

2018 Annual General Meeting

(following introductory talk at 7.30)

Thursday 21 June 2018, 7.30pm to 9.00pm approx.
at Mission Care, Willett House, Kemnal Road

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 29 June 2017
3. Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. To approve the accounts of the Association to 5 April 2018
6. Election of Officers and Committee and reappointment of Independent Examiner
7. To confirm Road Fund contributions of a minimum of £40 for 2018/19
8. Questions & discussion

Present Officers and Committee

All posts are subject to re-election annually at the AGM. Nominations for Officers or Committee members should be made to the Chairman in writing before the AGM.

Chairman	David Viles	Inglewood Cottage
Vice Chairman	Anthony Burrett	Nizels
Treasurer	Wendy Hadler-Cash	Mulbarton Court
Secretary	Vinod Khanna	Pickwick Way
Committee members:	Tony Allen	The Coach House
	Mandy Clark	Waldens
	Avril GreatRex	Trees
	Lin Limbrey	Middlemarch
	Ian McAllister	Cascades
	Alec McTavish	Worsley Grange



KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Summer 2018

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NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2018

A.G.M

Thursday 21 June 2018, 7.30pm
Mission Care, Willett House, Kemnal Road

AGM VENUE

We are grateful to Mission Care for again enabling us to use the meeting room at Willett House for our AGM. Willett House is opposite Inglewood and in front of Selwood House.

KEMNAL ROAD IS YOUR ROAD !

Kemnal Road is unadopted by the Council, and its maintenance (including the footpath) is entirely the residents' responsibility. For this purpose, each household in Kemnal Road and its sideroads is asked to make an annual subscription to the Road Fund. KRA is headed by a Committee of volunteers. The Committee is elected annually by residents of Kemnal Road and its side roads (defined as members of the Association). **We would welcome new Committee members**, particularly residents of Dickens Drive/Pickwick Way and Acorn Close who are currently under-represented, as well as **someone who would be willing to undertake the auditing of our annual accounts**. If you feel able to give some time to ensuring Kemnal Road continues to be one of the most attractive roads in Bromley, please contact the Chairman, David Viles, on 020 8467 4159.

THE AGM

The agenda is on the back of this newsletter. This is the one time when we, as residents, can get together to discuss the maintenance of the road and how your subscriptions are spent, and to talk about matters of mutual interest which have arisen during the year. The Committee really does appreciate your input – **so please come, and enjoy a glass of wine (or soft drink) with us afterwards!**



INTRODUCTORY TALK

We are looking forward this year to a talk from John Hemming-Clark, the leader of 5th Chislehurst Scouts. John has written a number of books about his experiences, including *"In You Go – A Year or Two in the Life of a Scout Leader"* and a series of books about Horace Horrise, whom he describes as "Just William for the 21st century". John will talk about scouting in Chislehurst, what they get up to and where, and how Horace and his pals fit in (or don't!). More details about John can be found at www.inyougo.webeden.co.uk. The talk will start at 7.30, preceding the business part of the AGM.

OUR ONLINE PRESENCE

KEMNAL ROAD WEBSITE — www.kemnal-road.org.uk

This website gives details of the KRA Constitution and access to AGM and Committee minutes, as well as many facts and illustrations about the history of our beautiful road. The website will also keep you up to date with current issues.

TWITTER

Kemnal Road has a Twitter Account - @KemnalRoad. Keep up to date by following us!

CONTACT US

To contact us online with any comments or problems – Comments@kemnal-road.org.uk

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 2018

If you give us your e-mail and residential addresses, the KRA will use this information solely to contact you in relation to e-mail alerts about the road and information about paying annual fees. Your address data will at all times be kept confidential and not released to other members.

