

The following is an outline of what promises to be an interesting and ambitious programme for MOTTINGHAM WEEK.

Saturday 12th June - A parade of floats to start at William Barefoot Drive and arrive at Mottingham Playing Fields at approx. 1.30 p.m. where the judging will take place. The judges will include Councillors Dyer and Richards.

The fete will then commence with stalls and a variety of events in the Arena. These will include a display from the Cooper School of Dancing, and also some Spanish Dancing. There will be a helicopter on display. In the evening a BarBQ is being organised at St Andrews Church Hall in Court Road at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 13th June - There will a United Church Service with various organisations taking part at St Andrew's Church at 10 a.m. In the afternoon the Mottingham Week Cricket Match will take place at Eltham College commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Monday 14th June - Mr David Linton invites interested parties to take a 'Walk around Mottingham' starting at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 15th June - The Porcupine is hosting a 'Cockney Night' There will also be a Music Hall by the New Stagers at Eltham College.

Wednesday 16th June - A picnic party for Seniouir Citizens and Disabled Residents with their helpers at the Chris. Mumbray Hall, St Andrews Church from 2 - 4 p.m. There will be refreshments and a raffle. In the evening at 8 p.m. there will be a Floral Show in St Andrew's Church Hall

Thursday 17th June - The Metropolitan Police Band will give a concert at Ravensworth School at 7.30 p.m. Entrance £3 per person. Refreshments will be available. There will be a raffle.

Friday 18th June - It is hoped to arrange a BarBQ at St Andrew's church. Further details in due course.

Saturday 19th June - An all day Football Tournament and Summer Fete will take place at Mottingham Primary School sponsored by Scotts. A Disco Evening will be held at the Community Centre, Kimmeridge Road. Further details to be published later.

Sunday 20th June - An open air church service is to be held at 10 a.m. In the afternoon there will be an It's A Knockout/Sports Day on Mottingham Sports Ground

Where venues and times are not listed please watch later publicity nearer The Week.

Any organisations or individuals who wish to have a stall at the Fete on Satuday 12th June should contact 'MAC' Tel. 081 851 4678.

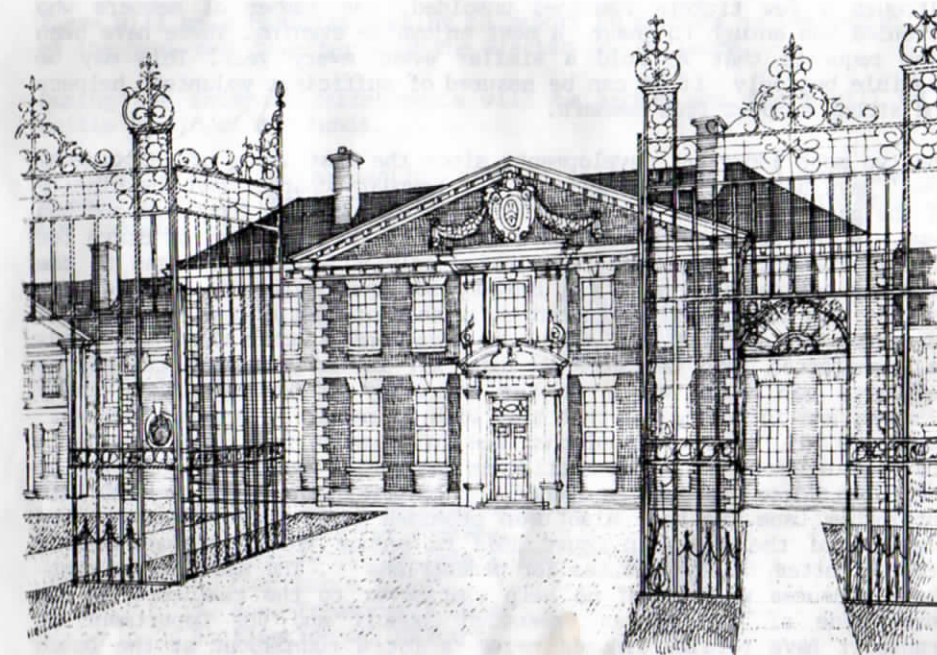
A very full programme of local events is being organised pleased give your support to as many that appeal or are of interst to you.

MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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Notice of our A.G.M. is given elsewhere in this Issue. As a member of Mottingham Residents Association it is in your interest to attend this important event in our Calendar. This is the time when we can meet together as a community to raise and discuss local issues which should concern us all.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Our Diamond Jubilee Year Dinner and Dance held on 6th November, was a resounding success, thanks to Marjorie and John Dartnell, who organised the dinner, and to Brian Barker who provided the music for the dancing. Although a few tickets remained unsold, the number of members who attended was enough to ensure a most enjoyable evening. There have been many requests that we hold a similar event every year. This may be possible but only if we can be assured of sufficient volunteer helpers and strong support from members.

