

# MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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PC K Hartley	Chislehurst Police Station	284 8225

## COMMITTEES

Bromley Residents' Federation	Mrs Mackway-Jones & Mr D Edgar
Environment	Mr S Yates
Membership Coordinator	Mrs J Cobb
Planning [Bromley]	Mr T Bass
Planning [Greenwich]	Mr G Howard
Newsletter	Mrs C Witchlow
Greenwich/Police Community Consultative Group	Mr D Edgar & Mr T Hodges
Major Developments Standing Committee	Messr Drucquer, Edgar & Winpenny

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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Possibly as a result of the alarm signals in my comments in the Spring issue of "Mottingham News", our AGM was reasonably well attended and there were several volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee and to act as Road Representatives. However, we were rather disappointed that there were no volunteers to man our usual stall at the Mottingham Week Fair.

We welcome Mrs Day, Mrs Swanton and Mr Bass who were elected to the Executive Committee and Mr Huxley who was elected to the post of Honorary Auditor. Alan York, who has given valuable service to the Resident's Association over the past two years, has been obliged to stand down due to pressure of work, but I am grateful to Mr Bass who has taken over Alan's responsibilities of monitoring Planning Applications on the Bromley side of the Boundary. I am also grateful to Mrs Cobb who has taken on the responsibilities of Membership Co-ordinator. In May this Association had the honour of hosting the AGM of the Bromley Residents' Federation at which Mrs Mackway-Jones, a member of our Executive Committee, was once again elected as the Federation's Honorary Secretary.

The matters which have concerned us most during the past few months are, or have been (a) flooding in Mottingham Playing Fields and Grove Park Road, (b) problems relating to the cable television work and (c) the setting up of a Community Care Centre in Mottingham.

It appears rather incongruous to talk about flooding during drought, but we are seriously concerned about the increasing tendency for the Mottingham Playing Fields to flood into Grove Park Road during periods of heavy rainfall, and we are in consultation with Bromley Council to find a solution.

We are relieved that the cable television work on the Bromley side of the boundary appears to be completed at last. We now await the trench diggers on the Greenwich side of the boundary. We have been informed that they will soon start cable-laying in the Sidcup Road east of Court Road and work their way into the village. While residents have no say as to where the trench will be dug, there is a certain amount of leeway as to the positioning of the green junction boxes. We must also do what we can to prevent the diggers cutting through the roots of trees. If any resident is not satisfied with the 'making-good' of the pavements or roads after the work has been completed, they should inform the Borough Council.

Mrs Dartnell, our Honorary Secretary, is currently a member of a Committee which is in consultation with Bromley Council to provide Community Care facilities in the Mottingham area. The planning is still in its early stages, and we shall keep residents informed of developments.

DAVE EDGAR

## INSPECTOR BOTTING writes:

Firstly we hope that you will welcome the news that WPC Hartley is back as your Home Beat Officer. Karen was away on sick leave for quite some time which meant that we had to appoint a replacement. My thanks to PC Gerry McEwan who stepped in and did an excellent job. Gerry has since applied for and been accepted for the Territorial Support Group.

There have been encouraging signs with crime trends so far this year, particularly relating to burglary. We have seen a drop this year in the order of 30% in these reported crimes. Probably you will have noted our efforts in this area from the Bumblebee Campaign and commitment to targeting known offenders. Motor vehicle crime on this Sector, has remained steady with some areas showing a decline on reported crime over the last year; this has been the case in the Mottingham area. We have continued to undertake plain clothes observations and initiatives in prevalent areas.

A brief mention of our Sector Crime Prevention Officer - PC Graham Anstey. His free services are available to you to give professional advice on all aspects of security in your homes. If you are considering an alarm system, for instance, it may be worth your while having an 'independent' assessment before committing yourself. Graham can be contacted on 0181 284 8086.

