can see, we urgently need new volunteers to join us.

We meet about eight times a year and there are a variety of roles/jobs to cover based on your availability and skills. Like all things in life, „many hands make light work“.

Please give me a call or send me an e-mail (contact details are on the back page) if you would like to join us, or need more information.

Or, of course, you can simply complete the nomination form, which can also be found on the back page.

We also need a new Road Warden to cover Lucerne Road, following the resignation of the long-standing Road Warden for that area, John Goodger. We pass on our thanks to John for his sterling service.

We do depend on Road Wardens, such as John, who are the heart of the Association. Please do consider offering to help with this role so that we can continue supporting all those in the Knoll area and the Association's valuable work. Please contact Kay Wilkins (contact details on the back page) or myself. Duties are not onerous: delivering the Knoll News three times a year and receiving/collecting subscriptions.

KNOLL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION QUIZ TRAIL UPDATE by Secretary Hilary Robson

Thanks to all who took part in the Trail Quiz that we promoted in our Spring 2014 Knoll News. I was really pleased to receive your communications, your entries and your feedback.

Apologies (again) for the errors in the early forms and that, as Paul Savage mentioned in the summer newsletter, we got a bit ahead of ourselves with our anniversary counting. As a consequence, and for fairness, all entries were included in the pot from which Paul drew the winner at our 8 September meeting.

The answers are given below, the full version is now on the News / Events page of our website at <http://www.kra.orp.org.uk/>, and a £25 token has been sent to the lucky entrant(s).

In the absence of any photos/collages/pictures from our younger members the £25 set aside for the children's prize has been sent to a local children's charity.

Clues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Answers	9	4	O,N	R	E	S	7	I	I	E	N	G	C	V	1	Y	S, U
Anagram	Serving you since 1974 (oops)																

TIME TO REMEMBER

On Friday 31st October, St John's Church, Knoll Rise, will be open between 6:30 and 8:30pm for a time of quiet remembrance of those you have loved.

You are welcome to come in at any time and remain for as long as you wish. You might like to light a candle in remembrance and write the name of your loved one down. All names given will be read aloud by the Minister during a short Act of Remembrance at 8:15pm.

CONCERT BY THE ALL SAINTS FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Saturday 22nd November at 7.30 pm at the Parish Church of All Saints' Bark Hart Road, Orpington

Pachelbel Magnificat in G. Haydn Little Organ Mass. Rutter Magnificat

Tickets: £12 (advance booking: £10, students: £5) Bookings and enquiries: 01689 871925

WEA COURSES 2014/15

We gave you early notice of these lectures in our Summer Newsletter. Here is a reminder now that Autumn is with us and many of us are back into school/academic year routine.

The remaining WEA Saturday afternoon lectures at St John's URC, Orpington are listed below. The lectures start at 2pm and usually run until about 4.30pm. Tickets cost £8.00 and include refreshments during the interval break.

1 November 2014 Victorian Leisure & Pleasure
29 November 2014 Napoleon – Man of Destiny
7 February 2015 Magna Carta
28 February 2015 History of London & The Thames
21 March 2015 Florence & The Medicis

To apply for tickets, contact Yvonne Tapper on 01689 877372 or yvonne_tapper@hotmail.com

ORPINGTON STATION

At long last the proposed extension of the car park at Orpington Station is underway.

We had been keeping a close eye on the pending development and were concerned about the implications of the displaced parking while the works are carried out.

However, we have been assured by Councillors that no changes will be introduced in our area, although there will be some in other areas; mainly to allow parking along the flanks of houses situated on corners of roads/avenues etc.

And whilst on the subject of the station, we have been sent the interesting facts below by the team responsible for the London Bridge redevelopment.

LONDON BRIDGE STATION

As you will know, London Bridge is one of Britain's busiest stations and is being completely rebuilt as part of the government's multi-billion pound investment to transform rail services across London and the south east. To minimise the impact on the 117m passengers who pass through the station every year, Network Rail is carrying out the hugely complex construction work in phases.

For more information and to keep up-to-date on the work affecting London Bridge:

Visit <http://www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk/>

Follow @TLProgramme

Text TLP 12 and your home station to 60777

About Thameslink

The government sponsored £6.5bn Thameslink Programme will transform north-south travel through London. When complete in 2018 it will give passengers:

New spacious trains running every 2 to 3 minutes through central London in the peak

Improved connections and better options to more destinations on an expanded Thameslink network including Cambridge and Peterborough

Robust tracks and signalling offer more reliable journeys

A completely rebuilt London Bridge station with more space and great facilities

Key facts

Over 117million people a year go to London Bridge or through it to Cannon Street and Charing Cross – 54 million start or end their at London Bridge itself

Platform 6 is the busiest in Europe serving 18 trains per hour

The new concourse at London Bridge is bigger than the pitch at Wembley, increasing passenger capacity by 65%

London Bridge will be longer than the Shard is tall

Up to 24 trains per hour in each direction, during the peak, between St Pancras and Blackfriars

Up to 18 Thameslink trains an hour in each direction, during the peak, between London Bridge and St Pancras – currently there are none between 7.30 and 9am

178 years old – London Bridge is London's oldest surviving rail terminus, first opened in Dec 1836

The expanded TSGN franchise will have 1,400 new electric carriages, providing 50% more capacity and 10,000 extra seats every weekday into central London during the morning peak

8000 new jobs created due to the programme

BROMLEY MYLIFE

Have you seen the new London Borough of Bromley social care web site?

"Supporting improved quality of life through encouraging high aspirations, maximising independence, promoting healthy lives, and protecting the most vulnerable"

For more information go to: <http://bromley.mylifeportal.co.uk/home/defaultalt2.aspx>

ORPINGTON INFORMATION

Information and links to various aspects of life in Orpington can be found at the Orpington 1st website.

Areas relating to Health, Education, Charities, as well as links to websites of local interest can be found at: www.orpington1st.co.uk/local/

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Our Newsletter is delivered to all households in our area. If you have any articles or news snippets you would like to share, or details of any forthcoming courses, events or talks that you would like publicised in the Spring 2015 edition please email to knollnews@gmail.com by Friday 27 February 2015, thank you.

AGENDA FOR THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2014

The Meeting commences at 7.45 pm in the Main Hall, St. John’s URC, Lynwood Grove, Orpington, BR6 0GB

- 1) Welcome and introductions from the Chairman
- 2) Approval of Minutes of 39th AGM (copies will be available at the meeting or can be viewed on our website at <http://www.kra.orp.org.uk/>)
- 3) Election of the Committee (nominations welcomed; see Chairman's Corner & slip below)
- 4) Treasurer's report and the Association’s accounts to 30 September 2014 (copies of the accounts will be made available at the meeting)
- 5) Review of the year's activities
- 6) Guest speakers
- 7) Q&A session

The evening ends with wine, soft drinks & light refreshments and the opportunity to circulate & socialise with your Committee, our members and invited guests.

NOMINATION FORM

You may nominate any member of the Association for the Committee provided they are willing to serve and are seconded by another member of the Association. Completed nomination forms are to be sent to the Secretary, Mrs Hilary Robson, 35 Tower Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 0SG, by Sunday 23 November 2014. The new Committee, once elected, will appoint the officers of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Nominee.....
(name & address)

Nominated by.....
(name & address)

Seconded by.....
(name & address)

Nominee’s signature..... Date.....