The two most important developments since the last issue of 'Mottingham News' have been on the subjects of the boundary changes and the closing of the gaps on the A20 and in each case there has been good news and bad news. In the Boundary Commission's report to the Secretary of State for the Environment, they have recommended only very minor changes to the boundary between Greenwich and Bromley Boroughs. However, the bad news is that they have totally ignored the wishes of most of the residents of Jevington Way and Westdean Avenue by recommending that these two roads be transferred into Lewisham Borough. All is not yet lost though, as residents can still write to the Secretary of State, giving their reasons, and informing him that they wish to remain in Bromley Borough. Residents will have observed that due to pressure from local residents and organisations including Mottingham Residents' Association the gap at the Dutch House has been re-opened for traffic turning off the A20 into Mottingham Lane. We have also been promised major improvements at the junction of the A20 with Court Road to reduce traffic queues and to provide better safety measures for pedestrians. The bad news is that these measures will be of no help whatsoever to the residents on the north side of the A20 as Greenwich Council and the Department of Transport have totally ignored requests for a roundabout at the Dutch House. Again, all is not yet lost as residents have six months in which to write to Greenwich Council/The Department of Transport asking them to reconsider.

I very much regret having to report the death, on 25th February, of Stephen Byrne who was an enthusiastic and energetic member of our Executive Committee. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs Byrne and her family in their sad loss.

DAVE EDGAR

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held on WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL 1993 at 8 p.m. at:

THE ODDFELLOWS HALL
Beaconsfield Road
Mottingham, SE9 4DJ

There will be a business meeting to report to members on the activities of the past year together with the Election of Officers.

During the interval refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle in aid of our funds.

The latter half of the meeting will be in the form of a Question and Answer Forum, to enable members to raise any items of local interest to our Association.

M. Dartnell
Hon. Secretary
16 Elmfield Road
Mottingham SE9 4DN

Tel. 081 857 2065

AGENDA

1. President's Opening Remarks.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last A.G.M. - 5th May 1992.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report.
6. Election of Officers.

- a. President.
- b. Hon. Secretary.
- c. Hon. Treasurer.
- d. Hon. Auditor
- e. Executive Committee.

7. Membership Subscription.
8. Membership Officer's Report.

INTERVAL

9. Question and Answer Forum.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES

The Local Government Commission made their formal proposals with regard to Mottingham at the end of May 1992 and these were passed to the Secretary of State for the Environment for implementation. Up to the time of writing no further news has been forthcoming and the reaction of the Secretary of State is still awaited

We continue to be concerned at the effect that this delay and uncertainty is having on the residents of Jevington Way and Westdean Avenue who still do not know if they will be transferred to Lewisham.

This area has been included within Mottingham Residents' Association boundaries for some considerable time and if the transfer is confirmed it may be the wish of members affected to retain their links with the Association. If this is the general feeling then it would be very helpful if a representative or representatives of these roads would seek election to the Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting. This would assist the Association with the additional workload of liaising with Lewisham Council and the Police Authorities. The interests of the residents of the area would then be fully represented during discussion in committee.

PAT WINPENNY

CELEBRATIONS AT DORSET ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

Among the members of the Mottingham Resident's Association I am sure there are those who have vivid memories of their school days at Dorset Road Infants School.

You may be interested to know that the school is celebrating its Centenary this year. There have been times during the last few years when its future seemed to be in jeopardy but thanks to the London Borough of Bromley, Education Department and the support of local parents, the school continues to thrive.

During the week beginning the 27th May 1993 the school will be celebrating the Centenary by arranging a number of special events, one of which will be a reunion for ex pupils and staff. More details of the event will appear in the local press nearer the time.

In the meantime if you have any photographs or vivid memories of your school days at Dorset Road which you could share with the children here now, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact either the Secretary or myself at the school. Tel No. 857 3742

S.K. STATTON - Headteacher

COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

April 93, brings in the council tax and another attempt at reforming the financing of local government. I would like to draw attention to an aspect of the tax that gives many Councillors, of all parties, some cause for concern. With the pre poll tax rating system 50% of a Council's funding was raised locally and 50% in the form of a central government grant. The new tax continues a change introduced with the poll tax whereby approximately 20% is raised locally with 80% coming in grant. Of course, this does not mean that we save 30%. Among other things, we now have to pass to central government the local tax raised on businesses. The worrying aspect of this change is that your elected councillors have less control on how and on what services they choose to fund in response to local needs. Civil servants using complicated formulas decide each Council's grant level. This level appears to be only loosely connected to local needs. All Bromley Councillors are agreed that we have been treated unfairly with regard to grant assessment. The result is that to keep the minimum level of services we have had to set a Council tax level for a Band D property, within £8 of the point where we would have been capped. This change is yet another move to centralise power, leaving local Councils less able to serve the people that they are elected to represent.

