

An update from the Bexley Interfaith Social 21st September at Kemnal Park

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Bexley Interfaith Forum social and fundraising event hosted at Greenacres, Kemnal Park in Sidcup. We are extremely grateful to Kemnal Park for providing the venue and food for the evening.



We also want to thank our other sponsor P L Mulligans (local Funeral Director) who generously donated £500 towards the event. The proceeds from the social evening will be shared 50/50 between the Bexley Interfaith Forum and the Mayor of Bexley Umbrella Charity Appeal.



The evening was opened with the warm welcome from the Forum's chairman Rev Trevor Wyatt. The event was graced by the presence of the Deputy Mayor Councillor James Hunt, and members of parliament for Bexleyheath and Crayford Sir David Evennett, and Old Bexley and Sidcup James Brokenshire. The Bexley Interfaith Forum social event enabled people of different religions and faith traditions to celebrate our diversity and come together socially, to build relationships and engage with each other. It was also an opportunity to work together in fundraising for the Mayor of Bexley Umbrella Charity Appeal.

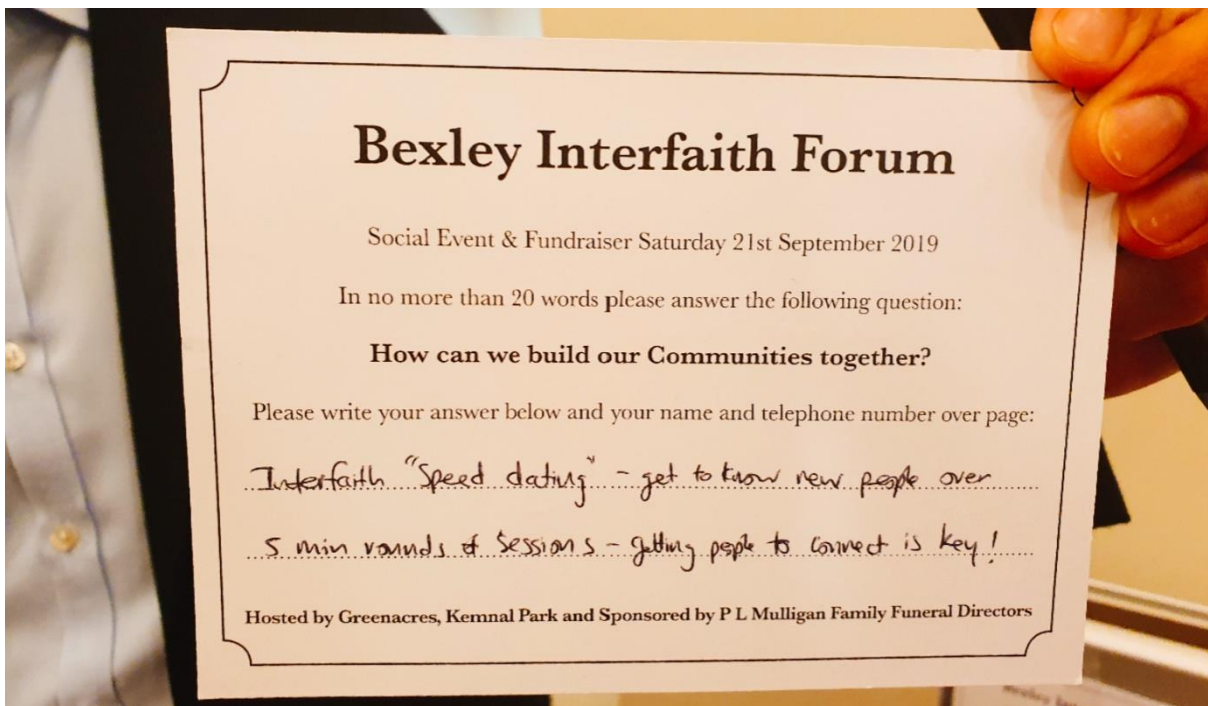


Above is a picture of our distinguished guests and those who gave speeches during the evening. There was much constructive and positive interaction and we were honoured to have a variety of stimulating speakers from different religions and faith groups:

- Dr Zaza Johnson Elsheikh
- Dr Fazlur Rashid representing Crayford Mosque
- Rev Richard Martin on behalf of the Bishop of Rochester
- John Cooper representing Baha'i faith
- Councillor Mabel Ogundayo (Labour)
- Kulvinder Singh on behalf of the Bexley Sikh community
- Omer Faruk (The Lighthouse Educational Society in Welling)
- Asif Hassanali from Kemnal Park Cemetery
- Bhaven Pathak from Yog Foundation



The evening concluded with MP James Brokenshire announcing the winner of the competition for the best idea on how can we build our communities together. The winner of the competition, Bob Bedwell received £50 Bluewater voucher donated by P L Mulligans Family Funeral Directors. Hic card read as follows:-



The Forum chairman Rev Trevor Wyatt concluded the evening encouraging all of us to continue our work in finding ways of coming together to build relationships with one another and furthering our understanding of each other and our different faith traditions. We hope that our joint initiatives can provide a positive image of 'faith' within the borough of Bexley and together we can make a difference.

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