



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Bromley & Orpington Group

February 2019 Newsletter



COME TO OUR NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 12th February

Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday 9th April

Speaker: Farshid Talaghani – Amnesty Group's Officer

23rd AGM

Speaker – FGM (postponed from January)

Our thanks to Wendy Simmons of Orpington for sponsoring this month's Newsletter

The Nick Beston Quartet

With special guest vocalist

Sue Rivers

Present a concert of popular jazz standards in aid of
Amnesty International Bromley & Orpington Group

Friday 1st February 2019 at 7.30pm

Orpington Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington

Tickets: £12 in advance; £13 on the door. Discount under 16s

From David Howkins 01689 823793 or davidhowkins@virginmedia.com

Group Finance

Balance brought forward	£437.47
Income	£174.25
Expenditure	£98.82
Balance at 31 st December	£512.90
CHANGE	£75.43

Private donations of £174 were received. The accounts were made up to the end of the financial year. In 2018 we donated £4,372.00 to Amnesty – very comfortably ahead of our budgeted expectations.

Children at Risk: Egypt

We wrote to the Egyptian Interior Minister regarding **Asser Mohamed**. Amnesty has published a joint Statement with the Egyptian Front for Human Rights highlighting the persistent violation of children's rights in Egypt. As a Signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Egyptian Government has a duty to ensure its children are protected, and in particular from torture. It is known that at least 13 children have been detained and 12 'forcibly disappeared'. At least six are known to have undergone torture. Asser Mohamed was 14 when he was arrested and forcibly disappeared for 34 days. He has been accused of being a member of the Muslim Brotherhood – a proscribed group, without any evidence to substantiate the claim. Asser faces up to 15 years imprisonment if convicted. At the grossly unfair trial, the Prosecutor indicated torture had been used to extract a confession as Asser's denials were met with the comment '*it seems that you want to go back to*

the electric shocks again'. We have written demanding Asser's immediate and unconditional release, and reminding the Interior Minister of his responsibilities under the UN Conventions Egypt is a party to.

AMNESTY SOCIAL
"Café Medi"
332 Orpington High Street
Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.00pm
Please note change of date and time!
Please reserve your place(s) with Neville

Notice:
Bromley & Orpington Group
23rd Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm
Nominations for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to be received by March 5th

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday 6th June 7.45pm
Bromley Little Theatre Charity Preview
"We Happy Few"
By Imogen Stubbs
On the 75th anniversary of D-Day join us for this big-hearted celebration of life on the Home Front during WWII as seen through a 'girls only' travelling theatre troupe. Based on true events!

Present on 8th January: Neville White; Vivien Glanz; Gladys Edmonds; Wendy Simmons; Margaret Coppard; Peter Martin; Waltraut Gilchrist, Ted Burke and Rindi Baaker. **Apologies:** David Howkins, Vivienne Andrews.

Meetings are held in the Wesley Room, Orpington Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington commencing at 7.30pm. **E-mail** amnestybromley@gmail.com **Website:** www.amnesty.org.uk/bromley

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Why not make getting involved with your Amnesty Group a new-year resolution? Join us at meetings where we fundraise and campaign for human rights (every second Tuesday of the month). We often have speakers and major events such as our Amnesty Jazz concert and Bromley Little Theatre charity premiere to plan. Take a look at the website, email us with ideas or join our Facebook Group. *Your Group needs you and we hope to see you soon!*