I was particularly pleased with the success of the recent campaign against the introduction of charges for senior citizens's bus passes. Other London Councils persuaded Bromley to vote to retain the current system. It was a victory for the many pensioners groups who campaigned vigorously on this issue and also all bus users. Many routes are only viable because of the subsidy paid to bus companies as a result of the bus pass scheme. Any measure that persuades people to use public transport rather than cars needs to be encouraged.

Other cuts in services this year include a reduction in discretionary grants. These provide funding for courses such as access courses for mature students, vocational training courses which do not qualify for mandatory grants. I would advise anyone wishing to obtain any discretionary award to apply as soon as possible and prepare your application carefully.

As regular readers know I like to finish by highlighting an asset available to Mottingham residents. This time it is the network of footpaths in the area. I have been told that most of them were established as public 'rights of way' when King John and his retinue were staying at Eltham Palace. They used the paths for their daily horse rides. I would recommend walkers to join the path at the southern end of Mottingham Lane, follow it to the A20, cross the railway via the footbridge and cross Middle Park Avenue. Follow the path until it comes to the Palace and the row of well preserved Elizabethan houses in Palace Yard. Half way between Middle Park Avenue and Palace Yard at its highest elevation the path offers a panoramic view over the low-lying landscape running north to London. This short walk is a pleasant way of getting into or back from Eltham on a nice day.

ERNY DYER

60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE

This was held on Friday, 6th November at The Oddfellows Hall, Beaconsfield Road, Mottingham.

Following the Sherry Reception hosted by our Chairman, Mr Dave Edgar, the caterers served an excellent three-course meal followed by coffee and mints.

The Chairman then introduced a former Chairman, Mr Graham Jenkins, who spoke of the work carried out by the Committee over the past years. A Gavel was presented to Mr Edgar by Mrs Jenkins, the daughter of Mr H. Lynn, Chairman of the Federation of Residents' Associations in the County of Kent from 1951-52. Mr Edgar then expressed his appreciation in accepting the Gavel on behalf of the Mottingham Residents' Association.

The Anniversary Cake was cut by the Secretary and distributed to the diners.

Music for dancing was provided by the BRIAN JOHN BANDWAGON DISCO which indeed made the evening go with a 'swing'. Our grateful thanks to Mr B. Barker for ensuring that the evening was so successful.

The Grand Raffle and Table raffle for the pot plants ensured that many 'trophies' were borne home as reminders of a wonderful evening.

I should like to express my thanks to all those who supported the event, those helpers who delivered notices and helped decorate the hall.

I have already received enquiries as to when the next Dinner Dance will be held and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee I hope to promote a Christmas Dinner Dance.

MARJORIE DARTNELL

LOCAL SERVICES, INFORMATION AND REQUESTS

TO BROMLEY HOUSEHOLDERS

Bromley Council wish to clarify the situation regarding the weekly collection of household rubbish. It is NOT necessary to put refuse out for collection as their Refuse Contract stipulates that the crews will collect from your point of storage, provided that they have access. If householders for security reasons prefer to place suitably contained refuse in their front garden, this is acceptable.

TO ALL RESIDENTS

Unless your rubbish is contained in a dustbin WITH A LID, please do not place it outside overnight as plastic bags etc are prone to attack by foxes, cats and dogs and contractors cannot be expected to clear up the mess.

Refuse bags or dustbins MUST NOT be placed on a public footpath or a grass verge. Apart from being a dangerous practice it is also ILLEGAL.

FOXES

There is help at hand for anyone having problems with foxes. An organization called 'THE FOX PROJECT' [they are pro-fox] have a help line telephone service - ring 0732 365340. If you need more detailed information write sending sae to:

The Fox Project
PO Box 56
Tonbridge
Kent TN9 1XY.

The project will come to your home but will charge for the visit.

GARDENS

With Spring and Summer just around the corner bringing the joy of seeing our gardens blooming with colour, please ensure that your garden vegetation does not overgrow onto a public footpath. Also overhanging trees must be cut back to a height of 2.3 metres. Your garden may bring you pleasure but please give a thought to the blind or partially sighted, the disabled and elderly who could trip over or be injured by such overgrowth.

Roses especially look beautiful along a garden wall or fence but their thorns can inflict serious injury to pedestrians of all ages.

POLICE/COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Residents are asked to give more attention to the security of their garages and garden sheds. Thieves are finding that home owners are making their homes more secure but forgetting the high value cars, tools and possibly freezer contents in their garages and also electric gardening equipment in their sheds.

All residents who have taken advantage of a "Neighbourhood Watch Insurance policy should make sure that their scheme is still registered with the police, otherwise insurance claims could be invalidated.

There is disappointment that very few residents have taken the opportunity to join the Vehicle Watch Scheme. Anyone interested should contact their local Police Station.

MRS MACKWAY-JONES

MOTTINGHAM WEEK 12TH - 20TH JUNE 1993

The Association will be having a Bric a Brac stall at the Fete and would welcome any contributions. We have to say no to clothes, shoes and furniture. If you have any items to offer e.g., unwanted presents, please contact our Chairman, Mr Dave Edgar Tel.No 857 3788.