

FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the Autumn 2017 edition of Knoll News.

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the Association's 43rd AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 November in the Morton Hall at St John's United Reformed Church at the corner of Mayfield Avenue and Lynwood Grove. Proceedings start at the usual time of 7.45pm. We look forward to welcoming all members on the night.

As usual, the evening will start with a small amount of formal business (see Agenda on back page) but will quickly move on to the most important part of the evening – the chance to hear and question our guest speakers and local Councillors about issues which affect the Knoll area and which matter to you. We always try to get interesting and relevant speakers. This year we have:

- Nick McLoughlin (or alternative representative) of Bromley Police to talk about policing in the area and
- Sharon Baldwin from Orpington 1st, the Business Improvement District ("BID") to talk about the latest developments on the High Street. Sharon's attendance is subject to the Orpington 1st being re-elected for a further 5 year term, from March 2018, by the traders in the High Street. The election result will be announced on 3rd November.

We will also have representatives from our local Councillors, who will be on hand in the general question and answer session that follows our guest speakers to answer any questions you may have.

As usual the meeting will conclude with drinks and light refreshments. This gives us all a chance to talk to Councillors, guest speakers, members of the KRA Committee and, of course, friends and neighbours in a friendly and informal setting.

A copy of the Agenda is on the back page. Copies of the minutes of last year's AGM are available on our website (www.kra.org.uk) and will also be available on the night as will copies of the Association's accounts for the year to 30 September 2017. The Committee and I look forward to meeting as many members as possible at the AGM, so please make a note in your diaries and come along to show your support for your local residents association.

ASRC Update

I can report that the London Borough of Bromley submitted its Draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government for independent examination on 11th August 2017, in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning Local Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Planning Inspectorate have appointed an Inspector who will consider whether Bromley's Draft Local Plan has been prepared in compliance with relevant legal requirements and whether it is "sound" based on the criteria set out in para. 20 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The examination is a continuous process beginning with the submission of the Draft Local Plan and ending with the receipt of the final Inspector's report. The Council is then required to adopt the Plan so it can be used for determining planning applications. I understand that this process may take up to a year so the relevant parts of The Knoll may not formally receive ASRC status until next summer.

SINCE THE LAST KNOLL NEWS

Meeting with Councillors

We held a meeting with three of our local Councillors, Tony Owen, William Huntington-Thresher and Simon Fawthrop at the beginning of June. Most of the points raised were specific to roads or residences so I will feedback the Councillors' comments directly to the members who raised the matter, rather than mention them here. One matter which does affect most of the area is our ASRC status, which is covered above.

Tower Road bus stops

Despite representation from the KRA, local Councillors and residents, the planned three bus stops in Tower Road will go ahead. It appears TfL can do what it likes unless the council or police object, which they can only do so on very narrow criteria.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Road Wardens

We welcome Adrienne Harris, Ian Calnan and Maggie Brown who will cover Broxbourne Road and Irvine Way and Julie Bagshaw who has taken over Lynwood Grove (42-58 & 45-85).

We say goodbye and thank you to John Mangold who has been a road warden for Oakhill Road & Hill End for many years. He was also Vice Chair of the Association for a period of time. We also say thank you to Jayita Kundu who has been a road warden for Hillview Road (33-49 & 34-52) for the last 4 years or so.

We have road warden vacancies, for the following roads, some of which have not been filled for a year.

Tower Road 4-26 & 9-27
Tower Road top
St Aubyns Gardens
White Hart Road

For Tower Road and St Aubyns Gardens please contact Hilary Robson. For White Hart Road please contact Simon Wood.

The duties of the road warden will be to deliver the Summer and Autumn editions of the Knoll News to members only, the Spring edition to all houses in the area they cover, collect subscriptions and pass them to the membership secretary. The time involved can only amount to a few hours a year.

KRA Committee

We are also short of Committee members. Could I therefore ask all members to consider whether they would like to join the Committee in some capacity.

We meet about 8 times a year and each Committee member has a role, but the duties are not too onerous. If you would like to join the Committee please contact me (contact details are on the back page) and I will be happy to discuss what is involved, or please complete the nomination form on the back page of this Newsletter. We really could do with someone on a regular basis to update and enhance our website, so someone with the relevant IT skills would be most welcome. We also need someone to maintain the membership and subscriptions database.

