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MEMBER OF LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY RESIDENTS' FEDERATION
CHAIRMAN'S VOICE

It has always been understood by the Association's Committee that the residents within our area - which is divided almost equally between Bromley and Greenwich Boroughs - came within the two Council Ward boundaries of Mottingham (Bromley) and Tarn Wards. However, on following up a chance remark made by one of our Road Stewards, we have found this to be incorrect and our Greenwich members come within two Wards. Tarn Ward in the northern area - now represented by Councillor Terry Malone, and from the south side of Leysdown Road and all adjoining roads to Chapel Farm Road come within Colnbourough Ward, represented by Councillors M. Devaux and J. Kelly.

It is incredible that all the years this situation must have been applicable, neither Greenwich Council nor the Councillors brought this to our attention and that one of our affected residents ever questioned why their Councillor/s were not invited to our meetings, their details were not included in our Newsletter or consulted by us on Member's problems.

Unfortunately we have not yet had the pleasure, since the Local Elections this year, of welcoming any of the Greenwich Councillors to our Executive Meetings but they are being kept fully advised of all relevant matters by our Secretary.

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Your Association has been trying to get Bromley Council, initially through their Road Safety Panel and recently our Councillors to take some action to improve the Zebra Crossing in Mottingham Road (by the Methodist Church). There can be very few pedestrians regularly using this crossing who have not had the most frightening experience of being halfway across and nearly mown down by vehicles from Chislehurst direction coming straight through at high speed.

Our pleas for an expert to inspect the site to enable us to pinpoint the problem has fallen on deaf ears and it would appear that it does not meet the "criteria of 2.5 accidents a year"!! We have very little hope of getting a light-controlled crossing, which would not only give greater safety to pedestrians but would also benefit the drivers using this junction.

If any resident can put forward a possible solution, I would be delighted to hear from them - BY LETTER PLEASE - address on the back page.

Mrs. Mackway-Jones - Chairman

NEWS OF THE MILLENNIUM DOME

Residents may be interested to know there will be no PARK & RIDE facilities for visiting the Millennium Dome.

We understand the 161 Bus Route which runs through Mottingham, will be extended to the Dome Site.

ELTHAM COLLEGE

Phase 1 of the Eltham College Development Plan, which was described in full in the Autumn 1997 issue of the Mottingham News, having been refused by Bromley's Development Control Committee in September 1997, is now the subject of an Appeal to the Department of the Environment.

The start of the Local Inquiry to consider this appeal is now confirmed to be Tuesday, 12th. January 1999 and it is likely to last for 3 days. It will be held by an Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State, in the Council Chamber at Bromley Civic Centre, commencing daily at 10.00 a.m. You are requested to make a note of these dates as your attendance will give added weight to the objections and will be much appreciated by your Executive Committee.

Members who live in the vicinity of Eltham College or who have expressed an interest in the development plans, will have received from Bromley Council, official notification of the postponement from 9th. September 1998.

If you have not already done so, residents who wish to express their views formally should write, before the end of November 1998, to the Planning Inspectorate at the address given below. You are reminded your letters to Bromley Council concerning the original planning application, before it was refused by the Council, should be repeated, if you have not already done so, to the Planning Inspectorate now that the matter is subject to appeal.

Your Association Planning Sub-Committee have met on a number of occasions over the past few months to plan, with Bromley, our response to the appeal.

The next important date for your diary is MONDAY, 30th. NOVEMBER 1998 when a Pre-Inquiry Meeting will be held, at 8.00 p.m. in the Methodist Church (Not Hall) Mottingham Road. With Bromley Council, it is intended to discuss such matters as strategy, witnesses and representation. This will also be your opportunity to raise any special concerns you may have.

A brief summary of each application:

97/1499 The construction of a music school building, improvements to the vehicular and pedestrian access to Mottingham Lane with supplementary planting and revised car park layout.

97/1500 Demolition of workshops, construction of replacement maintenance workshop and store, new car park, improved vehicular circulation and service arrangement all with supplementary planting.

97/1501 Construction of drop-off/pick-up for cars and separately for coaches, formation of new access, alteration of an existing access, closure of an existing access; extension of car parking area, all with supplementary planting.

Letters concerning the Inquiry should be addressed to:

Mrs M. Pocock,  
The Planning Inspectorate,  
Rooms 12/23 Tollgate House,  
Houlton Street,  
Bristol BS2 9DJ.

& quote references APP/95180/A/291163 & 64 & 65.

Of course, if you have any questions relating to these matters, you are welcome to contact Mr. T. Jones (857 4582) or Mr. P. Winpenny (857 1417)
WARD NEWS - Councillor Dyer (Mottingham Ward)

Since the May elections the new political administration (a ‘partnership’ between Labour and Liberal Democrats) has been settling down to run the Council. Generally speaking the transition has been relatively smooth. The new administration brings a great deal of enthusiasm to delivering services to the people of Bromley, and also most of us have years of experience in local government. As part of the new arrangement I have been elected Chair of Education, and feel privileged to be in a position of such responsibility. The ‘Greenwich Judgment’ has led to significant problems for Mottingham children at the stage at which they transfer from primary to secondary school. Although there are considerable difficulties involved, it is one of my aims to ensure that the education dept. does all that it legally can to enable Bromley schools to be available to Bromley children. I don’t wish to exclude children from other boroughs but I do feel that priority should be given to Bromley children, with any spare places then being offered to out-borough children. If any parent does experience secondary transfer (or other) problems please contact me and I will do what I can to advise/assist.

A year or so ago Mottingham was chosen to become a pilot area for a project aimed at involving more parents in their children's education. Four of our infant/primary schools have been involved and the project has been judged to be a great success. The intention now is to further develop the ‘Mottingham Children’s Project’ and extend it to other parts of the borough. The success of this project reflects well on our schools and also to be recommended is the commitment of Liz Davies the organiser.

Mid the period of ‘mid-terming vegetation’, with plant-growth spilling out from neglected gardens. Although this might seem to be a minor problem it can create difficulties, in particular for the blind or partially sighted. If you come across this problem please: first send in a pre-paid complaint 'green card', obtainable from the library, then if the problem is not dealt with to your satisfaction contact me.

By the time you are reading this we will be into autumn, I really do consider this to be time when our deciduous trees, yellow, gold, brown, in leaf, look so good. I accept that fallen leaves can be a nuisance but this is insignificant in relation to the sight of beech, birch or horse chestnut trees in autumn glory. I am verging on the misty-eyed now, so will end this article and get back to the more serious work involved with education.

Councillor Devaux - Coldharbour Ward

A petition from the residents of Leydown/Chapel Farm and Hartsmead Roads was presented to Greenwich Council in April regarding the problems of Commuter Parking. A traffic study has been carried out in these roads (Sidcup Road end) and consideration is being given to the problem of commuter parking and whether any action can be taken.

There was a meeting at the end of September to consider this problem but the results are not yet known.

Councillor Kelly - Coldharbour Ward

Concern has been expressed by Cllr. Kelly at the lack of active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in our area.

Councillor Malone - Tarn Ward

Plans to improve the Traffic Flow and safety in Court Road, south of Sidcup Road.

The July meeting of the Eltham Planning & Highways sub-Committee deferred consideration of the results of the public consultation over ways to give some relief from the horrendous traffic problem suffered by residents living in the north end of Court Road. As a locally elected representative, I have a responsibility and a commitment to these residents, I will, of course, keep residents informed of any future proposals.

I am available to all Greenwich residents in the Mottingham area at my home telephone number 0181-859 3326. I am also at the Middle Park Community Centre on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

ELTHAM COLLEGE UPDATE

First of all an apology: when we wrote in this column last year about the College’s move from Blackheath to its present premises we referred to the former occupants of the buildings as the “Royal Naval College”. This of course, was wrong: the Royal Naval College was the famous establishment at Greenwich. The buildings in Grove Park Road housed the Royal Naval School until it closed in 1910. By that time, however, it was already known as Eltham College because the original title had given the impression that it was only open to the sons of sailors and in an attempt to appeal to a wider public the name was changed to something less exclusive. When the School for the Sons of Missionaries moved in in 1912 they adopted the same policy and retained the name “Eltham College”.

The confusion of “school and “college”, however, was not uncommon. In the school archives there is a newspaper photograph of the Duke and Duchess of York, the future Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, on the front steps of the school and the note underneath refers to there Royal Highnesses paying a visit to the “Royal Naval College”. Unfortunately that is all the information we have. Does any local historian know why or when their Highnesses visited the building?

Before it became a school at all, the house was the centre of an estate that extended right across the road on the opposite side of Grove Park Road, and the school archives have been given a photograph taken in 1919 of the old gate keepers’ lodge that stood at the entrance to the drive - on the spot where Kimberidge Road joins Elmstead Lane.

