

## NOVEMBER 2019

Hello All

The nights are drawing in and the clocks have changed, but we have some exciting events to get us through these dark evenings. Read on to find out the latest updates about Bat & Ball.



### NEWS

- AWARDS

The restoration project recently won the AJ Retrofit Award 2019 and was joint winner in Sevenoaks Society's Frank Marshall Award for Townscape Improvement 2019. The station was also shortlisted for AJ Architecture Awards, the RIBA South East Regional Award and the National Railway Heritage Awards which will be announced early in December.

As well as the awards and nominations the building is providing an excellent example of good practice and is being used as a case study for other similar projects throughout the UK.

- BAT & BALL STATION ARCHIVE - ORAL HISTORY/MEMORIES PROJECT

We are looking for volunteers to help people reminisce about the past, start discussions and collect information that would otherwise be lost for future generations. We have already started to record some oral histories from past employees and other people connected to the station but there are many more tasks to get involved in such as typing up records, collating images and collecting information to add to the archive about Bat & Ball Stations history. If you are interested in being involved in this fascinating project please email

[heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)

- PLANTING

Some light at the end of the tunnel – well on the station platform actually! Lots of bulbs have been added to the lavender bed at the entrance which will add some colour next Spring. Plus, a selection of shrubs will be planted by volunteers during November, to the area behind the ticket machine.



## EVENTS

- 'GRIEF ENCOUNTER' MURDER MYSTERY EVENT – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7-10.30pm  
**\*\*\* TICKETS NOW £25 per person \*\*\***

This is the last event from the Heritage Lottery Fund Activity Plan, supporting Museums at Night which sees museums, galleries and heritage sites across the UK open their doors for exciting evening events. Bat & Ball Station is the perfect venue for this fun 'whodunit' in which not everything is black and white! An entertaining evening with a 1950's theme (dressing up encouraged!). Fish & chip supper (alternative options are available) and one complimentary drink are included in the ticket price. Further drinks can be purchased on the night. Tickets are available from Eventbrite <https://griefencounter.eventbrite.co.uk> . For more information see the events section on the Bat & Ball Station website.



- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, CAROL SINGING & MINCE PIES! – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4-5.30pm



Come along to see the Christmas lights at Bat & Ball Station. The Mayor will officially switch on the lights, there will be carol singing by a local school choir and everyone can make a decoration to put on the Christmas tree. Hot chocolate, mulled wine, Christmas biscuits and mince pies will be on offer to help you get into the Christmas spirit.

***There's no need to book – just turn up with friends and family and enjoy this festive event!***

- FRIENDS OF BAT & BALL AGM - **Cancelled**

The FOBB AGM was planned for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, however due to the Station being used for the General Election on this day, the date of the FOBB AGM has been moved to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6.30pm. The agenda will be available to view on the Bat & Ball Station website one week before the meeting.

If have any ideas, stories or items you would like to feature in the next newsletter please contact Linda Redden [heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk)