

Knoll News

Welcome to the Autumn 2018 edition of Knoll News.

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the Association's 44th AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 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 page 6) 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 and which matter to you. We always try to get interesting and relevant speakers. This year our speakers are:

- Sergeant Paul Blewer, PC Taj Mahil and PCSO Colin Blisset from our local police service. They will provide an update on policing in the area
- Gareth Bacon, the GLA Assembly Member for Bexley and Bromley. He will provide an update on the London Mayor's plan
- Sharon Baldwin from Orpington 1st. She needs no introduction!

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 page 6. Copies of the minutes of last year's AGM are available on our website (from 1 November - 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 2018. 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.

NEWS UPDATE

Meeting with Councillors

At the beginning of September Tony Owen attended a meeting with the committee to answer questions provided in advance, with input from other councillors who were unable to attend the meeting. Most of the points raised were specific to roads or residences so feedback has been made directly to members who raised the matter. One general point, and indeed a recurring one, is the state of the area around the station. I have written to Network Rail regarding this and will feedback, when and if, I receive a response.

NEWS UPDATE continued

ASRC Update

This drags on.

As a reminder the London Borough of Bromley submitted its Draft Local Plan (which included ASRC status for part of The Knoll) to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government for independent examination last August. The Planning Inspectorate appointed an Inspector whose role is to consider whether Bromley's Draft Local Plan had 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.

Some modifications were made to the draft plan, intended to address some of the issues arising from the Inspector's comments and queries at the public hearing. The main modifications were published as part of the consultation processed which ended on 10th August. The revised plan is now back with the Inspector for the next stage of the process.

Planning update

A new application for 24 Keswick Road (replacing a bungalow with a 6 bed roomed house on the same footprint as the previous application for 2,4 bed roomed houses) has just been refused.

The appeal for the proposed development to replace 14-20 Knoll Rise with a block of 56 flats was refused in May. An appeal has since been submitted.

The application to demolish a garage to the rear of 17 Knoll Rise and replace it with a house and 2 garages was refused in August but no appeal has yet been lodged.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Road Wardens

We still 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 page 5) and I will be happy to discuss what is involved, or please complete the nomination form on the back page of this Newsletter. We particularly need someone willing to write and edit the Knoll News.

SITUATIONS VACANT

KRA Chair

From a personal point of view I have served on the committee for the best part of 20 years. I am currently Treasurer, Chair and have been compiling and writing most of Knoll news since Janet Whitehead moved area and left the committee earlier this year. I still work full time and quite frankly I just do not have the time to do everything. I therefore plan to step down from the committee at the 2019 AGM. I am happy to continue to serve on the committee in some capacity but unless some new blood comes forward to take on some of the roles necessary to run the KRA (ideally Chair as this is the most time consuming role) I will regrettably leave completely. If anyone is interested please contact me or any member of the committee. See contact us on page 5.

OTHER MATTERS

<https://www.fixmystreet.com>

Just a reminder that if you need to report potholes, damaged pavements, overhanging vegetation from residents or council land, dead trees, fly tipping, traffic lights or pedestrian crossings not working, illegally parked cars and anything else which the council is responsible for please use the above website.

WHAT'S ON

WEA in the New Year

The WEA, a charity, is the largest provider of adult education in the country. This year has celebrated 70 years of the WEA in Petts Wood & Orpington. A varied and interesting programme of courses will be starting again at local venues in January 2019.

- **English History: The Georgians**
- **Politics: The British Empire, Accident or Design**
- **Art: The High Renaissance Period**
- **Creative Writing**
- **History: Women & Power from the French Revolution to the Present Day**

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

- 2 February 2019** **A History of Lubbock Road, Chislehurst**
- 2 March 2019** **Van Gogh & Nature**
- 23 March 2019** **Charlotte, the First People's Princess**

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).

WHAT'S ON continued

Do you play chess?

The Petts Wood and Orpington Chess Club meets at St John's United Reformed Church, which is at the junction of Lynwood Grove and Mayfield Avenue, BR6 0BG. The club is open on Friday evenings from late September to the end of June. Last season, 2017/18, the club's first team succeeded in winning the Kent club championship for the first time in 128 years. Players of all strengths are welcome, and because the club is a large one it is usually possible to find an opponent of roughly equal strength. For serious players the club will be running 9 teams in the various Kent leagues in the 2018/19 season, which will start off on 28th September with a simultaneous display by Grandmaster Chris Ward against 20 opponents. Spectators are welcome at this event.

Contact - secretary@pwchessclub.org.uk

The St John's URC Ad Hoc Christmas Choir is back!

Do you enjoy singing?

Would you like to have fun singing with others?

Would you like to take part in the Candlelight Carol Service at St John's?

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 or 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 16th December 2018. We very much hope that as many people as possible will want to take part. 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 30th October

Wednesday 7th November

Thursday 15th November

Monday 19th November

Tuesday 27th November

Monday 3rd December

Thursday 13th December

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

WHAT's ON continued

Anyone for tennis?

The Knoll Lawn Tennis Club is between Lynwood Grove and Mayfield Avenue with the entrance off the passage-way between the two. There are 5 all weather courts, 2 of which are floodlit. A programme to upgrade the facilities has just started with 4 of the 5 courts replaced in the last month and all now available for use. 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.

CONTACT US

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

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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 Autumn 2018 edition please email to knollnews@gmail.com by Monday 11 March 2019.

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 44th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20th November 2018

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 43rd 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 slip below)
- 4) Treasurer's report and the Association’s accounts to 30 September 2018 (copies of the accounts will be made available at the meeting)
- 5) Guest speakers
- 6) 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 scanned and emailed to kra.secretary@gmail.com **by Sunday 18th November 2018**. The new Committee, once elected, will appoint the officers of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Nomnee.....

(name & address)

Nominated by.....

(name & address)

Seconded by.....

(name & address)

Nominee’s signature.....

Date.....