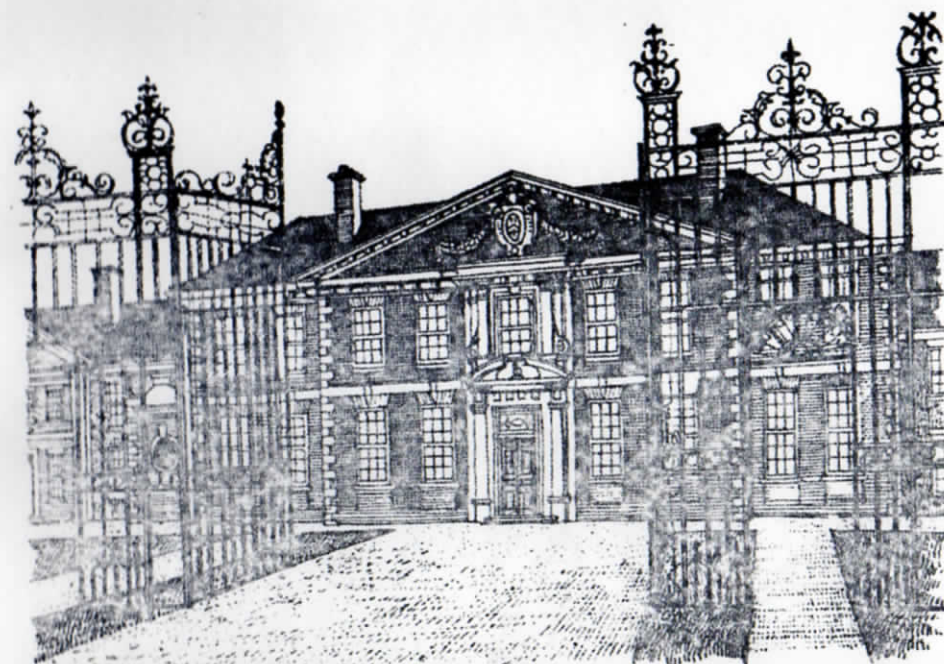


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Dear Member,

This news letter is a rather shorter edition. This has been necessitated by the resignation of our former Publicity Secretary, Mrs. Powell, who is moving from the area. Mrs. Powell always produced a highly professional publication and her technical expertise will be sadly missed. We thank her for all the hard work that she has done for the Association over many years and wish her happiness in her new home.

The major items which have occupied the Association over the last few months have been the threat of new roads for the improved South Circular route, together with the possibility of major rail work at Mottingham Station to accommodate the new Channel Tunnel link to London. One would like to report that the way ahead on these proposals was clear, but sadly, it is only a picture of confusion. As you will know, there are nine road options being examined, and two of these would directly affect Mottingham. Both Bromley and Greenwich Borough Councils have decided that the Mottingham options would create such a loss of housing in the area as to be totally unacceptable and, in the case of Bromley, have made representations to the local Members of Parliament and to the responsible Minister to this effect.

Similarly, the rail proposals are beset by a number of unanswered questions; and to add to the confusion, the possibility of early privatisation of parts of British Rail has done nothing to clear the air. The Association is in contact with other concerned organisations regarding these threats, with a view to a co-ordinated and coherent response. It is hoped that a comprehensive report on these consultations and the action following them will be included in the next newsletter.

To return for a moment to the vacant post of Publicity Secretary; if there are any budding young (or old) editors in our membership, I should be pleased to hear from them.

In conclusion, members may have heard that our Secretary, Mrs. Gardner, has been in hospital recently. She has now returned home and we wish her a speedy recovery to full health.

Graham Jenkins
Chairman

PLANNING NOTES

London Borough of Greenwich

Following the end of the postal strike and return from holiday, several weeks of planning lists have dropped on the writer's doormat. Apart from the usual one or two applications involving side and/or rear extensions to residential property, the Mottingham part of the Borough seems to be enjoying a planning holiday. Incidentally, applications of this type can often cause great concern to adjacent residents through the loss of light, etc. and it is to be hoped that applicants will bear this in mind when submitting their plans. In general, Greenwich adopt a sensitive approach to these applications, but they are very wary of any proposals which could change the character of a road of detached or semi-detached houses by producing a terracing effect.

Users of Mottingham Station may have noticed that the sheltered accommodation, known as Pope Street Court, is virtually complete and occupied. This development greatly improves the area, as the site had been allowed to become derelict and was attracting all kinds of rubbish. Staying in the vicinity of the Station, the much vandalised former Station Master's house is now a heap of rubble (difficult to imagine the days when Mottingham had its very own Station Master!). The most recent proposal for this site is for a small office block, but we shall just have to be patient a little while longer for some action.

