

**Dear All**

The KVRA 2020 War Memorial Centenary Commemoration Project has made significant progress in each of the Project's workstreams. Like all projects though we have encountered some setbacks, but we are confident that in the time remaining to us, and with the continued support of residents, these will be overcome. The following update sets out what has been achieved as at the end of January 2020 and what remains to be done.

**Workstream 1 - The Replication of the Original Unveiling Ceremony followed by a Social Event at the Village Hall**

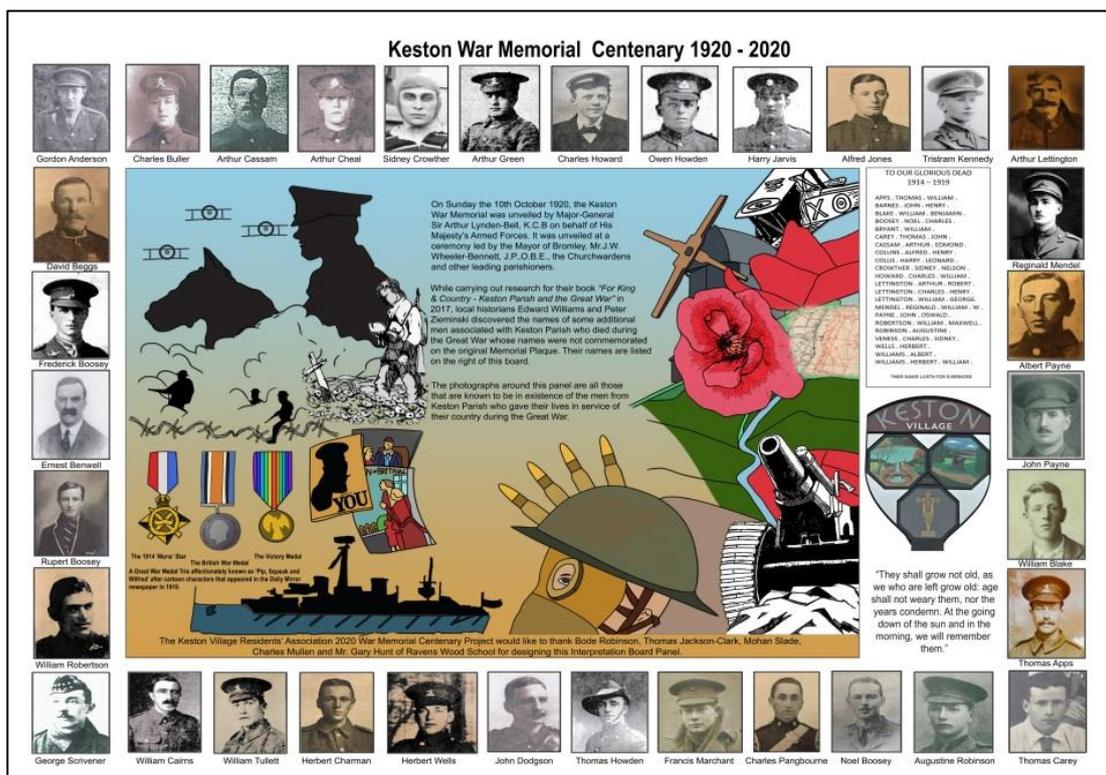
We are delighted that the Reverend Carol Morrison from Keston Parish Church joined the Project Board and is helping us to finalise the details of the Service planned at the Church (starting at 2.30pm on the 10th October and the commemorative event at the War Memorial, starting at 3.45pm). A social event will follow at Keston Village Hall where light refreshments will be served.

**Workstream 2 - The Cleaning of the War Memorial**

The London Borough of Bromley undertook the cleaning of the Memorial last November and the Friends of Keston Common assisted us in applying the 'Wet & Forget' cleaning solution to the fabric of the Memorial. We are monitoring the effectiveness of this and anticipate that a couple of further applications will be required to ensure that the Memorial looks its best in time for the Commemoration.

**Workstream 3 - The Installation of an Information Board**

The Students from Ravens Wood have completed their design which has exceeded all our expectations and is a real credit to their skill. The Information Board Lectern and panel has now been ordered from 'Signs of the Times' Limited.



#### Workstream 4 - The Installation of an Additional Memorial Plaque at Keston Parish Church

We are working closely with the Reverend Carol Morrison regarding the installation of an additional Memorial Plaque in Keston Parish Church to commemorate the names of the additional men associated with the Parish who died during the Great War.



*Representation of the proposed additional Memorial Plaque*

#### Workstream 5 - The Installation of a 'Tommy' Silhouette in the vicinity of the Memorial

We were badly let down by the 'There But Not There' Company, at the end of last year. Earlier last year they promised us that they had their silhouettes in stock and they were aware we needed one for our Commemoration. When we then went to place our order, they told us that they were out of stock and that they were trying to identify an alternative supplier. In December they ceased trading and could not be contacted leaving us high and dry. Fortunately, we have been able to identify an alternative supplier ourselves but as they have had to start from scratch in manufacturing the silhouette there have been additional expenses incurred in order to have it produced.

#### Workstream 6 - Project Publicity and Fundraising

We are extremely grateful to those who have sent in donations to help us complete the Project without whose generosity the Project cannot be achieved. As at the end of January we are just £725 short of the total required for us to complete all the expenditure associated with the Project -this equates to just £5 for each Keston household.

We would ask those of you who may wish to make a donation to share this appeal with as many people that you can and hope that with this final appeal it may be possible for us to raise the outstanding funding requirement and complete the Project.

We are able to accept donations **by Bank Transfer marked up to the KVRA Account as 'War Memorial' to Sort Code 09-01-29 Account Number: 35321237** or by cheque made payable to 'KVRA' (and marked 'War Memorial Fund' on the rear) and sent or dropped off to **85, Heathfield Road, BR2 6BB.**