ROAD MATTERS

- This year, the road and pavements have remained in good condition and have not needed any resurfacing. We continue to monitor the condition of the metalled areas closely to ensure that any damage caused by wear and tear or the weather is rectified.
- White lines have been laid down along potentially hazardous areas of the road - **please note that a white line means 'no parking' for safety reasons!** The Committee will be keeping the effectiveness of these markings under review.
- There are always tasks to do such as cutting back encroaching vegetation and trimming trees. Your Committee members are happy to do this, but extra help at occasional weekend working parties would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Chairman or Secretary if you can help.
- A new gardening contractor started work in May. Their remit is to mow the verges on the east side of the road (except those which are mowed privately), to keep the edges of the road and the pavement free from encroaching vegetation, and to collect and remove grass clippings, fallen leaves/litter and vegetation. Operatives visit the road fortnightly between February and November every year to carry out this work. **Residents are asked to ensure their own gardening activities do not result in leaves and debris being blown onto Kemnal Road which then have to be removed by the gardening contractor.**
- This year saw particularly wintry weather in mid February, when our intrepid volunteers were called out on two occasions to spread salt and grit on the road; we are grateful for their efforts. However, none of them is getting any younger, so we are pleased that it has proved possible to put new arrangements in place for the gardening contractor to be called out to do any grit spreading work which is needed in the future.
- In response to a number of comments by residents, we have again sought Bromley Council's views on installing a gate near the Ashfield Lane junction. They have reiterated their opposition to granting consent for any gate(s) as Kemnal Road is a public highway.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a partnership involving Police, Local Authorities, other voluntary organisations and, above all, individuals who want to make their neighbourhood a better place to live and their community safer. It aims to help people protect themselves and their properties, and to reduce fear of crime by improved home security, greater vigilance, reporting of suspicious incidents and fostering a community spirit.

Our Neighbourhood Watch presence now extends to more than 80 households in Kemnal Road and its offshoot roads. If you wish to join our NHW mailing list to receive regular Neighbourhood Watch updates and other local information, please email our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Lin Limbrey on lin.limbrey@virginmedia.com. You will also be able to collect a Neighbourhood Watch window sticker at the AGM.

N.B. Your email address and contact details will never be shared with other NHW members or anyone else.

The Chislehurst Police Safer Neighbourhood Team is located at Bromley Police Station, High Street, Bromley BR1 1ER, tel. 020 8721 2612, e-mail: Chislehurst.snt@met.police.uk

AMENITY STRIP

The wooded area between The Coach House and Ashfield Lane is administered by 4 Trustees, who are also Committee members of the Association. The Trustees have no funds, and members at the AGM have agreed to contribute up to £1,000 per year to allow the Trustees to carry out essential safety work to trees and bushes which might encroach onto the roadway .

A priority for the Trustees this year has been to tidy up the junction with Ashfield Lane. Members may have noticed that the damaged fence at the rear of the Amenity Strip has been replaced by the owner, and that BT Openreach have installed new cabinets for their equipment near the junction, in connection with the provision of fibre optic broadband. The Trustees have received a total of £1,500 as compensation from BT Openreach for their use of the Amenity Strip for this purpose, and this will help fund the landscaping scheme at the Ashfield Lane junction (expected to be completed by the time of the AGM) and the clearing of invasive shrubs along the length of the Amenity Strip. This work will improve considerably the appearance of the entrance to Kemnal Road.

THE WIDER AREA

The KRA have continued to contribute to consultations on planning in connection with major developments affecting the road during the year. Objections were submitted to the proposed change of use of Selwood House from flats for retired people and to the schemes for developing Kemnal Stables, both on traffic generation grounds. The Association is one of the bodies which LB Bromley has undertaken to consult on any proposals to reconfigure the roads around the Common in order to reduce the number of accidents, although there are currently no plans to do so.

ROAD FUND

At last year's AGM, members agreed that the annual subscription should continue to be a minimum of £40 per household for 2017/18 – members are able if they wish to contribute more than the minimum sum. Given the healthy state of the projected budget for the forthcoming year, your Committee proposes **no change to the £40 per household minimum subscription for 2018/19**, and members are asked to confirm this at the AGM. Providing there are no major unexpected events, no further increase will be needed for at least one further year.

MATTERS RAISED AT THE 2017 AGM – UPDATE ON PROGRESS

- *Parking, particularly at the junction with Dickens Drive:* White lines have been repainted at the Dickens Drive junction to deter parking, which adversely affects sightlines for vehicles turning into and out of Kemnal Road. Vehicles parking on these white lines have had notices placed on their windscreens asking them not to park. The Committee has also brought this matter to the attention of LB Bromley, but they do not consider the problem is sufficient to justify yellow lines. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation.
- *Speeding on the northern section of the road:* The additional road hump installed last year seems to be helping to reduce the speed of vehicles in this part of the road.
- *Fly-tipping:* The number of incidents appears to have reduced this year. The Committee is in discussion with the managing committee of Mulbarton Court on possible measures to combat fly-tipping and littering outside that property.