

## ***Keston Village Residents' Association – Annual General Meeting***

***Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 8:00pm Keston Village Hall***

### Present

David Clapham	Chairperson	Paul Spencer	Committee
Kimball Ormond	Secretary	Peter Zieminski	Vice Chair
Hilary Ryder	Treasurer		
Vivien Haskey	Committee		
Gaynor Christie	Committee		

### Apologies

Cllrs Dr David Jefferys & Alexa Michael, Terry Boley, Shelly Sturdy & Jim Woolcott

**Item 1.** Chairman's opening remarks; David Clapham welcomed those present. Also Larry Herbert Chair of the Friends of Keston Common and our guest speakers, Dr Omar Taha and Peter Zieminski.

### Planning Matters

Terry Boley monitors Planning Applications carefully and regularly updates our website, [www.kvra.org.uk](http://www.kvra.org.uk) with any relevant planning applications. Terry attends the regular LBB Advisory Panel for Conservation Areas (APCA) and advises KVRA on planning matters.

### Biggin Hill Airport Limited (BHAL)

We continue to monitor the airport's performance. Vivien Haskey represents KVRA on the Flightpath Watch Committee. BHAL has appointed a new Chief Executive.

**David raised the fact that BHAL had notified LBB of its intention to erect a 5 acre hangar, 2000 vehicle car park and 40,000sq.ft. of offices.**

### Heathfield Road – Traffic speed and volumes through the village

Despite LBB plans for permanent traffic calming measures, the virtual speed table at the junction of Keston Avenue and the 'please drive carefully' signs close to the windmill are the only changes since last years AGM. KVRA are keen to achieve pedestrian safety improvements. These include an improved method for crossing the road, safer pavement configuration and a suitable way to bring about fewer vehicles and lower speeds. We will need your active support to help us achieve these aims.

**David commented that the throughput of traffic along Heathfield Road had increased from 56,000 vehicles per week to an unprecedented 110,000 per week.**

### Right Royal Knees Up on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to mark the Royal Wedding

Gaynor and Gail supported by other helpers and Dave at the Greyhound staged a fun function to celebrate the newlyweds. We had bands from both Ravenswood & Hayes secondary schools, along with Caroline Jackson & her daughter Claudia as the entertainment. Much fun was had & the sun shone all day helping to make it a success. We raised over £800 some of which went to the Reedham Childrens Trust.

### Christmas Lights

Another village event with Keston School band & Caroline Jackson & her daughter Claudia as the entertainment. Mulled wine, Fiona's Pantry selling their lovely sausage rolls, fantastic raffle by Hilary & Richard and lots more. Total raised £600.

### Keston Christmas Calendar

Thanks to Sally Churchus, her supporters and traders for creating and selling the excellent calendar. KVRA received a generous donation of £212 from the proceeds.

### Routine KVRA Meetings

We meet every two months and remain grateful to The Greyhound for allowing us to use their tea-room for our meetings. We continue to invite our local Councillors to join our routine meetings and are grateful for their support.

### London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation

KVRA remains a member and shares attendance around KVRA committee members.

### KVRA Newsletter, Website and Facebook page

We make it an important task for KVRA to communicate and work closely with our residents and the local groups; Keston Residents' Road Safety Group (KRRSG) and Friends of Keston Common (FoKC). Hilary Ryder issues the KVRA Newsletter, Les Oosthuizen manages our website and Michelle Blythe oversees the KVRA Facebook group. We are grateful to Hilary, Les and Michelle for their efforts.

### Residents' Planning Seminar – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

KVRA attended the LBB Planning Seminar, chaired by our Councillor Alexa Michael.

### Defibrillator – Located under cover in the porch of The Greyhound

This project was instigated a couple of years ago when a generous donation was offered by a local resident. This and discussions at KVRA meetings resulted in a lifesaving new facility for Keston Village residents and visitors alike. We are fortunate that another village resident Catherine Rose volunteered to look after the installation and initial training. Catherine secured funding from the British Heart Foundation and KVRA sought Councillor Alexa Michael's support for a request to the London Borough of Bromley Community Fund, which was also successful. KVRA are pleased to record thanks to all.

