
KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Summer 2014

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NEWSLETTER

A.G.M

**Thursday 26 June 2014, 7.45pm
at Selwood House**

Kemnal Road is unadopted by the Council, and its maintenance (including the footpath and grass verge) is therefore entirely the residents' responsibility. For this purpose, each household in Kemnal Road and the roads leading off it are asked to make an annual subscription to the Road Fund.

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 join us.

The agenda for the AGM and details of the present Officers and Committee are on the reverse of this newsletter

We are looking forward this year to an illustrated talk from **Janet Clayton, Chairman of the Orpington and District Archaeological Society**, on the fascinating work that they are doing at Scadbury Manor, which once fell within the lands of Kemnal Manor.

Janet's talk will start at 7.45 and precede the business part of the AGM



SCADBURY
MANOR:
15thC Tudor
brick cellars

OUR ONLINE PRESENCE

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

Just to remind you, 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.

E-MAIL ALERTS

You can also subscribe to our direct e-mail news facility – KRA alert. If you would like to do so, you can register at the AGM or e-mail kraalert@outlook.com

CONTACT US

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

ROAD SURFACE

At last year's AGM, we discussed plans for resurfacing the southern end of the road up to the Ashfield Lane junction. Following some localised patching work in the autumn to repair potholes, the resurfacing was carried out at the end of March – mercifully during a rare dry spell – and we hope it is appreciated by all members. At the same time, the opportunity was taken to renew the road markings along the length of the road; we have also added 20 mph markings to remind motorists that our road carries this restriction - hopefully this will help the speed limit to be more respected!

FOOTPATH

The short stretch of footpath with the ramp on the west side near Ashfield Lane has been resurfaced by the utility company and the Association is contributing towards the cost of preventing puddles forming after rainstorms on the pavement outside Telson Lodge.

GRASS VERGES

We are pleased that the damaged verges from Queenborough Gardens to the newly- built Hoblands Cottage have been returned as promised by the owners after constant lorry damage. Also, part of the verge towards Marlowe Close will be repaired with replacement posts.

SALT/GRIT BINS

We all breathed a sigh of relief when the mild winter required no exertions on the part of our intrepid road gritters. However, we can't be complacent. There are grit bins at 4 locations along the road, each of which have 2 key holders. **We urgently need another keyholder for the grit bin adjacent to Queenborough Gardens** – he or she needs to be willing to help spread grit in a winter emergency. Volunteers please!

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 trees and overhanging branches to be lopped. The Amenity Strip is administered by 4 Trustees, who are also Officers of the Association. The Trustees have no funds, and we are intending to ask members at the AGM to agree to contribute funding to enable the Trustees to carry out essential safety works to control trees and vegetation affecting the road this year and in future years. Come to the AGM to find out more.

PARKING IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF KEMNAL ROAD

We have received complaints about congestion caused by cars parked near the junction with Bromley Lane. While we don't have any locus over this public part of Kemnal Road, we have raised the matter with Bromley Council and the Ward Councillors.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our 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 dom_lln@btinternet.com

The Chislehurst Police Safer Neighbourhood Team patrols the area on a regular basis. Their office is behind HSBC Bank - Phone 020 8721 2612.

NOISE NUISANCE

We sometimes get complaints about noise caused by neighbours or other occupants of properties in the road. The Association is not in a position to intervene in such disputes, but Bromley Council's out of hours noise service (tel. 0300 303 8671) should be able to help.

YOUR COMMITTEE

We need new members, **particularly someone who is prepared to act as the Secretary of the Committee and at the AGM**. Please don't hesitate to volunteer if you feel you have the willingness and aptitude. Ring the Chairman (020 8467 4159) if you want to know more.

ROAD FUND

The current annual contribution (agreed at the 2012 AGM) is £30 per household. There was no increase in 2013. The resurfacing of the southern section of the road has depleted our funds, and we are therefore seeking members' agreement to an increase of £5 per household (to £35) for 2014/15. This will enable an adequate reserve to be provided for funding future repairs to the road which, as a result of increasing traffic, will become steadily more extensive (and therefore expensive!)



**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 26 June 2014, 7.45pm
at Selwood House**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 20 June 2013
3. Chairman's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. To approve the accounts of the Association to 5 April 2014
6. Election of Officers and Committee and reappointment of Independent Examiner
7. To confirm Road Fund contributions of £35 for 2014/15

Present Officers and Committee

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

****We urgently need a Secretary to sit on the Committee and keep our proceedings in order. Can we have volunteers please? See "Your Committee" on the previous page****

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

**The Committee thanks Selwood House for the use of their Amenity Room for the AGM and Committee meetings throughout the year.
The entrance shares a drive with Willett House - Mission Care**