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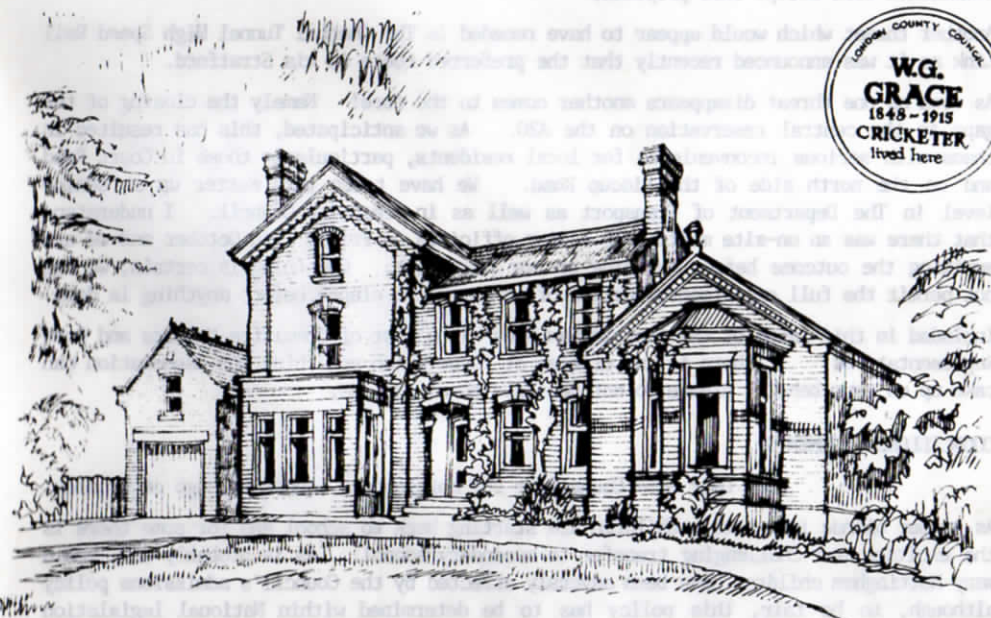
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# MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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## MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

FOUNDED 1932



'Fairmount' - Home of Dr. W.G. Grace.

Ken Wilson 79

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AFFILIATED TO: LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY RESIDENTS' FEDERATION

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Dave Edgar

The period since the AGM in May has been a very active one for the Association. The rejection by the Boundary Commission of Greenwich Council's proposal to have all of Mottingham incorporated into Greenwich Borough was a great relief to all of us. I feel that the Association can claim a major share of the credit for influencing the Commission. However, the 'Battle of the Boundary' is still not over yet as The Boundary Commission have accepted the proposal that Jevington Way and Westdean Avenue be transferred from Bromley Borough into Lewisham Borough. A vast majority of the local residents are strongly against this proposal and the Association is actively supporting them. Bromley Council are still endeavouring to have the boundary moved from Mottingham Road to the A20 and although it would be convenient to have all of Mottingham united within one borough, it does not seem likely that The Boundary Commission will accept this proposal.

Another threat which would appear to have receded is The Channel Tunnel High Speed Rail Link as it was announced recently that the preferred route is via Stratford.

As soon as one threat disappears another comes to the fore! Namely the closing of the gaps in the central reservation on the A20. As we anticipated, this has resulted in chaos with serious inconvenience for local residents, particularly those in Court Road and on the north side of the Sidcup Road. We have taken this matter up at senior level in The Department of Transport as well as in Greenwich Council. I understand that there was an on-site meeting of senior officials on Friday 11th October and we are awaiting the outcome before deciding on our next move. One thing is certain, we can not permit the full experimental period of 18 months to elapse before anything is done.

Included in this issue of the 'Mottingham News' is a list of Committee Members and Road Representatives. If there is any problem or issue which you think the Association can take up on your behalf, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Erny Dyer — Councillor for Mottingham, London Borough of Bromley.