Several people have contacted the school office for information connected with research into their family histories. Two very interesting enquiries from the great-nephew of W. B. Hayward, the headmaster who master-minded the move from Blackheath to Mottingham, and (from Japan) the great-great-grandson of W. G. Lemon who was the headmaster of the school from 1852 to 1866 and saw it established in Blackheath in 1857.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

This scheme has been relaunched throughout the London area:-

Greenwich

We are surprised none of the Greenwich roads within the Association’s area have a Watch Scheme. The benefits are considerable, not least of which is a reduction in household insurance premiums for Members in a scheme. The continued
Scheme involves neighbours taking an interest in the security of each other’s property, and reporting suspicious or unusual activity to the Police. Schemes have an area co-ordinator and a number of street coordinators, if required, who act as the focal points for both the residents and the police. It DOES NOT involve members of the public patrolling the streets.

Bromley

There are a number of Bromley roads which already have an effective scheme. However, we must warn residents that these are being updated, you must ensure you are in a reregistered scheme.

If you require any further information, contact our Secretary.

SCOUTS

The 6th Mottingham Venture Scouts and Scouts both currently have vacancies in their sections.

Meetings are at the Scout Hall in Court Farm Road, Mottingham, SE9

The Venture Scouts meet on Tuesdays at 20.30

The Scouts meet on Wednesdays at 19.30

If you are interested in joining or would like more information then please contact the following:

Venture Scout Leader:- Mr. Jason Reynolds - 0181 402 6696

Scout Leader:- Mr. Stuart Sutton - 0181 857 3514

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BOGUS CALLERS

(including GAS, WATER, ELECTRICITY and now ‘MEALS ON WHEELS’)

...... Is the chain on?

...... Ask who it is

...... Ask what do they want?

...... CHECK IDENTIFICATION

Remember - IF YOU ARE NOT SURE DON’T OPEN THE DOOR

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ROAD STEWARDS

SECTION ONE

LEADER - MR TUNSTALL

Albert Road

Mrs Cheeseman 152 Mottingham Road 851 1747

Court Road 201-277

Mrs Myborne 240 Court Road 857 1524

Court Road 202-286

Mrs Jones 260 Court Road 857 8712

Lulworth Road

Mrs Mitchell 11 Lulworth Road 851 3092

Mottingham Road 100-154

Mrs Cheeseman 152 Mottingham Road 851 1747

Porchuppe Close

Mrs Washbrook 65 Chapel Farm Road 857 8122

Pickwick Court

Vacant

SECTION TWO

LEADER - MR EDGAR

Highcombe Close

Mrs Hollingum 33 Devonshire Road 857 5856

Hinton Close

Mrs Stevens 1 Layzell Walk 857 2687

Lulxfield Road

Mr Page 7 Lulxfield Road 857 3788

Sculcup Road 375-441

Mr Edgar 32 West Park 851 3788

Sculcup Road 443-511

Mr Leakey 475 Sculcup Road 851 3788

Sculcup Road 452-508

Mr Edgar 32 West Park 851 3788

West Hallowes

Mr Norris 31 West Hallowes 857 3928

West Park - evens

Mrs Perkins 7 West Park 851 8644

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West Park - odds

Mr Treadwell 236 Court Road 857 3433

Priory Lees

Vacant

SECTION THREE

LEADER - MRS COBB

Beaconsfield Road

Mrs Pugh 59 Beaconsfield Rd 851 9678

Carter Hill Close

Mrs Webber 26 Carter Hill Close 851 3696

Cedar Mount

Mrs Cobb 7 Carter Hill Close 857 1944

Colview Court

Vacant

Grove Park Road - evens

Mr Winpenny 12 Grove Park Road 857 1417

Grove Park Road - odds

Mr Barker 78 Grove Park Road 857 9208

Hall View

Mr Barker 78 Grove Park Road 857 9208

Model Farm Close

Mr Payton 7 Clarence Road 402 0964

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Mottingham Lane

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Portland Road

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Birbetts Road

Mrs Pass 13 Birbetts Road 857 3733

Bowmead

Mrs Pass 13 Birbetts Road 857 3733

Bromhead

Mr Stagemen 64 Chapel Farm Road 857 2577

Chapel Farm Road odds

Mr Stagemen 64 Chapel Farm Road 857 2577

Chapel Farm Road evens

Mrs Robinson 47 Chapel Farm Road 857 0324

Crossmead

Mrs Abrahams 21 Lavinge Road 857 2407

Downeys Close

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Hartrisde Road

Mr Glover 20 Bowmead 857 7616

Lavidge Road

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