

**Summer 2007** 

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# AGM/Social 2007





## **Editor's Comment**

The committee's decision to invite wifes and partners to the AGM social proved to be a good one and those wifes and partners who attended made the evening far less formal and more convivial.

Peter Burke, Chairman of the Association for the first time, thanked all those for coming and the committee for their tireless work throughout year and proceeded to move the meeting along at a pace that saw the whole proceedings being wrapped in less than 30 minutes. After the meeting was closed those present enjoyed a buffet provided by Gerry Abbot's wife which was prepared to her usual high standard. It was a thoroughly good evening that was enjoyed by one and all and I have no doubt that wife's and partners will be invited again next year. Jeff Thomas, editor

### Social events for the year

All the proposed social events have received sufficient support from the membership and the following events will take place during the year.

Our first event which takes place next week on Saturday the 16th June will be the **London Walk** which is a very interesting walk along Regents Canal (see accompanying leaflet for further details).

Our tour guide will be OEA member and specialist lecturer in History of London and City of London Guide, Malcolm Wood. The tour is free but a donation of £5.00 per person to the Guide Dog for the Blind as nominated by Malcolm would be appreciated. The walk will be followed by lunch at the famous Prospect of Whitby Pub. With this event looming please contact Bill Crisp as a matter of urgency if you wish to attend so he can book sufficient lunch places.

Our next event after the Summer holidays is a tour to **St.Paul's Cathedral** on Saturday 8th September. The tour will start at approximately 10am and include a visit to the Whispering Gallery and will last for about 90 minutes and will be followed by lunch at a local pub. If you have never been to one of London's most popular landmarks then now is your chance. Further details on this tour will be published in due course.

Our Annual **Theatre Trip** has always proved popular. This year's production

will be in October on a Saturday afternoon. At the time of writing we are awaiting publication of local theatre programmes but it will be either at the Kenneth More Theatre in Ilford or the Queens Theatre in Hornchurch followed by a meal for those who which to extend the proceedings.

A new event for this year is a **Brewery Tour** to the Griffin Brewery in Chiswick, West London. This will take one Friday in November and involves a 90 minute tour which will cover all aspects of the brewing process. The tour will be limited so please reserve your places early at £7.00 per person.

The **Memorial Mass** will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 9th December at the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace & St. Teresa of Avila, Chingford. It was requested that the Memorial Mass be held on the same day as the Christmas social so those traveling can attend both events and this is what we have done.

This year the **Christmas Social** with buffet lunch will be held on the same day as the Memorial Mass at 12 O'clock on Sunday 9th December at the Queen Elizabeth Public House, Forest Side, Chingford. This event has always proved popular with the membership and has always been well attended by members and their wife's and partners.

If you have not yet registered your interest in any of the above events then it is not too late to do so by contacting Bill Crisp on 01277 2271918 or email bill.crisp@pipsara.com

## **Snippets**

The **Egbertian Football Club** won their first cup competition in their 79 year history when their second team beat Enfield Old Grammarians II 3-1 in the LOB Intermediate Cup Final. It was a very good match played in excellent spirit in front of a crowd of about 150 spectators of whom many were former players of the club and college. Thanks to all those who made an effort to attend. The reserves narrowly missed out on a league and cup double when they missed out on the championship to Leyton County Old Boys on goal difference.

Ted Roche has it in mind to organize a **lunch club** which will involve two or three lunches a year for those members living south of the River Thames and for anyone else who would like to go along. Those interested should contact Ted on 01304 364856 or jill\_roche@btinternet.com

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of former teacher **Gordon Spurgeon** who passed away earlier this year. An obituary will appear in the next newsletter.

**Brian Pieri**, the OEA Social Secretary, is currently recovering from heart surgery and his role is being filled by Bill Crisp. Our thanks to Bill and we wish a speedy recovery to Brian.

If you have any news that you wish to share with the membership then please let the editor know.

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