

## MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



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## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Dave Edgar

Graham Jenkins caused considerable consternation amongst the members of the Executive Committee when he announced that he would be standing down as Chairman of the Association after the Annual General Meeting. It is not widely known the tremendous amount of work Graham has done for the Association during his chairmanship over the past ten years or the assistance generously given by Mrs Jenkins, as neither of them are given to singing their own praises. However, those of us who have been "volunteered" to put together, fold or staple the Mottingham News and for various other Association chores, are more aware of the work done "behind the scenes" by both Graham and Rosemary. Graham has advised us that he is not withdrawing completely from the Association and his assistance will be available whenever required, and for this we are most grateful.

We have also lost the services of Mrs Di Bouglas whose work as Membership Co-ordinator has been invaluable. During her tenure our membership has increased to a record 1,406 households. We also have Mr and Mrs Bouglas to thank for much of our typing and photocopying, which has been instrumental in enabling us to keep our annual subscriptions down to an incredible 25 pence per household.

We welcome Mrs Kay Jones as our new Membership Co-ordinator, Stephen Byrne as our Planning Representative (Greenwich), and Brian Taylor as our Representative responsible for environmental issues. We also welcome back Dick Astill as our Honorary Treasurer.

Our congratulations go to Councillor Derek Richards of Tarn Ward and Councillors Yates and Erny Dyer of Mottingham Ward for their success in the recent local elections. We look forward to seeing them at our Executive Committee Meetings.

Elsewhere in this issue is an up-to-date list of the names, address and telephone numbers of the members of the Executive Committee and Road Representatives. Any members of the

Association who have a complaint, suggestion or comment are urged to write, telephone or call on any of us if they think the Association can be of assistance. This Association was formed precisely to safeguard the interests of all of us, its members.

## ST. ANDREWS PLAYGROUP.

This was a flourishing group which opened daily, from 9.30am. to 12.00 noon. Now, additionally, they open between the hours of 1.00 and 3.00pm. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and there are still a few vacancies.

June Golding and Lucy Brewer, together with a team of helpers, prepare the children for their school life by introducing educational play activities.

The group is self-supporting; the mothers undertaking such tasks as fetching the milk to washing the paint pots, by rotation.

Carol Baker chairs a committee of "mums" who organise discos, jumble sales, coffee mornings etc., to raise the funds necessary for the continued smooth-running of this venture.

Like more details ? then call.....June on 081-857 0807  
or.....Lucy on 081 851 5817



## BUSES

Kay Jones

Subsequent to our Spring "News" I have had further correspondence with SELKENT and their last letter advises that the new timetable, now in use, includes the new route: 396. It also shows route No. 126S making five journeys each way, via Grove Park Road, every week-day; not just one way on schooldays only as at present.

After some discussion your committee believe this is as far as this matter can usefully be taken just now because the service which has been available, albeit just on schooldays, appears to have been used by only one or two adults.

PLEASE.....if you want the service USE IT TO THE FULL. If it is well supported and required on Saturdays and Sundays I will re-open the correspondence.



# SELKENT

## CHANGES TO ROUTE 126S

From 11th August existing Route 126S will run between Eltham and Bromley only. The service between Bromley and Beckenham has been discontinued. The service will run Monday to Friday irrespective of whether the schools are open or not. The number of journeys will be increased to 5 a day (see time table) in each direction and will continue to be operated by double-deck buses. The route between Bromley and Eltham will remain the same as the existing 126S - Eltham (Southend Crescent), Eltham High Street, Court Road, Grove Park Road, Chinbrook Road, Burnt Ash Lane, College Road, Bromley North and Bromley South.

126S	TO ELTHAM
Bromley Common Bus Garage	0640 -- -- 1440 -- --
Bromley Common Crown	0645 -- -- 1445 -- --
Bromley South Station	0649 -- -- 1451 -- --
Bromley North Station	-- 0756 -- -- 1558 1708
Bromley Market Square	0651 0758 -- 1455 1600 1710
Grove Park Station	0659 0808 -- 1505 1610 1720
Grove Park Road Eltham College	0703 0814 -- 1509 1616 1726
Mottingham Station	0705 0816 -- 1511 1618 1728
Eltham Church	0709 0820 -- 1515 1622 1732
Eltham Southend Crescent	0714 0825 -- 1520 1628 1738

