

KHRA Newsletter

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Vote for a Charity

As you may have read in the last issue of the KHRA newsletter, each KHRA fundraising event will help support a charity. A list of 5 charities has been drawn up on the Kennet Heath forum, allowing residents to put forward a charity of choice.

Charity nominations closed on November 1st and a voting process now begins - cast your vote at <http://forum.kennetheath.co.uk/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=1267>

The charity with the most votes will receive 10 percent of any profits made from the Second Annual KHRA Christmas Fair.

If you have a charity in mind for a future event, then please keep your eyes open for a nomination thread on the forum.

KHRA kicks off the Festive Season in style!



Plans for the KHRA Christmas Fair are gathering pace to bring a really special day out for Kennet Heath residents, family and friends. Taking place at Moorside Community Centre from 10am to 3pm on Saturday November 21st we have a great day planned for everyone.

Our FREE Father Christmas will be greeting all the children and giving them a little something



from Santa. They can have their face painted by a very talented Kennet Heath resident, or take part in our games and competitions. Our colouring competition for the children is on the third page of this newsletter. Children can colour it now and need to ensure entries are posted in the Competition Post Box no later than 1pm on the day of the fair. Alternatively, children can colour and enter at our craft corner.

This has the added benefit of leaving Mum and Dad

free to browse all our interesting stalls!

We will have a fabulous array of gifts to choose from, some of which are from local people from Kennet Heath who have been persuaded to show us a selection of their wares. We'll have some cute button bracelets and felt brooches, alongside some truly beautiful hand crafted oak furniture. A collection of bespoke fine silver jewellery capturing children's fingerprints in solid silver will make a lovely Christmas gift for all members of the family, and you can pick up a range of preserves, hand-made sweets and tasty treats. Be prepared to purchase your home made Traditional Christmas Cakes and Puddings which will be a taste sensation. The very popular range of Usborne books will be available, along with Avon, Cookie Jars, candles, bags and clothes.



There will be something for everyone, including the cards and the wrapping paper and a bow on top!

We are going to maintain our reputation of having a Raffle with a vast amount of fantastic prizes, and you



can compete in the Tom-bola, The Treasure Hunt, Guess the weight of the cake and many other great competitions. We'll have lots of surprises in store, and of course you can feast on our cake stall - nothing beats a mince pie and a cuppa once you have finished all your Christmas shopping! Our favourite local cook will also be providing the same incredibly popular samosas that sold out at last year's Table Top Sale.

Please join us and get Christmas started in style. We would very much appreciate any donations of Tom-bola or Raffle prizes, any home baked cakes for the Refreshments and as many willing volunteers as possible to set up, run stalls and clear up at the end.

If there is anything at all that you could help with please contact Lisa via the forum or call on 07867 527774.

Latest details on KHML/RMG/CPM

Kennet Heath residents can expect the next round of invoices from CPM/RMG - issued on behalf of Kennett Heath Management Limited (KHML) - to drop onto our door-mats shortly. While assurances have been given by the managing director of a developer that there will not be a significant raise for 2010, there are no guarantees.

As detailed previously, a thorough review of properties, which **do** and **do not** need to pay towards the bund maintenance has been conducted. As a result, we have been informed by the developers that action will be taken against those who should pay and haven't. At this time, we have no indications of progress of this process.

The KHRA sub-group continues and will continue to apply pressure on all parties concerned with the KHML/CPM/RMG position. The significant recent progress has been

a meeting held between the sub-group and West Berkshire Council. The aim of this meeting was to ascertain the reasons for the council's decision to:

- Ask the developers to appoint a management company to maintain parts of the bund during planning, and
- Not to retrospectively adopt the bund.

In answer to these points, it was apparent that during the West Berkshire planning process, decisions were reached where some parts of the bund were not considered to be Public Open Space (POS) such as the fields by the Moorside Community Centre. These required the alternative arrangements covered by the developers' establishment of KHML. In terms of retrospective adoption, West Berkshire Council is resolute that the bund will not be adopted as this will set a

precedent for other estates in the county.

The council did express understanding the Kennet Heath Residents' situation and are willing to support in an appropriate fashion. When the council were asked if lessons had been learnt from our situation, we were informed that lessons had been learnt. However, as the matter is outside of the council's hands once planning is approved. They cannot guarantee the same situation happening again on other estates in West Berkshire.

We are still waiting for answers to our questions to David Wilson Homes MD Kelvin Tutill and CPM/RMG technical advisor, Stuart Latta. As a result, we will continue to apply pressure to obtain the answers that we, as Kennet Heath residents, members of KHML and customers of Redrow and David Wilson Homes, deserve.