WEA IN THE NEW YEAR

Why not join one of the WEA's adult education courses starting again in January and study interesting and varied subjects such as:

- History: Britain – The Restoration to the Glorious Revolution
- History: China – From 1949 to the Present Day
- Art: Post Impressionism
- Creative Writing: Writers' Workshop
- History: American History – From Revolution to Civil War

Most courses take place weekly at local venues in Petts Wood and Orpington. For further details and to book a place, please contact Penny Stewart on 01689 827420 or Martine Haynes at haynes.martine@gmail.com

And why not try one of the WEA's Saturday afternoon lectures:

3 February 2018	The Impressionist Exhibitions: From Laughing Stock to Blockbuster
3 March 2018	Dr Zhivago – The Book & the Film
24 March 2018	The Role of Women in the Political & Religious Developments of the Civil War

They take place at St John's URC, Orpington (2-4.30pm) and tickets cost £10 including refreshments. To apply for tickets, contact Yvonne Tapper on 01689 877372 or yvonne_tapper@hotmail.com

THE AD HOC CHRISTMAS CHOIR IS BACK!

Do you enjoy singing?
Would you like to have fun singing with others?
Do you want to take an active part in worship at St John's this Christmas?

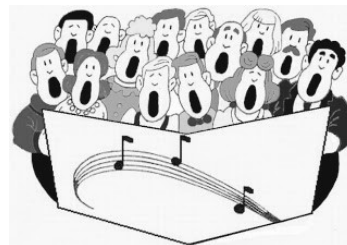
If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then the Ad Hoc Choir may be just right for you!

Anyone who enjoys singing is assured of a warm welcome – no auditions necessary! Don't worry if you can't read music – practice CD's will be available. This Choir is open to any adults and young people of secondary school age.

Once again we are hoping to form a choir to sing at the Candlelight Carol Service at St John's at 7pm on Sunday 17th December 2017. We very much hope that as many of you as possible will want to take part in worship in this way. The music will be a selection of traditional, contemporary and other styles.

Rehearsals will take place in the Church from 7.30 – 9pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th November
Thursday 16th November
Monday 20th November
Wednesday 29th November
Monday 4th December
Tuesday 12th December



There will be an extra rehearsal on Saturday 16th December from 10 – 11am.

We have chosen several different days of the week so that people who have a regular commitment on a certain night will be able to make most of the rehearsals and still honour that commitment.

If you would like to be part of the Choir or if you have any queries, please speak to Lesley Clare or John Castle. We look forward to seeing you all at the first rehearsal!

Lesley Clare 01689 638792 / 07981 523644 lesleyclare@talktalk.net
John Castle 01689 600261

ORPINGTON U3A HANDBELL GROUP

We are in need of more players with some musical background to join our group.

We meet at 22 LUCERNE ROAD 2 - 4 pm on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month.

We have a 4 octave chromatic set of bells and read from ordinary music as for the piano. These are enjoyable afternoons producing some lovely sounds over a wide range of music.

For those who may be interested please ring Terry Rayfield 825894 for more details.



ALL SAINTS' FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

will be performing

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

on Saturday 25th November 2017

at 7.30 pm

at All Saints' Church, Bark Hart Road, Orpington BR6 0QD

More information can be found on their website: www.allsaintsfestivalchoir.co.uk

CONTACT US

The contact details for specific KRA officers & committee members are:-

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Road Warden secretary Jo Wyton 810622

Road Warden secretary Hilary Robson 825422

Road Warden secretary Simon Wood 871811

Road Warden secretary Dave Thomas 829646

Items for the KRA website to knollnews@gmail.com

Our Spring Newsletter is delivered to all households in our area. Summer and Autumn editions are only delivered to members. Our Newsletter is delivered to over 1,500 members in the 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 2018 edition please email to knollnews@gmail.com by Monday 12th March 2018. Thank you.

Please note: Information on items and activities included in this newsletter and on our website are as received by the Knoll Residents Association. The KRA is not responsible for these items/activities and the inclusion of such activities does not constitute an endorsement of services or information offered.

Agenda for the 43rd Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 21st November

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 42nd 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 2017 (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, Miriam Harries, 29 Broomhill Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 0EN or emailed to kra.secretary@gmail.com **by Sunday 19th November 2017**. 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**.....