A good percentage of burglaries are committed by persons who are able to gain entry by open windows or unlocked doors. This is particularly so during the summer months when residents are working in their back gardens. Please beware.

We continue to receive reports of theft committed on the elderly by bogus Gas or Waterboard Officials. Ask to see identification and, IF IN DOUBT. DON'T LET THEM IN. Any genuine official will gladly wait whilst you ring their office or return later.

Be aware of persons calling door to door offering services such as gardening or repairs to roofs and drives. Again, the elderly are vulnerable and some have been charged exorbitant amounts of money for very shoddy work.

Recently our Officers assisted in the Mottingham Week Festival, policing the fair and fete on Mottingham Playing Fields, escorting the procession and assisting at other events. We also arranged for the Metropolitan Police Band to play at Mottingham Primary School, which was much enjoyed by those who attended. I understand that the week raised over £1,000 for local charities.

We continue to have excellent support from the Mottingham Residents' Association Committee, members of which also sit on our Police Sector Working Group. This forum exists to promote a better understanding between the Police and the residents whom we serve, to establish a common purpose and to tackle issues of importance to the community. You may have read in local newspapers of the Group's success, recently, in effecting changes at the Tiger's Head Public House, to control crowd problems outside.

Lastly, just a reminder that our telephone numbers have changed recently,

For non urgent calls to Police for this Sector 0181 295 1212

For general or routine matters contact Chilsehurst

Station Officer

0181 284 8225

Urgent calls to police still require

999.



## COUNCILLOR'S COMMENTS

COUNCILLOR DEREK RICHARDS writes:

### MINE'S A DOUBLE

Q. Who played one Saturday at the Twickenham Five Nations England v. Ireland Rugby International and the next week at the Wembley Home Counties International?

A. Bandsman Jim Smith of the Royal Marines.

Old jokes are best and nostalgia isn't as good as it was. Yet Arsenal had a player in the 50's who played both football and rugby for Ireland, a qualified physician Doctor Kevin Flanagan who turned that joke into reality.

Today's soccer teams complain that too many matches exhaust them but arrange up to ten pre-season friendlies. The majority sport seasons have been greatly extended and overseas tours are so numerous that a top player in one sport has neither time nor opportunity to reach the top in another sport.

A double sporting international now seems most unlikely and, offhand, I can't name one, although England's most charismatic football international this decade, Gary Lineker is a useful MCC cricketer and his rugby counterpart Rob Andrews has scored a first class cricket century.

It wasn't always so.

Before my time C.B.Fry graced England teams at cricket and football, held the World long jump record, was a champion ballroom dancer, a Captain in the Royal Navy, a League of Nations delegate, and declined a foreign country's invitation to be their king.

Pete May captained England's cricket eleven over fifty times and gained Cambridge Blues at five different sports.

Once many Football League teams had three or four county cricketers. Charlton had England football internationals Derek Ufton and Tony Pawson who played cricket for Kent as did Charlton colleague Stuart Leary.

Arsenal's Denis Compton and Arthur Milton played football and cricket for England as did Sunderland's Willie Watson and Fulham's John Arnold. Joe Hulme and Les Compton of Arsenal won football internationals and Middlesex CCC caps.

England rugby internationals Mike Smith and Clive van Ryneveld captained England and South Africa respectively at cricket. West Indies cricket captain Gerry Alexander - [was there ever a better wicket keeper batsman?] - played football for England.

Those halcyon days of multi-talented sportsmen will never return. Not whilst the soccer season commences in early August rather than late September. Not whilst soccer is in the iron grip of mega - money with contracts, sometimes forbidding such diversity.

Refreshed memory however details a 1993 England Cricket World Cup team player who in June 1995 was in England's World Cup Football xi and in July 1995 was in England's European Cup Cricket xi. It is Clare Taylor, Royal Mail postwoman, Yorkshire cricketer, Liverpool footballer, the perfect lady.