### Countryside Day

The date for this year is Sunday 30th June 2019. KVRA plan to combine efforts with the KRRSG again this year. I am grateful to Hilary Ryder, Vivien Haskey, Les and Alison Oosthuizen who all play important roles in the organisation.

### Poppies on lamp-posts – Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Once again KVRA plan to continue to support and to honour the heroic efforts, achievements and sacrifices that were made in past wars by locating large poppies on the lamp posts in the run-up up to Remembrance Sunday. Poppies can be sponsored with a donation of at least £5. Donations to our Treasurer, Hilary Ryder, or electronic transfers to the new KVRA Santander Bank Account;

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### War Memorial – Centennial Commemoration – Saturday 10th October 2020

Peter Zieminski has initiated a project, supported by KVRA, which will mark the centenary of the installation of the War Memorial. There are several work streams being progressed by volunteers; a commemoration to replicate the original one; restoration, cleaning and removal of staining; installation of an interpretation board; installation of an additional plaque to record the names of 23 Keston parishioners not currently shown on the Memorial; the installation of a '*There But Not There*' Silhouette and publicity and fundraising. Please note the date and we would welcome your support.

**Finally, a plea for a volunteer to run our website.**

**Item 2.** Minutes of last years AGM.

Proposer: Rosemary Cogswell and Seconded by Larry Herbert

**Item 3.** There were no Matters arising

**Item 4.** Adoption of Chairman's Report 2018

Proposer: Sandy Flinn and Seconded: Dorothy McQueen

**Item 5.** Adoption of Treasurer's Report – Hilary Ryder

Proposer: Gaynor Christie and Seconded: Geoff Carr

**Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee Members;**

David thanked all the committee for their support during the past year and reminded everyone the he and the Secretary would complete 10 years next year and would be stepping down.

David also mentioned that if any here tonight who would like to play a closer part in Village life through the KVRA committee, please let him know.

Chairman	David Clapham	
Vice Chairman	Peter Zieminski	
Treasurer	Hilary Ryder	
Secretary	Kimball Ormond	
Committee Members	John Algar	
	Deepak Aryal	<u>Co-Opted</u>
	Terence Boley	Leela Florey
	Gaynor Christie	Paul Spencer
	Vivien Haskey	Wanda Woolcott
	Les Oosthuizen	
	Alison Oosthuizen	
	Gail Spencer	
	Jim Woolcott	
	Shelley Sturdy	

Proposer: John McQueen and Seconded: Paul Spencer

**Guest Speakers;**

- Firstly, Gary Hunt, Head of Design & Technology at Ravenswood School introduced the boys who spoke about the design they created for the War Memorial Centennial Commemoration (illustrated below). This was greeted with great applause by the audience.
- Secondly, Peter Zieminski gave a talk on the plans for the War Memorial Commemoration (mentioned above)
- Finally, Dr Omar Taha who gave a very interesting talk about the Mosque in Keston including all the local work they do and classes they run.

**Any other business.**

- Many in the audience were extremely concerned about the planned extension to Biggin Hill and the inevitable increase in traffic through Keston. Many felt Bromley Council were not listening to the local voices.

Many stayed to enjoy a glass of wine and some snacks

There were 38 attendees plus the guest speakers.

## Treasurer's report

It has been a busy year financially for KVRA due to our very successful fundraising events, successful grant applications for the defibrillator and generous donations from a resident and former resident.

In order to cope with this increased financial activity we have changed our banking arrangements from the Nationwide Building Society to an online business bank account that specifically caters for community associations. We are also fortunate to have found a resident who will audit the accounts for us, the first audit will take place at the end of February 2020.

During the year we had income of £2172 and expenditure of £1,735.80. The current balance in the KVRA account £1,900.98 however £750 is committed to the war memorial commemoration project and £300 is a residual sum that remains from the Fox Lane fund. Therefore the balance available for KVRA activities is £850.98.

Whilst the balance is quite healthy at the moment we do have commitments to meet such as the payment for the Xmas lights, unlike most other Resident Associations we do not charge an annual membership fee, so we will continue to have to run events to raise funds and as previously when we need additional funds for particular projects we may have to ask for donations, previously we have found residents to be most generous when we have needed them to be.

We intend to continue this practice and will only ask when we need your help.

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## Ravenswood School poster for the War Memorial Centennial Commemoration.

