

Opening Up Slowly News: June 2021

At last a physical meeting – but still with restrictions

We have all been missing our monthly meetings at St Lawrence's. The last one, with restricted numbers, was in September 2020. The Zoom meetings have been a great success but we are also very mindful that a few of you do not have internet connections or have not wished to use Zoom. **Therefore the prioritising of places for the June meeting will be in favour of the members who have missed out. In order to book there will be a 3 day time window.** After that places will be opened up to others on a first come, first served basis.

Of course, there may still be members who do not wish to venture out just yet and we hope that we get to see you before too long. Most of you will have been double-jabbed, or at least had one shot, which must have increased confidence among you. We do understand that some of you will feel unable to come to meetings but we will continue to be in contact of course.

If you do attend, the following will apply, just as it did last September:

- Social distancing will be in place (1 to 2 metres apart, please)
- Face masks must be worn (unless officially exempt for medical reasons)
- Committee members will act as stewards
- Sanitizers will be available on entry and exit
- Entrance will be via the front door in Hamilton Road
- Exit will be via the back door and the car park (i.e. entrance and exit to be via separate doors)
- A record will be kept of all members attending (that of course happens anyway)
- No refreshments will be served
- The hall premises will be cleaned before and after use
- Only 30 members can be accommodated
- No visitors will be able to attend at present and so the meetings will not be advertised on the website.

Next meeting: “Not Forgotten: The Crooked Billet, Bromley”



Tuesday 1st June at 7.30p.m. in St Lawrence's
Hall

With Jennie Randall

Find out what happened when a V2 rocket destroyed the Crooked Billet, Southborough Lane, Bromley in November 1944 and how all those killed and injured came to be commemorated on a blue plaque.

Places restricted due to Covid 19. Please see below to book

Booking your place at the 1st June meeting

Due to ongoing restrictions and the need to allocate no more than 30 places, the Committee has decided on the following priority system:

Priority 1: We are very mindful that a few of you do not have internet connections or have not wished to use Zoom. So, we are giving those members the first chance to book a place. The booking for this group will open on **Monday, 24th May from 9 a.m.** (*not before, please*) and run through **to the end of Wednesday 26th May.**

Telephone Jennifer or Philip Willson [REDACTED]

Please leave an answerphone message if we do not answer stating your name(s) and number of seats required. You must be paid up members as there will be no space for visitors.

Priority 2: We will reserve seats for no more than 6 committee members as they will be running the show on the night.

Priority 3: Any other member, all of whom will have Zoomed at some point. Strictly on a first come, first served basis starting on **Thursday 27th May from 9.30 a.m.** until all seats have been allocated.

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We will let everyone know whether they have been successful or not.

We are sorry that the booking system may seem a bit complicated, but we need to run it in an orderly way so that it is fair to everyone and we don't get confused by the requests from the different priority groups. Please also note that there will not be any reminders sent out this time as they are unlikely to be necessary.

If you have booked but then change your mind or cannot attend the meeting then please would you let us know so that the place can be reallocated.

Gratuitous Bus Photo.



Rail Replacement Service, Albany Park Station, Summer 1968.

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