As summer blends into autumn children are starting back to school and for some there is the exciting and challenging transfer to secondary school. As is probably well known many Mottingham children have been adversely affected by the Council's admissions policy although, to be fair, this policy has to be determined within National legislation which takes little account of local circumstances. However, the result this year was that an education policy claiming to give parental choice has done just the opposite for a large number of Mottingham parents. So a significant number of Mottingham children are to start secondary education at a school they did not wish to go to, often some distance away. The Ravensbourne school in Hayes Lane is one that many local children have been sent to regardless of parental views. At the last meeting of the Education Committee we had a chance to correct this unfortunate situation at least for future years. There is a shortfall of about 180 places in Bromley because of which it was decided to re-open the old Ravensbourne girls school in Nightingale Lane. In order to solve both the problem of obtaining more parental choice and of making up the numerical shortfall it would have been necessary to have re-opened the school as a mixed, all-ability, school however, ideology was applied to the situation and the school re-opened as a mixed, selective. While this will obviously help a few of the more able Mottingham children it does little to solve the overall problem and this

means that we will still have the ridiculous situation of Mottingham children actually passing the door of the new school in order to travel a mile and a half further on to get to a school they did not wish to attend. So much for parental choice!

As I am sure many of you are aware the Council is attempting to delegate most planning decisions to Officers rather than elected members, except in certain circumstances. Members can still insist that a planning application should come before a member-level sub-committee, but in normal circumstances even where there are local objections, unless a Councillor has objected, the decision will be taken by non-elected officers. Although I understand the pressure of work currently placed on elected members nevertheless, on an issue as important as planning, I consider all applications that have objections registered against them should go before the relevant plans sub-committee. However, if, as seems likely, the decision is taken to deny residents this right the Mottingham residents of Bromley will need to contact me or Tom Yates at the earliest opportunity in order that we can bring any application before members to receive their consideration.

Just a brief word on the Boundary issue. The Boundary Commission has now indicated its provisional support for transferring about 500 houses into Lewisham, even though Lewisham does not want them and Bromley wishes to keep them. The Metropolitan Police are the only public body that supports the transfer, but they give no reasons why this would improve delivery of this service. As I have indicated previously my view is that in situations like this RESIDENTS views should prevail. This remains my position and its one I have made clear to the Boundary Commission. I would urge all residents affected by these proposals to write to the Boundary Commission and give their view.

I finish on a lighter note: As we approach the season of 'mists and fruitfulness' I would recommend you take the time to observe the magnificent examples of Horse Chestnut trees in the area, especially those lining West Park. Whilst I suggest you take care to avoid the combined effect of maturity and gravity on the fruits of this tree, you will be looking at some of the finest examples of this species to be found in London.

More generally the large number of mature trees in the local area does much to enhance Mottingham's environment and we need to ensure that when trees are lost, whether through natural or human causes, they are promptly replaced.\*\*\*\*\*

Derek Richards, JP

Councillor for Tarn Ward, Mottingham, London Borough of Greenwich

Here is a summary of a letter I sent to the Chair of Highways and Traffic Management concerning the closure of the gaps in the Sidcup Road.

Dear Councillor Moon, I am being inundated with letters and telephone calls from electors protesting about the closure of the gaps in the A20 and beseeching a return to the status quo which prevailed before August 18th. You may know that I have been protesting since the closures were first mooted, 2 - 3 years ago. Your predecessors may still have my letters.

I agree there were serious accidents caused by traffic driving north along West Park, crossing the west bound lane of the A20, going through the gap and turning right into the east-bound lane. To eliminate accidents would undoubtedly be beneficial. Solutions with less serious consequences, such as traffic lights in the A20 and at the north end of West Park, a speed limit of 30mph in that section of the A20, would have

been preferable.

Closing the gaps has very greatly increased the volume of traffic going along Court Road, A208, both the number of vehicles and the sheer size of some of the HGV's, with or without trailers. This narrow road, the A208, already had 3 bus routes, now there is a continuous jam of traffic at peak traffic hours and it can take up to 5 changes of lights, or more, - some 10 minutes of time - to drive from the south end start of Court Road across its junction with Sidcup Road. The waste of peoples time - 10 minutes per vehicle with thousands of vehicles per day must total some billions of man hours in a year - is almost unimaginable as is the frustration and consequent loss of efficiency of the drivers.

But the lowering of the quality of the life of the people who live in Court Road, Tarn Ward, is considerable and I urge you to take expeditious action to restore it to its pristine state. Now we have thousands of angry lorries and motor cars spewing and coughing their exhausted leaded petrol and diesel fumes to pollute the air in which residents of Court Road must live and breathe, aggravated by the incessant screeching brakes and the clumsy grinding of gears. Houses shudder from the impact of all this traffic on the roads, oft-times in a poor state of repair. People have asked me how they can protest most effectively.

Further adverse consequences are 'rat-running' down West Hallows to the Sidcup Road, west-bound lane, excessive road speeds in West Park and a selective detour along Leysdown Road followed by a left and a right turn to avoid the jams at Court Road/Sidcup Road junction. There are adverse social consequences too; principally the tendency to isolate Mottingham from Mottingham Station.

Please don't keep this experimental closure going for the specified 18 months. Recognise it for the colossal failure that it has proved to be and abandon it now.\*\*\*\*\*

#### **COUNCILLORS ADVICE & ASSISTANCE (CLINIC)**

BROMLEY Councillor Erny Dyer

I shall be at the 'clinic' - in the Low-Cost supermarket car park - from 10am to 12 noon on October 8th & then on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month.

Also, a Councillor will be at our advice surgery, the Community Centre, from 10am - 12 noon on Saturdays 12 & 26 October, 9th & 23rd November and 7th & 21st December.

And don't forget I am always available, any time, on 081 462 8635.

GREENWICH Councillor Derek Richards JP

I still don't have a surgery or clinic, unfortunately, but you can always contact me, any time on 081 857 5299.\*\*\*\*\*

#### **MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS STANDING COMMITTEE (MOSC)**

Pat Winpenny

Channel Tunnel Rail Link

On July 1st your Chairman accompanied by the writer attended a lobby of Parliament which was organised by the London Channel Tunnel Group.

The aim of the lobby was to draw Government's attention, through our members of Parliament, to the following problems which were causing widespread concern in SE London and Kent:-

- 1) The blight being caused by uncertainty about the route of the rail link.

- 2) The need for speedy publication of the route options being considered by the Secretary of State for Transport.
- 3) Londoners' general discontent about the lack of consultation and information on the whole issue.

The event, co-chaired by Councillor Barkway of Bromley, took place in the Grand Committee Room located adjacent to Westminster Hall. There was a very good attendance, from 2pm onwards, of representatives from SE London and Kent amenity and other groups. During the course of the afternoon we were addressed by some 12 MP's at intervals, as their other duties allowed, and were able to ask questions. It was soon evident that the MP's supported the aims of the Lobby and in some cases had already taken action with Ministers.

During the afternoon speakers touched on the matter of compensation where increased use of existing rail tracks caused noise and disturbance to residents living nearby. A surprise was the news that BR would only carry out a full environmental impact analysis on the **CHOSEN** route - it would seem more sensible to adopt this procedure on **ALL** route alternatives to assist with the final choice.

At the end of the afternoon's deliberations - an interesting exercise in democracy - one was left with doubt about what had been achieved. An announcement about the route seems to have slipped to October and rumour has it that the Secretary of State for the environment has entered the fray, perhaps with support for a more environmentally friendly route via East London to Stratford. This would also assist with the regeneration of a run-down area on the eastern approach to the capital.

Meanwhile we will keep you posted on developments and lend our support to the OVE ARUP route into Stratford when we can.\*\*\*\*You've heard? Stratford seems to have it.\*\*\*\*\*

#### **TOWN PLANNING**

We are not including details in this issue due to lack of space; however if any member has a query please feel free to contact Tom Hodges on 081 857 6913. Please use this for both Bromley and Greenwich as Stephen Byrne is on the "sick" list. We hope it is only temporary: Tom will be pleased to help any 'Greenwich' member in the meantime.\*\*\*

#### **EDITORS NOTES**

Vicki Packard

'AGE CONCERN' would like some help, if you have a little spare time, with their CARERS' SUPPORT SERVICE. They are looking for volunteers who could sit with elderly dependent people, for up to 3 or 4 hours, to give the carer a necessary break. This is a borough-wide service and is intended to give the carer regular relief. If you feel you would like to help please contact: Valerie Weston, Carers' Officer, Age Concern, 28a Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4LS. 'phone 081 663 3711.

**DRUGS HOTLINE** The number is:- 081 658 6278, it is anonymous and always 'manned'.

**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY RESIDENTS' FEDERATION** Your Committee hosted the September meeting of this organisation; your Chairman was elected deputy Chairman of the federation.

**ROAD-REPS** We are just two short now, one for West Park (odd Numbers) and Priory Leas. Would anyone like to fill these gaps; collect subs' and deliver our 'NEWS'?

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS** These are held, bi-monthly the last Wednesday of the month, in the Chris Mumbray Hall in Court Road. Any member is welcome to attend as an observer.

**BUSES** You may have heard that it is proposed to 'deregulate' buses and there are two publications which you might be interested in obtaining. They are:  
**LONDON BUSES - THE TENDER BALANCE and PASSENGERS NEWS**, both are obtainable from London Regional Passengers Committee, Golden Cross House, 8, Duncannon Street, London, WC2N 4JF.

**MOTTINGHAM WEEK** Penny Waterson, Mottingham Week Secretary, has asked me to tell you:- This year's M W was the best yet because there were many new and different events, there was a very good attendance and the money raised was the most ever; around £3000.!!!!as you probably know charitable organisations benefit from all the effort everyone puts in so this is good news.  
Penny says "It's time to thank EVERYONE who helped to make this 'resounding success'"

**TRAFFIC PROBLEMS?** We now have a telephone number 081 461 0099 on which you will be able to speak with Inspector Wisdom who is 3 area Traffic Manager of Catford Traffic Garage, 34 Aitken Road, Catford SE6 3BG. So, do you have a problem a'rat-run';speeding;traffic congestion? This is the Number and address.\*\*\*\*\*

#### ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

##### SECTION ONE Leader: Mr. Hodges

Albert Road	Mrs Stenning	35 Albert Road	851 9780
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 Williams	251 Court Rd	
Jevington Way	Mrs Witchlow	13 Carters Hill Cl	851 9131
	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Cl	857 1944
Lulworth Rd	Mrs Mitchell	11 Lulworth Rd	851 3092
Mottingham Road 100-154	Mrs Higgs	38 Leysdown Rd	857 8339
Porcupine Close	Mrs Washbrook	63 Chapel Farm Rd	857 8122
Westdean Ave	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	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
Sidcup Road 499-511	Mrs Harris	590 Sidcup Rd	857 0976
Sidcup Road 452-508	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
Sidcup Road 522-620	Mrs Simmons	522 Sidcup Rd	
West Hallows	Mr Norriss	31 West Hallows	857 3928
West Park even	Mr Mortimer	2 West Park	850 2050
West Park odd	VACANT		
Priory Leas	VACANT		
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	Mrs Webber	26 Carters Hill Cl	851 3696
Cedar Mount	Mrs Neal	14 Cedar Mount	857 2571
Colview Court	Mr Searle	Studlands M'ham Lane	851 3374

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 Close	Mrs Payton	7 Clarence Rd	857 1760
Mottingham Gdns	Mr Searle	Studlands M'ham Lane	851 3374
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
Evelyn Court	Miss Foster	18 Sycamore Close	
Kippington Drive	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Layzell Walk	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
Mottingham Rd 1-95	Mrs Dartnell	16 Elmhurst Road	851 2065
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	Mrs Small	19 Leysdown Rd	851 2005
Birbetts Road	Mrs Pass	13 Birbetts Rd	857 3733
Bowmead	Mrs Pass	13 Birbetts Rd	857 3733
Bronhedge	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	Mrs Small	19 Leysdown Rd	851 2005
Ministry Way	Mrs Small	19 Leysdown Rd	851 2005
Mottingham Rd 127-205	Mr Drucquer	9 Birbetts Rd	857 6051
Royal Court	Mr Drucquer	9 Birbetts Rd	857 6051
Sidcup Road 551-655	Mr Grace	33 Lavidge Rd	857 3987

##### CO-OPTED

Bromley	PC David Boscombe	
	Chislehurst Police Station	697 9212
Greenwich	Eltham Police Station	
	Well Hall Road	853 8254