The New Kennet Heath Residents Association

Elections for the Kennet Heath Residents Association took place at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday, 3 October. The formal elections followed the call for nominations through the forum and emails. Eighteen committee members were elected for the 2009/2010 committee based on the nominations received and following a hand count of attendees at the meeting and postal votes.

During the meeting thanks were extended to Bob Morgan, the KHRA chairman for the inaugural year of 2008/2009 by councillor, Owen Jeffery. Formal reports were delivered by Bob and the lead committee members on the progress of the association on each of the areas of focus for association. The new chairman, Lee Cripps, took up the role immediately after the AGM.

Full details of the AGM have been posted to the forum are located at: <http://www.kennetheath.co.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=1232>

The office-holders for this period are:

Chairman and Lead Support:
Chairman: Lee Cripps; Vice Chairman: Iain Russell; Treasurer: Alex Cripps; Secretary: Ann Morgan;

Sub-committee Lead Members:

Communications: Bev Gunner; Lead Fundraiser with responsibilities for the Summer Festival and Christmas Fair: Lisa Clift; Neighbourhood Watch and Policing Issues: Ted and Andy Calhoun; Facilities Management: Kelly Russell; Flooding: Iain Russell; Parking: Les Merry-West

Committee members:

David Goddard; Barbara Van Doorn; Zoe Thursby; Bob Morgan; Ruth Jones; Jenny Marnock; Christine Black; Hazel Jewell

The details of the Committee Framework

The committee will be in place for one calendar year – starting October and running through to September. The process for re-election should be agreed in March with elections in October

Committee members should:

- Attend all meetings and extend apologies when they are not able to in advance of the meeting
In line with the constitution, non-attendance at three meetings without apologies will be an effective removal from the committee.

- Committee members should be active in support of the focus areas.

A minimum of 7 (Seven) votes will be required for approval of a project/funding

- Where possible voting should take place at committee meetings
- When this is not possible (and this should be an exception rather than the rule), the vote should be posted to KHRA section of the forum with an email sent to each steering committee member to let them know that there is a request for an approval
- Votes should be cast within 72 hours. After this time abstention will be the default position

Anyone wishing to contact the committee can send an email to residentsassociation@kennetheath.co.uk or drop a letter into the Moorside Community Centre addressed to the association.

KHRA Christmas Colouring Competition

Prizes to be won!



Completed picture should be posted in the post-box at Moorside Community Centre by **1 pm on 21st November 2009**. Winners will be notified at the prize giving at 2 pm or by telephone if not present. If you require further copies of the poster you can download it at: <http://www.kennetheath.co.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?f=22&t=1264>

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No: _____

Age: _____

Witches, Ghouls, Vampires invade Kennet Heath

KHRA held its first Halloween night party this year and it was messy affair. There was messy jelly, bats without noses and doughnuts on strings to chew, faces covered in flour and lots more. Not to mention more ghouls, vampires and witches than the Moorside Centre has seen in a while. All for free!

One of the main attractions was the costume competition with loads of

prizes given out to different age groups. It was a real pleasure to see so many families coming along from the Estate and the surrounding area. So well done to all those involved from organiser, Ann Morgan together with special thanks to KHRA committee members who helped in delivering the fun-filled evening.

Looking forward to 2010 Halloween Haunting!!



Chairman's Note



So, My first note as Chairman. First of all, I'd like to thank Bob Morgan for his leadership during the first year since inception of KHRA. I'd also like to extend my thanks to each and every one of the volunteers who took part in the outgoing committee and those who now form the 2009-10 committee.

It is only with volunteers that the KHRA can exist as a body, whose function is to help improve life on Kennet Heath. I know that the committee will do all they can over the next 12 months to try and achieve this aim, laying on community events, and challenging larger bodies including the developers, KHML/RMG/CPM.

How do I see my role over that 12 month period? Well, I see it as a role that can be adapted and changed to meet the demands of the estate over the next year. I want to be approachable. So if you've got an issue that you feel should be addressed, then feel free to email me at Lee@KennetHeath.co.uk

Closing off my first chairman's note, I'd like to encourage you all to come along to the second Annual KHRA Christmas fair. Second, sounds good doesn't it? We're hoping that this year's fair will be bigger and better than the last very successful event.

Lee Cripps

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Kennet Heath Residents' Association (KHRA) was founded in August 2008, by a number of residents coming together with common objectives.

The KHRA exists today in order to support all residents in the challenges that they face, to enhance community cohesion and to foster positive community spirit among all residents.

A committee structure has been put in place, along with a signed constitution, to create an organisation with the influence to act on behalf of the residents, presenting a single voice for the community.

If you would like to take part in the KHRA, contact us at the address to the left.

If you would like an article published in a future edition of the KHRA Newsletter, please send an email to Newsletter@kennetheath.co.uk



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