

Knoll News

Knoll Residents Association Summer 2018 Newsletter

News update

Planning

Following refusal of a planning application at 24 Keswick Road, for the building of 2, 4 bedroomed semi detached properties, upheld on appeal, the developer Aventier have now made an application for a 6 bedroomed house instead. As the footprint is almost the same the effects of this development are barely different from the plans already rejected. The KRA has supported the objections made by neighbours.

Meeting with local councillors

We have scheduled in a meeting with our local councillors on Monday 3 September. Please email any questions you would like us to pose on your behalf to kra.secretary@gmail.com

The aim is to pose the questions at that meeting and to feedback in the Autumn Knoll News. If this is not possible the councillors will be at the AGM (November 20th 7.45pm St John's Church Hall as usual) to complete feedback.

Road works Crofton Road

Depending on when you receive this you may already be aware that road works have started on Station Road/ Crofton Road with temporary traffic lights in operation. These are not scheduled to be completed until early September so probably best avoided if possible!

KRA website

The website was very out of date but thanks to Jerry Perera, a member from Elm Grove, it isn't! All the previous editions of the Knoll News have now been uploaded and the contacts updated. There is still room for improvement and we hope to add items in the future. If there is anything you would like to see or think you should see on it, please let us know. Email knollnews@gmail.com

KRA Committee

We say thanks and goodbye to Janet Whitehead who was a committee member for a number of years who has moved out of the area. She collated and published the Knoll News and you may notice a deterioration in standard from this issue onwards! She was also instrumental in making our AGM's a success, working behind the scenes dealing with the catering.

As noted above, with Janet's departure we urgently need someone to write, collate and publish the Knoll News three times a year. If anyone would like to take this on please contact any member of the committee. Knowledge of MS Publisher would be useful.

Irrespective of this we are always looking for new blood on the committee so if anyone would like to join please contact any member of the committee listed in the contacts section, who would be happy to discuss what is involved.

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Road wardens

We welcome Barbara Kent who has taken over from John Mangold as road warden for Oakhill Road and Hill End. Thanks to Alan Wiley who has added to his own part of Dale Wood Road the end section in place of Lisa Bristow. We would like to say goodbye and thank you to Lisa.

Thanks to Geoff Gammon who collected the subscriptions for Hillview Road 33-49 & 34-52 in addition to his own section. Could someone from these houses please come forward and act as a permanent replacement, as this was only a temporary arrangement

We have road warden vacancies, for the following roads, some of which have been vacant for well over 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.

Overhanging vegetation

This is a matter members often ask us about.

Garden hedges, shrubs, tree branches and even plants sometimes grow beyond garden boundaries, and can obstruct the pavement or obscure drivers' sightlines. It is the responsibility of the householder to take care of their hedges, trees or shrubbery to ensure that they do not pose an obstruction to the highway. Vegetation overhanging your property can under common law be cut back.

Where overhanging vegetation is reported to the council they will inspect and contact the householder or responsible party to request any vegetation impeding the highway is cut back. Whilst LBB cannot enforce the height of private trees they can request low hanging branches be pruned back. Once contacted, the householder usually has 28 days to cut back the vegetation. If it is not cut back within this time LBB will issue an Enforcement Notice. If this is not complied with they will arrange for their contractor to undertake the work, the cost of which will be charged back to the householder.

Some householders, particularly the elderly, may have difficulty cutting back overhanging vegetation themselves. Family members, neighbours or [Age Concern](#) may be able to help, but anyone experiencing particular difficulties can contact the council for advice.

For further information and the opportunity to report a problem of overhanging vegetation please go to

http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200083/roads_highways_and_pavements/221/overhanging_vegetation

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Bonfires

Bonfires are a subject we also regularly receive enquiries about. We are not sure whether the reduction in the opening hours of the green waste sites and/or the often lengthy queues at the Waldo Road dump are to blame but enquiries seem to be on the increase.

There also seem to be myths about when bonfires can or cannot be lit. In fact there are no bye laws in the London Borough of Bromley which prevent bonfires at any time. However, a bonfire must not be a 'public nuisance'. Obviously what is a nuisance to one is not necessarily a nuisance to another. As so often is the case, basic common-sense needs to prevail. Don't light a bonfire when you would reasonably expect someone to be enjoying their garden space, have washing hanging out or windows open. Even in our climate we would have thought that this constitutes the majority of BST.

LBB have a leaflet with more information. This can be downloaded from the LBB website. Go to the LBB website and search bonfires.

CONTACT US

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

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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 Autumn 2018 edition please email to knollnews@gmail.com by Monday 24 September 2018.

Thank you.

Anyone for tennis?

You may not be aware, but nestled between the end of the gardens in Mayfield Avenue, Lynwood Grove and Westholme and with an entrance off the passageway between Mayfield Avenue and Lynwood Grove lies the Knoll Lawn Tennis Club. There are 5 all weather courts, 2 of which are floodlit. The club is open to everyone irrespective of their tennis standard. If you are interested or require further information their website is <http://www.kolt.org.uk>. If you are interested in joining then please email membership@kolt.org.uk.

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What's On

The Big O Vintage Festival is on 7th July in Priory Gardens

See <https://www.thebigofestival.co.uk/> for more details

WEA Courses 2018

The WEA will be starting a new programme of varied and interesting adult education courses at local venues in the Autumn. Make sure you don't miss out and book a place now.

English History: The Georgians (part 1) 10 sessions, Mondays 10:30-12:30
from 17.9.18 at Petts Wood Memorial Hall

Politics: Brexit, Trump & Populism 6 sessions, Mondays 14:00-16:00
from 1.10.18 at St John's URC,
Orpington

Art: The Early Renaissance 10 sessions, Tuesdays 14:15-16:15
from 18.9.18 at St John's URC, Orpington

Creative Writing (Part 1) 10 sessions, alternate Wednesdays
14:00-16:00 from 19.9.18 at Christ
Church URC, Petts Wood

History: Women & Power from 1500 to the French Revolution (Part 1) 10 sessions, Thursdays 13:45-15:45
from 20.9.18 at St John's URC,
Orpington

For further details, costs and to book a place - pre-enrolment is essential - please contact either the WEA ([www.wea.org.uk/0800 328 1060](http://www.wea.org.uk/08003281060)) or the local Petts Wood & Orpington Branch (haynes.martine@gmail.com/ Penny Stewart on 01689 827420).

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

6 October	How the Vote was Won!
3 November	Art & Artists of WW1
1 December	Frida Kahlo

They take place at St John's URC, Orpington (14:00-16:30) and tickets cost £10, including refreshments. Pre-enrolment is essential but payment can be made at the door. Enrol either with the WEA (see online address and telephone number above) or with the local Branch (Yvonne Tapper at yvonne_tapper@hotmail.com/01689 877372)

Do you want to learn Spanish

New Spanish course for beginners at St John's. Learn how to get by in Spanish by joining this 10 week course starting Thursday September 27th from 11.00am to 12:30pm.

For more information contact: d4spanish@outlook.com or call 07504 086443.