

KEMNAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Summer 2015

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NEWSLETTER

A.G.M

**Wednesday 24 June 2015, 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 come, and enjoy a glass of wine (or soft drink) with us after the meeting!**

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

INTRODUCTORY TALK

We are looking forward this year to an illustrated talk from our Committee member and Chairman of the Chislehurst Society, Tony Allen, about the First World War diaries of Agnes Tiarks. Agnes and her husband Henry built Foxbury in Kemnal Road, and Agnes lived there throughout the war. Her diaries provide an interesting and unusual perspective on the life of a prominent local family during that momentous time. Tony's talk will start at 7.45, and precede the business part of the AGM.



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 kraalertaoutlook.com

TWITTER

Kemnal Road now has a Twitter Account - [@KemnalRoad](https://twitter.com/@KemnalRoad). Keep up to date by following us!

CONTACT US

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ROAD MATTERS

- Last year, two major sections of the road were resurfaced. This year, the road is standing up well to current volumes of traffic and no major repairs have been necessary. We anticipate that only some local patching will be needed over the next few months.
- Some members may have noticed that the main “private road” sign near the Ashfield Lane junction collapsed and was removed for safety reasons late last year. We are grateful to our member Mr. Sinnott for getting it reinstalled.
 - We would again ask all our members for their co-operation in complying with the **20mph** speed limit as shown on the sign and road markings.
- 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.

GRASS VERGES

We are intending to replace the broken or missing wooden bollards on the verges at the southern end of the road each side of Marlowe Close. This work will be done over the summer.

SALT/GRIT BINS

Another mild winter, thankfully, so our intrepid road gritters were not called out. However, we can't be complacent. There are grit bins at 4 locations along the road, each of which should 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. The Amenity Strip is administered by 4 Trustees, who are also Committee members of the Association. The Trustees have no funds, and last year members at the AGM agreed to contribute up to £1,000 per year to allow the Trustees to carry out essential safety works to lop overhanging branches, fell rotten trees and control vegetation affecting the road; and also to fund any further safety work which might be needed in future years. Extensive work was carried out to the Amenity Strip in April and we hope everyone agrees that the Strip now looks much tidier. Replacement saplings will be planted in the more exposed areas to compensate for the diseased elm trees.

MEMORIAL BENCH

Members will have noticed the memorial bench to Mr. P.K Chow which has been installed outside Willett House. Mr. Chow was a well-known figure in Kemnal Road, having lived for several years in Copperfield Way until his death last year. The Committee is very grateful to Mr. Chow's son for contributing the funds for the installation of this seat and its plinth in memory of his father.



THE WIDER AREA

At last year's AGM, we mentioned possible proposals being developed by LB Bromley to reconfigure the roads around the Common in order to reduce the number of accidents. We will be monitoring the development of these proposals and whether they affect the difficulties which drivers and pedestrians face in exiting from Kemnal Road into Ashfield Lane because of the volume and speed of traffic. The Association has been added to the Council's list of consultees and we will keep everybody informed of developments via the Kemnal Road website. We will also continue to press for parking controls on the southern common end of Kemnal Road.

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 lin.limbrey@virginmedia.com The **Chislehurst Police Safer Neighbourhood Team** patrols the area on a regular basis. They can be contacted on 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 are always happy to welcome new members of the Committee. Last year, we were joined by Vinod Khanna who kindly volunteered to take on the role of Secretary. Welcome Vinod.

At last year's AGM, members decided to increase the subscription in 2014/15 by £5 per household to £35, and asked the Committee to keep the financial situation

...under close review so that prompt action could be taken to raise the subscription again if it became necessary. We have reviewed the financial position during the year and in view of the present good state of the road and the current financial balances which are sufficient to allow about 1.5 stretches of road to be resurfaced if needed, **we recommend that the annual subscription should be unchanged at £35 for 2015/16** but that it should be increased to £40 per household from 2016/17 when we calculate that further resurfacing could be needed.

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 24 June 2015, 7.45pm at Selwood House
AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 26 June 2014

3. Chairman’s report

4. Treasurers report

5. To approve the accounts of the Association to 5 April 2015

6. Election of Officers and Committee and reappointment of Independent Examiner

7. To confirm Road Fund contributions of £35 for 2015/16

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.

Chairman	David Viles	Inglewood Cottage
Vice Chairman	Anthony Burrett	Nizels
Treasurer	Avril GreatRex	Trees
Secretary	Vinod Khanna	20 Pickwick Way
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