126S	TO BROMLEY
Eltham Southend Crescent	0720 0830 -- 1525 1635 1743
Eltham Church	0725 0835 -- 1530 1641 1749
Mottingham Station	0729 0839 -- 1534 1645 1753
Grove Park Road Eltham College	0731 0841 -- 1536 1647 1755
Grove Park Station	0741 0851 -- 1543 1654 1802
Bromley North Station	0751 0901 -- 1552 1703 1811
Bromley South Station	-- 0905 -- -- 1816
Bromley Common Crown	-- 0910 -- -- 1824
Bromley Common Bus Garage	-- 0915 -- -- 1830

## THE ROYAL VISIT

Diane Kirk

On Wednesday, June 13th., I had the great pleasure of representing Mottingham Residents Association at the official opening of MacIntyre garden centre and nature reserve by H.R.H The Duchess of York.

The Duchess arrived at 11am amid cheers from children of local schools and many residents; on stepping from the car she had a beaming smile and was dressed for the chilly, windy day: Hair loose, held back with a headband, navy, waist-length jacket worn with a navy & grey striped long silk skirt and flat shoes.

The welcoming party included the Mayors of Bromley and Lewisham among the distinguished guests who greeted Her Royal Highness, the Organisers' two tiny tots each presented her with a posy and then The Duchess unveiled the plaque that commemorates the opening of the centre after which she started her tour of MacIntyre, Mottingham, whilst we adjourned to the marquee to be served with coffee.

When the Royal Party returned 'Fergie' inspected several projects displayed within the marquee, depicting the growth of trees and seedlings etc. from day one, then came an informal walk about, talking and laughing with the "locals" and posing for photographs, waiting while cameras were located, to record the events. The Duchess was very friendly and natural, showing genuine interest in Mottingham and our environment. In chatting she revealed how much she was missing her children as she had not seen them for two days, having only just returned from a tour of Ireland.

Buffet lunch was served with a fruit punch and wine followed by coffee. MacIntyre Milton Keynes were the caterers and both groups are to be congratulated on such a wonderful spread.

The finale was when MacIntyre Mottingham presented Her Royal Highness with a Sago Palm for her new home.

MacIntyre is a network of residential daycare and occupational resources dedicated to providing a dignified and purposeful



way of life for mentally handicapped people. They seek to furnish caring and compassionate environments within which people with severe learning difficulties or other disabilities can further their education, receive therapeutic treatment and develop social skills.

The garden centre in Mottingham Lane is a joint project between the MacIntyre Board of Management and the Lewisham and North Southwark Health Authority, they also enjoy the support of the Manpower Services Commission. They provide employment and training for a specified number of people with a mental handicap and who live in the area; the aim being to help them strive for greater self-expression and thus lead more purposeful and valued lives. They are a registered charity which would appreciate our support.

Welcome to Mottingham, MacIntyre, your garden centre has brightened up our lives.

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#### CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK CTRL

Pat Winpenny

This time there is nothing to report on the subject which affects Mottingham; in fact we seem to have been relegated to the 'back burner' as they say.

At the July meeting of the Consultative Committee Bromley Council reported on the outcome of their petition against British Rail's No.3 Bill. (As reported in our Spring '90 issue this requires alterations to Bickley Junction to accommodate the 1992 increase in traffic) They were able to report some success with their submission to the House of Lords Select Committee which is considering the Bill.

Although, currently, it seems Mottingham will not to be affected, many residents in the Bickley - Bromley South - Shortlands districts are likely to suffer considerably from both noise and disturbance due to the increased use of existing tracks (particularly by heavy freight trains through

the night). The aim of the Council is to obtain adequate protection/compensation for those affected and it is believed that some success has been achieved in this direction.

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#### TOWN PLANNING - BROMLEY

Tom Hodges

Applications currently pending:-

42 & 44 Mottingham Road (No.90/007) Change of use from retail shops to restaurant which, as reported in our Spring issue, we opposed. Bromley Council refused this application and the developers have appealed to the Ministry of the Environment.

We have continued in our objections and await the decision of the Ministry.

Farm Hall Barn, Court Farm Road As previously reported the applicant has appealed to the Ministry of the Environment and we still await a decision which will be by written representation and not by a Public Hearing.

69 Mottingham Road (No.88/3729) Change of use to Cafe. In our Autumn '89 issue we advised that both Bromley and Greenwich Councils had approved (subject to the signing of a legal agreement) the part change of use from retail grocer to retail grocer/hot takeaway food. The agreement has never been signed and, legally, the only permitted use of these premises is as a retail grocery.

Now we have to report the application for a complete change to Cafe.

Your Association has consistently opposed the change of use on the grounds:-

- 1) Nuisance to neighbouring residents.
- 2) Traffic and parking problems.
- 3) The disproportionate number of hot food outlets already in



the parade.

We have also advised the Bromley Planning Committee that, in addition to the question of the unsigned legal agreement, trading is continuing long after the stipulated closing time of 11pm.

Bromley Council Officers have supported our objections and have recommended:-

- 1) Permission for the new application be refused.
- 2) That enforcement action be authorized to stop the violation of the closing time.

They have also suggested that the Planning Committee may wish to authorize action against the use of illuminated signs which have been erected without consent.

As the rear of these premises lies within the Borough of Greenwich their comments are being sought by the Bromley Officers.

Applications granted:-

56 Grove Park Road (No. 89/3767) Single storey side extension and two storey rear extension.

1 Court Farm Road (No. 90/1229) Two storey side extension.

Applications refused:-

9-10 Mottingham Gardens (No. 89/2680) Demolition of 2 semi-detached houses and the erection, on site, of 6 two-storey houses.

The Appeal to the Ministry of the Environment was refused on various grounds including over development.

40 Grove Park Road (No. 90/1156) A two-storey side and a one-storey rear extensions.

Refused by Bromley Council as failing to meet planning requirements regarding distance from the boundary of neighbouring property. The applicants have now submitted a

revised application and plan which conforms with the Council stipulations.

Adjacent to Orchard Cottage, Kippington Drive (No. 90/1324) Detached bungalow with detached garage.

Refused by Bromley Council as a cramped and unacceptable development detrimental to the residents of "Orchard Cottage" and "Roselands".

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#### TOWN PLANNING GREENWICH

Stephen Byrne

There is nothing which affects Mottingham to report this time.

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#### COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Derek Richards -

Councillor for Tarn Ward, Mottingham, London Borough of Greenwich

Who's looking out for you?

Whose responsibility is it?

Well, there's the wonderful, long established, Mottingham Resident Association. That costs a mere .25p a year and is tremendous value. Then there's me and I cost nothing. Though, mindful of my recent visit to my dentist and, not wanting to be a gift horse looked in the mouth, I should say I cost a pearl of great price, namely, your vote every four years.

But who else cares for you in Mottingham? Read on and you may be pleasantly surprised and comforted.

Tarnwood Park Residents Association joined forces with



Woodmere Residents Association and successfully campaigned to have cancelled a traffic management scheme which had turned Tarnwood Park into a circus and a shunting siding. The WRA is now campaigning against unofficial motorcyclo-cross which deafens and disturbs them most week-ends. This resistance is shared by Middle Park Tenants' Group which splendid organisation is fighting back against the unofficial sub-letting, key money, squatters, dossers, noise and pollution, harrassment and vandalism rife on their "patch".

Crossmead Residents strove to cut out 'rat-running' in the rush hours and the day-long parking, by commuters, in their road and have now joined forces with Sidcup Road (North) & Broad Lawn to form the Fairy Hill Park Borderers who do not wish that pleasant park to be unfenced, unkempt and unsafe. Some of these are in the M.A.P.Group whose rotted window frames, sills, etc., howl for replacement. About 100 houses need refurbishing but, at c.£5000 per house, the Council may only do a selected ten. Court Conservation Society also, but for different reasons, has deep concern for the state and the future of these buildings.

There are Residents Associations for discreet blocks of flats. Pickwick Court R.A., Pope Street Court R.A. and Priory Leas R.A. have, at least, made unauthorised access very difficult. Michael Tonkin is in the vanguard for Mottingham Court Residents as they combat fly-tipping on their front lawn; and a squalid pavement outside. Sycamore Close Community protest about adjacent festering rubbish and deposited dead foxes.

I have not heard, lately, of the West Park Ladies but, doubtless, I shall shortly be informed.

There are numerous close-knit Neighbourhood Watch groups working together, and with the police, to combat burglary and other crimes. Something should be done about the fly-posting and bill-sticking imposed on street fixtures and structures in Court Road; ugly, garish adverts for shops, services, sales and entertainments. The down-trend in appearance of the parade of shops in Mottingham Road must cease, then be reversed.

Yet in Mottingham you need never be as solitary Siberian sheep seeking solace. You are never alone in a crowd. Why, I ask myself, don't all these philanthropic groups get together to multiply their fire power, to increase their lobbying effectiveness.

Someone should do something about it!

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Erny Dyer -  
Councillor for Mottingham, London Borough of Bromley

It is with some trepidation that I take up the reins laid down by Alistair Macdonald. During his long association with Mottingham he set a high standard of service to the community, one against which those that follow must expect to be judged. Rather than viewing Mac's record as a millstone around my neck I see it as a challenge, and one which I intend doing my best to meet.

In my short time as a member of Bromley Council I have found Council Officers to be quite responsive to requests for such things as: minor road/path repairs, small-scale environmental improvements, help on planning applications and similar. However, on the more substantial issues such as: significant traffic-calming, upgrading street lighting, and major environmental improvement schemes, the Officers are restricted by majority-group policy on 'capital' projects. Success on these major issues is often dependant on a combination of how well the arguments are presented and how much pressure can be brought to bear. Consequently, it is vital for residents groups, churches, local business organizations and etc., to work with Councillors when there is such an issue we wish to progress. It might seem obvious, but it's worth repeating the truism that 'unity is strength', and we must all work together to protect our community.

Experience has caused me to reflect that residents often come to me at a late stage of having difficulties with a Council



department. I would suggest that early contact with a Councillor allows us to bring to bear, what pressure and influence we do have, at a time when it could be more effective. I am quite prepared to be contacted, by any resident, at any time.  
My 'phone number is 081-462 8635

If writing:-

c/o Members Room  
Bromley Civic Centre  
Rochester Avenue  
Bromley BR1 3UH

I will return 'phone calls within 48hrs and respond to letters within 7 days, maximum. Whether you voted for me or not is irrelevant to the way in which I will progress your problem or concern. I consider that I was elected to serve the people of Mottingham, that means all of you, whatever political differences we might have. Also, rather than only contacting me when you have a particular problem, I would welcome your opinion on more general, local matters, especially if you have a positive suggestion.

The main issues currently affecting Mottingham are, in my opinion:-

- 1) Admission to schools: Under the new catchment area arrangements, admissions have gone fairly smoothly, not because the new arrangements were either sensible or fair, but because they were liberally interpreted by heads of schools. I should like to hear of any individual cases where the experience has been to the contrary. The Council is changing its admission policy yet again next year and, although this should, in theory, make the situation marginally better for Mottinghams' children, its implementation will need watching.
- 2) The management of traffic: This is the big one for any City or Suburban Community, one which politicians rarely want to tackle head-on. We all want others to use their cars less or, at least, not drive them through our roads. Most of us would, I am sure, admit that many of the journeys we make could be made by means other than the motor car. Apparently 75% of all journeys made in Britain are under 5 miles duration, there is scope for alternatives such as cycling or

walking.

Owing to the very limited budget Bromley has allocated for traffice control it will be difficult to get much done. Road-humps seem an impossibility, yes, Mottingham Lane was 'humped' but as one of only three(!) roads in the whole of Bromley. But, of the other 218 roads in the Borough that have applied for humps, only 10 have been put 'on the short list'; I have been told that it could take up to three years before even these 10, very dangerous roads, get their 'humps'.

3) Until twelve years' ago I lived in a flat above the shops in the village. In those days I could satisfy nearly all my shopping needs without having to go further than the village. We had the Co-op supermarket, with Jack the butcher, Dennis & Joan in the wet-fish shop, Whitewoods the furniture store, a wool shop, shoe repairs and etc., etc.. In other words a fair mix of retail outlets. To keep the village prosperous and, at least retain the variety of shops we have left, we must be prepared to support them and we need to subject every 'change of use' planning application to the utmost scrutiny; not to simply oppose every one, but to carefully evaluate each within the context of the need to maintain the mix of retail outlets in the village.

Mottingham is a pleasant area in which to live, conveniently near to London, and yet retaining more than a whiff of the countryside of which it was once part. I hope that we can work together to maintain, indeed improve, the general environment and the amenities of the area.

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#### MOTTINGHAM PLAYING FIELDS.

Mrs Mackway-Jones

On the 19th of July I, together with Kay Jones, Vicki Packard, Tom Hodges and Councillor Erny Dyer met with Messrs Patrick Phillips & Simon Swift, Landscape Manager and Park Development Officer, respectively, from Bromley Council. The purpose was to discuss complaints received by some members of the committee regarding the use and state of the sportsfield.



The meeting proved to be constructive and, as a result, letters have been exchanged confirming the various points raised, debated and agreed.

The result:-

FUNFAIR We were assured there would be no more than two bookings annually and neither would be of such duration to include more than one week-end. It was agreed that the position adjacent to the car-park (as used earlier this year) would be most suitable. This, to obviate the need for the private cars belonging to the side-show owners continually being driven across the field: It is hoped they will be left in the car-park during the day thus using the normal entry/exit route and only be placed beside the relevant van overnight. A ban to be placed on flyposting fair-notice, alternatively such notices to be removed before the fair departs. Ensure that the electric cable which has been seen to run from the pavilion along the ground to the fair is not so used.

COMPLAINTS Various bollards had been cut to allow the fair to enter the field; it had been agreed the fair organizers would supply a gate to replace these for their future use and any other 'hire users'. This has been implemented and it can be locked back safely when in the 'open' position. Other bollards were either missing or badly sited; these have been corrected. The damaged fence between the Chinbrook Housing Estate and the field has, also, now been repaired. Council vehicles had been driven across the field exiting at the Dunkery Road end: This is to be stopped and, again, work has finished, railed posts have been erected around the corner of the woods. It had been noted that the padlock on the original gate (beside the pavilion) was not being used thus leaving the way open onto the field: A stop had been put to that and the padlock was apparently in situ. However, it was omitted to pass a key to the 'services' as was discovered when a fire broke out in the woods at the Dunkery Road end of the field and bolt-cutters had to be employed!!!

#### LANDSCAPE

Several trees, at the lower end of the main car-park and along the Court Farm Road edge of the field, are dead or missing, these are to be replaced. More seats, too, are to be placed at varying points around the site; it may be that some will have to await another 'budget'. Finally, the question of the unsightly corrugated iron fence, at the lower end of the Court Farm Road side was proving to be a stumbling-block until one of the visitors suggested that corner of the field be made into a 'wild flower' area and we thought this would be beneficial. It seems it is a principle of Bromley Council to utilize such 'eyesores' in this way and they like to encourage local support, especially of the schools. To this end we agreed that the MRA would both actively support the scheme and lend its weight in persuading local schools and other appropriate bodies to become involved.

#### THE PAVILION

The poor state of repair was discussed but as this is the responsibility of another Council department we agreed to leave Mr Phillips speak with the relevant colleague. Our trust was not misplaced, work has already been set in motion.

Now, how we can reciprocate:-

The Council have already replaced/planted many trees and these have suffered from lack of water because of "THE HOT DRY SUMMER" Have you got a sapling in your road? Can you spare it a drink? Please look around to see if you can help to save a plant/tree/shrub.

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#### CAN YOU HELP ?

Vicki Packard

What was Mottingham like 50-60 years ago? Who among you can recall when and how the changes came about? Whilst we all work and hope for a pleasant and happy community most of us do not know what it used to be like here - AND WE WOULD LIKE TO! I am sure many of you read 'Bygone Kent'. What about us producing 'Mottingham Memories'?



Can I encourage any of our more mature residents to reminisce? If you are near enough to drop your contribution through my letter-box please do, if not give me a call on 857 7515.

## ROAD SAFETY

Diane Kirk

This is such a serious subject that when I discovered Greenwich Council ran driving classes I thought it worth finding out more so that I could pass the detail on to you.

There is a class for the learner motor-cyclist at which they train and test for Part 1 certificate and their pass rate is said to be 97%. They also train up to a safe standard on the highway which enables the pupil to take Part 2 test with confidence.

If you happen to live in the Borough of Greenwich, are non-waged and own a motorcycle training could be FREE but, training is not restricted to Greenwich residents!

If you want to know more please contact:-

THE SAFETY EDUCATION OFFICER,  
PEGGY MIDDLETON HOUSE,  
50, WOOLWICH NEW ROAD,  
WOOLWICH SE18 6HQ.

Then there is the "BETTER DRIVING COURSE". This is a course of 5 illustrated lectures on the Police system of car control followed by an observed run where standards of driving will be checked by experienced members of the South Eastern Group of Advanced Motorists. These, too, are FREE! Interested? Then contact:-

HOME AND ROAD SAFETY SECTION,  
3rd. FLOOR RIVERSIDE HOUSE,  
BERESFORD STREET,  
WOOLWICH,  
LONDON, SE18 6DN.

## 'LOCAL ACTION'

Brian Taylor

As part of their strategy for improving the environment in the Borough, Bromley Council has issued a publication entitled 'Local Action - the Manual'. This shows how local amenity associations, groups, and individuals can work with the Council to improve their environment. The 'Manual' is available from libraries throughout the Borough and is well worth the effort to obtain a copy.

To co-ordinate 'Local Action' in Mottingham your Association has formed an Environment Committee and, in the first instance' they will be looking at:-

- 1) Clearing away litter and graffiti.
- 2) Improving the appearance of both public and private land.
- 3) The removal of unnecessary signs and street clutter, e.g. debris left behind after roadworks.

Although 'Local Action' was initiated by Bromley our Environment Committee will include the part of Mottingham which lies in the Borough of Greenwich.

It is extremely important that we all become involved, residents and shopkeepers alike, in improving our locality and we look to you for ideas, let us have your suggestions for cleaning up our "patch".

### Dumping of Rubbish.

Recently there have been a few cases of fly-tipping in Mottingham. This problem is dealt with by the London Waste Regulatory Authority (LWRA) who operate a 24hour action line for the reporting of illegal rubbish dumping. If you see anybody dumping rubbish (this may be building waste from a lorry or an old mattress from a car or, even, a car) make a note of the vehicle registration number and telephone the LWRA Action Line:-

081-951 8322

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence. Remember the line is manned 24 hours a day.



## Waste Recycling

Here is a list of collection points close to Nottingham for recyclable waste.

### Tin cans:-

Eltham.....Sainsbury's Car Park  
Chislehurst(Bickley)...Waldo Road Waste  
Disposal Site (off Page Heath Lane)

### Glass bottles:-

Eltham.....Sainsbury's Car Park  
Nottingham.....Kimmeridge Road  
Chislehurst.....Sainsbury's Car Park

### Oil:-

Chislehurst (Bickley)..Waldo Road Waste  
Disposal Site (Off Page Heath Lane)

## SITUATIONS VACANT

There is always room for another Road-Rep. Can you spare an hour or so to collect subscriptions and deliver the "News"? As you can see from the list, you'd not be alone; you may even see a friends' name there and it is rewarding giving a 'service'.

I'd like to hear from you:

Kay Jones  
44b Grove Park Road  
Tel.081-851 1422

## MOTTINGHAM MEMORIES

No.1

Pat Winpenny

The War Memorial and the Porcupine, of course, occupied the centre. The BP garage site was previously Hyde's Garage (not quite so grand as the present establishment). This garage seemed to be firmly within the enemy's sights during the war as two V1's (doodlebugs) landed on it and made it, and the whole area, a sorry sight. The Bank, which was Martin's Bank then with a large golden grasshopper sign outside, was severely damaged as was the Express Dairy depot opposite (now Honda) - here were kept horses and carts for the delivery of milk.

Proceeding into the village from the War Memorial we found the village school on the left (now the Library and flats), then a few shops. From the fish and chip shop round into Court Road only fields, a stream and sometimes a few horses and, travelling up Court Road, St.Andrews Church stood in splendid isolation; the new A20, Sidcup By-pass, had just been opened.

Turn back into Nottingham and left towards Chislehurst. The first thing to notice is the allotments in the area of the electrical and other shops. Through the allotments, diagonally, a footpath crossed fields (no Leysdown Road). Very large elm trees, with some very noisy rooks on their nests, were a feature of the farm surroundings.

Still towards Chislehurst past the Catholic Church with Albert Road opposite 4-bedroom houses were being built and offered for sale at less than £1000 or for rent about 30 shillings (£1.50) per week.Further on there were, on both sides of the road, green fields, hedges, oak trees (some are still standing) and several super ponds complete with frogs, newts and other interesting creatures. Coldharbour Farm finally disappeared and gave its name to the Estate.

A favourite walk was up Court Farm Road. The road soon became a pretty grassy lane with brambles, bees and butterflies, passing fields of cabbages to reach Elmstead Lane. Nottingham Estate was still only a gleam in some planners' eye.



In 1940 all thoughts of games on the Mottingham Playing Fields were abandoned as numerous, deep ditches were dug in order to discourage enemy attempts to land from the air. On the other side of Grove Park Road the YMCA & City of London playing fields hosted 3.7 anti-aircraft guns and other defences in the early part of the war.

That is a quick look round Mottingham as it was. It is difficult to see how another 50 - 60 years could generate changes of such magnitude unless, of course, some future Minister of Transport should decide to inflict a motorway on us or even, perhaps, a rail link to the Channel Tunnel. Let's hope that we are left in peace!

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr B Barker	78 Grove Park Road	857 9209
Mrs J Cobb	7 Carters Hill Close	857 1944
Mr D Drucquer	9 Birbetts Road	857 6051
Mr J Gold	9 Lulworth Road	857 4475
Mr M Hill	53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
Mrs Mackway-Jones	54a Mottingham Road	
Mrs Vicki Packard	79 Court Farm Road	857 7515
Mr Brian Taylor	24 Porcupine Close	851 7112
Mr F Winpenny	12 Grove Park Road	857 1417

#### NEW MEMBERS; ELECTED AGM 1990

Mr L S Byrne	23 Crossmead	857 2595
Mrs B Charlick	227 Court Road	857 1260
Mrs J Edwards	57 Leysdown Road	857 5498
Mrs Kay Jones	44b Grove Park Road	851 1422
Mr P H T Noble	32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
Mrs Lynn Pita	23 Lavidge Road	857 6527

Co-opted:-	Bromley	PC Ben Lyon	
		Chislehurst Police Station	
		47 High Street Chislehurst	697 9521
	Greenwich	<b>yet to be determined</b>	
		Eltham Police Station	
		Well Hall Road Eltham	

#### COUNCILLORS

Tarn Ward Cllr. D Richards JP 857 5299  
10 West Hallows

Mottingham Ward, Cllr. Erny Dyer 462 8635  
8 Cherry Walk Hayes Kent BR2 7LT

Advisory Cllr Yates c/o Members Room  
Bromley Civic Centre  
Rochester Avenue Brmley BR1 3UH 464 3333  
  
Mr A Segall 7 Hall View  
Grove Park Road 857 8274

#### SUB COMMITTEES

Bromley Residents' Federations: Mrs Mackway-Jones  
Environment: Mr Brian Taylor  
Membership Co-Ordinator: Mrs Kay Jones  
Planning (Bromley: Mr Tom Hodges & Mr Pat Winpenny  
(Greenwich: Mr Stephen Byrne)  
Publicity & Newsletter: Mrs Vicki Packard  
Road Safety Advisory Committee, Bromley/Greenwich: Mrs Kirk

#### ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

<u>SECTION ONE</u>	<u>Leader: Mr Gold</u>		
Albert Road	Mr & Mrs Robins	22 Albert Rd	857 8664
Avondale Road	Mrs Mitchell	11 Lulworth Rd	851 3092
Court Road 201-277	Mr Carter	256 Court Rd	857 8413
Court Road 202-286	Mrs Charlick	227 Court Rd	857 1260
Evelyn Court	Mrs Breen	49 West Park	857 7848
Jevington Way	Mrs Witchlow	13 Carters Hill Cl	851 9131
	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Cl	857 1944
Lulworth Road	Mr Gold	9 Lulworth Rd	857 4475



Mottingham Rd 1-95	VACANT		
ditto 100-154	Mrs Higgs	38 Leysdown Rd	857 8339
Porcupine Close	Mrs Washbrook	63 Chapel Farm Rd	857 8122
Sidcup Road 499-511	Mrs Jones	260 Court Rd	857 8712
Sidcup Road 452-508	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
Sidcup Road 522-620	Mrs Washbrook	63 Chapel Farm Rd	857 8122
Westdean Avenue	Mrs Witchlow	13 Carters Hill Cl	851 9131
	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Cl	857 1944

SECTION TWO      Leader: Mr Edgar

Highcombe Close	Mrs Norman	33 Highcombe Cl	857 6347
Luxfield Road	Mr Page	7 Luxfield Rd	
Sidcup Road 375-447	VACANT		
West Hallowses	Mr Norriss	31 West Hallowses	857 3928
West Park even	Mr Mortimer	2 West Park	850 2050
West Park odd	Mr Hodges	42 Grove Park Rd	857 6913
Pickwick Court	VACANT		
Priory Leas	Mr Hodges	42 Grove Park Rd	857 6913
Hinton Close	Mrs Mortimer	2 West Park	850 2050

SECTION THREE      Leader: Mr Barker

Beaconsfield Road	Mrs Pugh	59 Beaconsfield Rd	851 9678
Carters Hill Close	Miss Macdonald	25 Carters Hill Cl	857 6947
Cedar Mount	Mrs Neal	14 Cedar Mount	857 2571
Colview Court	Mrs Lewis	1 The Crossway	857 4071
Grove Park Rd even	Mr Winpenny	12 Grove Park Rd	857 1417
Grove Park Rd odd	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Rd	851 9209
Hall View	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Rd	851 9209
Model Farm Road	Mrs Payton	7 Clarence Rd	857 1760
Mottingham Gdns	Mrs Lewis	1 The Crossway	857 4071
Mottingham Lane	Mr Donoghue	16 Mottingham Gdns	857 3257

SECTION FOUR      Leader: Mrs Mackway-Jones

Clarence Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
College View	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Court Farm Road	Mr Jenkins	61 Court Farm Rd	857 8705
Crossway	Mr Jenkins	61 Court Farm Rd	857 8705
Devonshire Road	Mr Noble	32 Mottingham Rd	851 0608
Dorset Road	Mr Hollingum	33 Devonshire Rd	857 5856

Elmhurst Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Kippington Drive	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Layzell Walk	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Mottingham Rd 2-56	Mrs Mackway-Jones	54a Mottingham Rd	
Portland Crescent	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Portland Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Silverdale Drive	Mr Bouglas	14 Beaconsfield Rd	857 7371
Sycamore Close	Miss Foster	18 Sycamore Close	

SECTION FIVE      Leader: Mr Drucquer

Bill Hamley Close	VACANT		
Birbetts Road	Mrs Pass	13 Birbetts Rd	857 3733
Bowmead	Mrs Pass	13 Birbetts Rd	857 3733
Bromhedge	Mr Stageman	64 Chapel Farm Rd	857 2527
Chapel Farm Rd odd	Mr Stageman	64 Chapel Farm Rd	857 2527
Chapel Farm Rd even	Mrs Wedgebury	82 Chapel Farm Rd	
Crossmead	Mr Byrne	23 Crossmead	857 2595
Dowleys Close	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Rd	857 3798
Hartsmead Road	Mr Glover	20 Bowmead	857 7616
Lavidge Road	Mrs MacDonald	25 Lavidge Rd	857 2315
Leysdown Road	Mr&Mrs Harrington	31 Leysdown Rd	857 0852
Margaret Gardner Way	VACANT		
Ministry Way	VACANT		
Mottingham Rd 127-205	Mr Drucquer	9 Birbetts Rd	857 6051
Royal Court	VACANT		
Sidcup Road 551-655	Mr Grace	33 Lavidge Rd	857 3987



STOP PRESS.....

Vicki Packard

I was hoping I would be able to give you a telephone number here but I have not yet received it and this News Letter must go to 'press'. However, I will tell you what it is about and, if you need this information, you can give me a call as I believe I will soon have the detail.

The telephone number I am referring to belongs to an organization who will collect any unwanted furniture or other household items that would otherwise be taken to the 'dump' or scrapped in some other way. They then distribute such items among families who were homeless, have now been housed but cannot afford the furnishings.

Sorry I cannot tell you any more now; WATCH THIS SPOT as they say and I will up-date next time. However, don't forget to give me a call if you can't wait until then.

#### A REMINDER!!!

Don't forget to support your HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY at:-

15, COURT FARM ROAD

#### Hours of business:-

JAN-FEB	Saturdays	1.00-3pm
MAR-SEPT	Saturdays	1.-3.30pm
APR-JUNE	Wednesdays	6.00-8pm
OCT-DEC	Saturdays	1.00-3pm
ALL THE YEAR	Wednesdays	12-1.30pm