

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.45 pm

### AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 To approve minutes of last AGM held 28 June 2012
- 3 Chairman's Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 To approve accounts of the association to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013
- 6 Election of Officers and Committee and re-appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7 To confirm road fund contributions for 2013/14 of £30
- 8 Open discussion on any other topics of current concern

#### Present Officers and Committee

NB All posts are subject to re-election annually. Nominations for officers or Committee should be made to the Secretary in writing before the AGM. **Please note that the resignation of the current Chairman, Graham Pedgrift, has been accepted and nominations are invited for this post, to be received by the Secretary before 18 June 2013**

Chairman	Graham Pedgrift ,	Westerland Lodge
Vice Chairman	Anthony Burrett,	Nizels
Treasurer	Avril GreatRex,	Trees
Secretary	Mary Turner,	5 Mapledene
Committee members:		
	Tony Allen,	The Coach House
	Lin Limbrey	Middlemarch
	Alec McTavish,	17 Worsley Grange
	David Viles,	Inglewood Cottage
	Brenda Whiting	10 Acorn Close

The Committee thanks Selwood House for the use of their Amenity Room. The entrance shares a drive with Willett House-Mission Care



## KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

www.kemnal-road.org.uk

### Newsletter – Summer 2013

#### AGM

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The AGM is the one time when we, as residents, can get together to discuss the maintenance of the road, how your subscriptions are spent and talk about matters of mutual interest which have arisen during the year. The Committee really does appreciate your input – so please do join us. The agenda for the AGM and details of the present Officers and Committee are printed on the reverse of this Newsletter

#### Volunteers needed!

Sunday 23 June 2013

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## **KEMNAL ROAD WEBSITE - [www.kemnal-road.org.uk](http://www.kemnal-road.org.uk)**

Just to remind you, our website gives details of the KRA Constitution and shows a fascinating insight into the history of our road, with many facts and images.

To contact us on-line with any comments or problems - [Comments@kemnal-road.org.uk](mailto:Comments@kemnal-road.org.uk)

Kemnal Road is unadopted by the Council, therefore the maintenance of the **road, the footpath and grass verge** is entirely the responsibility of the residents. We also have responsibility on the Amenity Strip, the woodland between The Coach House and Ashfield Lane, to cut back any dangerous trees, overhanging branches and creeping vegetation.

The road fund subscription is levied to cover the above, so it must be emphasized that any other road 'improvements' made would require additional funding.

## **ROAD SURFACE**

At the last AGM, we decided to delay repairing certain stretches of road pending the completion of the rebuilding works at Hoblands Cottage near the junction with Queenborough Gardens. Potholes have been temporarily filled by the Hoblands contractor but these are breaking up again, so we now plan to resurface two sections of road at the Ashfield Lane end this summer when we understand the rebuilding work will be substantially complete. Further areas of the road where there are potholes will be 'patch' repaired. The plans will be explained in more detail at the AGM.

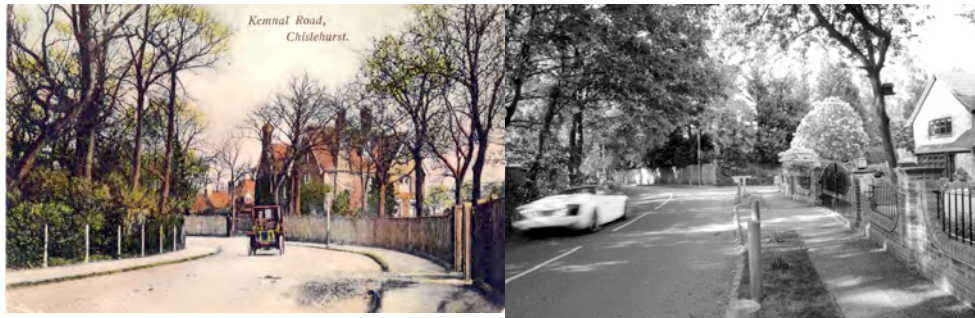
## **FOOTPATH**

The short stretch of footpath with the ramp on the west side near Ashfield Lane will need resurfacing shortly and we are also investigating the cause of rainwater accumulation on the pavement outside Telson Lodge.

## **VERGES**

The verges either side of Queenborough Gardens and down to Hoblands Cottage have been badly eroded by so many lorries/vans over the last two years and we are negotiating with the contractors to restore these before the road resurfacing takes place. At the last AGM, we discussed the use of kerbstones or granite sets in an attempt to prevent this happening in the future, but the Committee felt that the considerable additional expenditure would not be justifiable. Other, less expensive solutions are proposed for the verges either side of Queenborough Gardens which will be described at the AGM.

At last year's meeting, the Committee was asked to clarify the situation regarding legal responsibility for verges and edges so that residents can be clear who is responsible for maintaining them. We have done this and, in a nutshell, the Association is responsible for the maintenance of the road, verge and footpath up to the edge of each property on the east side of the road down to Foxbury. This maintenance, of course, is the main purpose of the Association. Maintenance is different from improvement – we can discuss the implications of this at the AGM.



## **SALT/GRIT BINS**

There were two significant snowfalls last winter and we must thank the keyholders (two for each of the four bins) for their cooperation in gritting the road. One of the occasions was a Sunday morning when we would have appreciated a little more help from neighbours – Kemnal Road is a long road!! Please feel free to help out – volunteers whom we can call upon to assist with the gritting would be very welcome.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Our new NHW Coordinator is Lin Limbrey, who lives at Middlemarch. To receive up to date information on NHW matters, you only need to register your interest. Please email Lin at [neighbourhoodwatch@kemnalroad.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@kemnalroad.org.uk)

**The Chislehurst Police Safer Neighbourhood Team** still patrol the area on a regular basis. Their office is behind HSBC Bank - Phone **020 8721 2612** or to report a crime **101**

## **FOOTPATH TO BELMONT PARADE**

After several reminders to the Council about cutting back the overgrown vegetation along this footpath, some improvements have been made. Parts of the boundary fence have been renewed as well, but the surface is still badly undulating due to tree roots. However, it is not the unpleasant experience to walk as it was last year.

## **ENTRANCE FEATURE AT ASHFIELD LANE JUNCTION**

There was considerable discussion on this subject at the last AGM. As there was no clear consensus of views, we have taken no further action.

## **ROAD FUND**

At the last AGM it was agreed that for 2013/2014 the annual contribution per household should be £30, up from £25. This was in order to provide a reserve to fund future repairs to the road which, as a result of increased traffic, will become steadily more extensive (and therefore expensive!)

## **AMENITY STRIP**

This is the wooded area between The Coach House and Ashfield Lane.

Regular inspections of the trees are made and we arrange for potentially dangerous overhanging branches to be lopped.

From time to time, we ask for volunteers to cut back the ivy and generally tidy up the area.

**We would like to do this on Sunday morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, i.e 3 days after the AGM**

We meet at 10.00 am near the Coach House - please bring loppers and a pruning saw if possible – we will borrow traffic cones and safety signs.

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