London Borough of Bromley

Infilling, i.e. the building of new houses in the large gardens of older residences, is becoming increasingly common. We have had three instances in recent months:-

1. A detached four bedroom house in the grounds of GREET, a large house in Mottingham Lane, adjoining ROSELANDS. The Association supported the occupier of Roselands and other residents in objecting to the planning application. Two Council Officers recommended refusal. However, a revised plan was put forward by the developers. This reduced the loss of amenity to Roselands and included a smaller house. Although our original objection was maintained, Council Officers recommended permission and this was granted.
2. As a follow up to this, a planning application has been submitted for a three bedroom bungalow at the bottom of the garden of GREET, on a plot adjoining ORCHARD COTTAGE in Kippington Drive. Access would be via this new road, which is off the left hand side of Mottingham Gardens.
3. Permission has also been given for a detached house in the grounds of 3 COURT FARM ROAD.

Following their acquisition of 52 MOTTINGHAM ROAD, Scotts, the car dealers, submitted an application to convert the house to a storage facility and to tarmac the rear garden for parking. The Association objected on the grounds of loss of residential property. Bromley Council upheld our objection and refused permission. Scotts gave notice of appeal to the Ministry of the Environment, but subsequently submitted a revised plan. This application would retain the upper half of the house as a flat, whilst the ground floor would become offices. The tarmacked back garden would be used only for the display of new and second hand cars. Scotts also proposed to provide adequate fencing and to preserve the amenities of neighbouring properties. With the approval of the residents directly concerned, the Association has not objected to this revised application.

The Association supported the application from the Mottingham Horticultural Society, to erect a wooden shed at the rear of 15 COURT FARM ROAD, for trading purposes. The application was granted and trading has now commenced.

Finally, the Association, together with many residents in Grove Park Road, is extremely concerned regarding a planning application to erect an all weather sports complex, with access road and parking, on the Y.M.C.A. SPORTS GROUND. The applicants are not the Y.M.C.A., but a commercial organisation. The Y.M.C.A. would not be directly concerned with the running of the complex. They would lease the land to the developers. The proposed building is a very large one - 22,000 square feet in area, approximately one quarter of the size of a full football pitch, and it would be 20 feet high - almost the height of a two storey house. It would house tennis courts, cricket pitches and squash courts, all indoors. Access would be via the existing Y.M.C.A. entrance, but the parking facilities, for 40 vehicles, would be immediately behind numbers 2-16 Grove Park Road and directly at the bottom of the gardens of these houses. The Association has objected to the scheme on various grounds, including:-

1. Violation of the commitment to the Green Chain.
2. Loss of amenity due to the great size of the proposed building.
3. Parking of cars immediately behind the houses would be a serious nuisance.
4. Increased traffic in an already over-used road.
5. Additional security risks in an area already plagued by intruders.
6. As a commercial venture, the scheme would not be in line with the Y.M.C.A.'s charitable purpose.

More than 20 individual members have also objected, together with the Governors of Eltham College. At the time of writing, we await the decision of Bromley Council.

MACINTYRE - MOTTINGHAM

The Project opened its doors to the public in late May, just in time for the summer bedding season. This was considerably ahead of target and entirely due to the hard work of those attending the Project. Local residents gave their support and have continued to do so. This is very rewarding to the disadvantaged who grow the produce that they sell. Since the opening they have extended the display area and gone a long way to completing the rest of the building work. A second production greenhouse is being erected and this will enable them to take more trainees each day.

Richard Barnes, the Project Manager, was delighted to receive a cheque for £2,000 presented by Mr. Fordyce, branch manager of the T.S.B. in Eltham. This donation is to replace the trees lost in the storm last October. The majority of planting has taken place in the Nature Reserve and gaps in the boundary have still to be planted.

A visit to see the display of pot plants, shrubs and garden equipment is well worthwhile and we wish the Project every success.

MOTTINGHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The new Trading hut at the rear of 15 Court Farm Road is now open and trading hours are as follows:-

Jan - Feb and Oct - Dec	Saturday 1.00 - 3.00 p.m.
March - September	Saturday 1.00 - 3.30 p.m.
April - June	Wednesday evening 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.
All Year	Wednesday 12.00 - 1.30 p.m.

Proof of membership must be shown when making a purchase.

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SUB COMMITTEES

Bromley Residents' Federation: Mrs Mackway-Jones
Road Safety Advisory Committee, Bromley/Greenwich: Mrs Kirk
Town Planning, Bromley: Mr Hodges, Greenwich: Mr Winpenny
Membership Co-ordinator: Mrs Bouglas

ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

Section One - Mr Gold

Albert Road	Mr & Mrs Robins, 22 Albert Road	857 8664
Avondale Road	Mrs Mitchell, 11 Lulworth Road	851 3092
Court Road 201-277	Mr Carter, 256 Court Road	857 8413
Court Road 202-286	Mrs Moncur, 234 Court Road	857 1964
	Mrs Stirling, 216 Court Road	857 1974
Evalyn Court	Mrs Breen, 49 West Park	857 7848
Jevington Way	Mrs Witchlow, 13 Carters Hill Close	851 9131
	Mrs Cobb, 7 Carters Hill Close	857 1944
Lulworth Road	Mr Gold, 9 Lulworth Road	857 4475
Nottingham Rd 100-154	Mrs Higgs, 38 Leysdown Road	857 8339
Nottingham Rd 1-95	Mrs Wright, 3 Devonshire Road	857 6095
Porcupine Close	Mrs Washbrook, 63 Chapel Farm Road	857 8122
Sidcup Road 449-511	Mrs Jones, 260 Court Road	857 8712
Sidcup Road 452-508	Mrs Witchell, 36 Lavidge Road	857 7618
Sidcup Road 522-620	Mrs Washbrook, 63 Chapel Farm Road	857 8122
Westdean Avenue	Mrs Witchlow, 13 Carters Hill Close	851 9131
	Mrs Cobb, 7 Carters Hill Close	857 1944
Woodmere	Mrs Hylands, 51 Crossmead	857 3386

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Highcombe Close	Mrs Coker, 23 Highcombe Close	857 3879
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Sidcup Road 375-447	Mr & Mrs Fuller, 237 Court Road	857 7945
West Hallows	Mr Norriss, 31 West Hallows	857 3928
West Park (even)	Mrs Carter, 256 Court Road	857 8413

West Park (odd)	Mr Hodges, 42 Grove Park Road	857 6913
Pickwick Court	Mr Conibere, 43 Pickwick Court	857 4129

Section Three - Mr Barker

Beaconsfield Road	Mrs Pugh, 59 Beaconsfield Road	851 9678
Carters Hill Close	Miss Macdonald, 25 Carters Hill Close	857 6947
Cedar Mount	Mrs Neal, 14 Cedar Mount	857 2571
College View	Vacant	
Colview Court	Vacant	
Grove Park Rd (even)	Mr Winpenny, 12 Grove Park Road	857 1417
Grove Park Rd (odd)	Mr Barker, 78 Grove Park Road	851 9209
Hall View	Mr Barker, 78 Grove Park Road	851 9209
Kippington Drive	Vacant	
Layzell Walk	Vacant	
Model Farm Close	Mrs Payton, 7 Clarence Road	857 1760
Mottingham Gardens	Vacant	
Mottingham Lane	Mr Donoghue, 16 Mottingham Gardens	857 3257

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Court Farm Road	Mr Jenkins, 61 Court Farm Road	857 8705
Crossway	Mr Jenkins, 61 Court Farm Road	857 8705
Devonshire Road	Mr Noble, 32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
Dorset Road	Mrs Mackway-Jones, 54a Mottingham Road	
Elahurst Road	Mr & Mrs Foster, 15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Mottingham Road 2-56	Mrs Mackway-Jones, 54a Mottingham Road	
Portland Crescent	Mr & Mrs Foster, 15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Portland Road	Mr & Mrs Foster, 15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Silverdale Drive	Mr Bouglas, 14 Beaconsfield Road	857 7371
Sycamore Close	Miss Foster, 18 Sycamore Close	

Section Five - Mr Drucquer

Birbetts Road	Mrs Pass, 13 Birbetts Road	857 3733
Bowmead	Mrs Pass, 13 Birbetts Road	857 3733
Bromhedge	Mr Stageman, 64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
Chapel Farm Rd (odd)	Mr Stageman, 64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
Chapel Farm Rd (even)	Mr Astill, 10 Bowmead	857 3327

Crossmead	Mrs Baldwin, 2 Royal Court	857 1662
Downleys Close	Mr Hill, 53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
Hartsmead Road	Mr Glover, 20 Bowmead	857 7616
Lavidge Road	Mrs MacDonald, 25 Lavidge Road	857 2315
Leysdown Road	Mr & Mrs Harrington, 31 Leysdown Road	857 0852
Mottingham Rd 127-205	Mr Drucquer, 9 Birbetts Road	857 6051
Royal Court	Mrs Baldwin, 2 Royal Court	857 1662
Sidcup Road 551-655	Mr Grace, 33 Lavidge Road	857 3987

There are a few very small roads vacant at the moment. Offers of assistance with the collection of subscriptions and distribution of newsletters to members in these roads would be most welcome. If you can help, please contact Mrs Bouglas, 14 Beaconsfield Road, telephone 857 7371.

BOYS AND GIRLS BRIGADE

Both the Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a member. They meet in the Methodist Church Hall at the following times:-

Boys Brigade

Anchor Boys (age 6-8)	Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.
Junior Section (8-11)	Friday 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Company Section (11-16)	Friday 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

For further details, please contact Mr. A. Williams, 3 Earlshall Road, Eltham, telephone 850 9432.

Girls Brigade

Explorers (age 5-8)	Tuesday 5.00 - 6.15 p.m.
Juniors (8-11)	Tuesday 6.15 - 8.00 p.m.
Seniors (11-14)	Tuesday 6.15 - 8.00 p.m.
Brigaders (14+)	Tuesday 6.15 - 8.00 p.m.

For further details, please contact Miss Rush, 851 5265.