COUNCILLOR ROB YELDHAM writes:

### LIFE'S A LOTTERY

The grant of £546,000 Lottery money to Eltham College has shocked many people. The money is towards the cost of building a new sports hall. In return the public is meant to get fifty hours a week 'community use'. Not a bad deal you might think, however all is not as it seems.

Eltham College is already used by the community. Local schools, who cannot afford the charges at Bromley leisure centres use the swimming pool. A swimming club for young people with disabilities also use the pool for free, thanks to the generosity of the College. Having seen the schedule for sports facilities it is difficult to see how any increase in community use can take place.

Eltham College already had enough money to improve their facilities. Half a million pounds earmarked for "good causes" has gone into the College's coffers. Given their record of community support did they need this money or was it simply a way of bringing in extra funds? The money might have been better spent on the charitable MacIntyre Centre in Mottingham Lane recently closed or on A Pop-in Centre for the older people in Mottingham Village.

Grove Park Road and Mottingham Lane residents may be especially surprised. According to Bromley Planning Department no mention of public use of the Sports Hall was made when the planning application was submitted. Residents could not have known that they were getting a public leisure centre on their doorstep.

I have taken a particular interest in the Lottery because I was involved in some of the debates over the details of the Lottery. I was then working for NCVO, the Charities "trade association". Charities have lost out. Their lotteries have been squeezed out by the advertising and big prizes of the National Lottery.

Some Councils have helped local organisations to apply to the Charities Lottery Fund. Bromley have decided to help bids for every category of Lottery beneficiary EXCEPT charities!

I will be trying to ensure that some of the bids which Bromley puts to the Millenium Fund will benefit the Borough's charities. I have been appointed to the Working Party which is co-ordinating bids.

I would be delighted to hear from anyone who has suggestions for projects. Ideas so far include community centres in various parts of the Borough, environmental schemes and museums. If you have a suggestion please write to me at Bromley Civic Centre, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH.

### EDITORIAL NOTE

Opinions expressed in articles submitted to "Mottingham News" are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor or the Executive Committee of the Mottingham Residents' Association.

**MOTTINGHAM TOY LIBRARY** - The Bromley Centre for Voluntary Services are opening a new Toy Library in Mottingham at 66 Framlingham Crescent. This Library will be run on a voluntary basis - and yes - they do need volunteers. If you can spare the time to help this very worthwhile project, which is partially funded by the London Borough of Bromley,



please contact the Neighbourhood Development Office, 66 Framlingham Crescent, Mottingham, SE9 4AF. They also need childrens' videos and more new toys.

**VEHICLE WATCH** - The police wish to encourage the public to take up this scheme. On application to a Police Station, discs are issued for your car. Orange covers non-usage between 10am to 4.30pm and Yellow covers non-usage between 12.30pm 5am. If a vehicle is on the move during the restriction times, they will be stopped for checking. There is also a proposal to issue "over 25" discs which will enable the police to stop a car being driven by someone obviously under this age. This could curb "joy-riders".

**VEHICLE TAX EVASION** - A pilot scheme is being tested in an undisclosed area of clamping vehicles not displaying a current tax disc. This DVLA initiative may be coming to all London Authorities.

### ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

Being a Road Rep. takes only a few hours of your time per year but our Association could not exist without them. They are our link with the community. Thanks to the response to the Chairman's appeal in the Spring issue of the Mottingham Newsletter we now have only two vacancies for Road Reps one in Section One and the other in Section Four. If you would like to fill one of these vacancies please contact the Chairman or any member of the Executive Committee.

#### SECTION ONE LEADER MR HODGES

Albert Rd	Mrs Carter	256 Court Rd	857 8413
Avondale Rd	Mrs Mitchell	11 Lulworth Rd	851 3092
Court Rd 201-277	Mr Carter	256 Court Rd	857 8413
Court Rd 202-286	Mrs Jones	260 Court Rd	857 8712
Lulworth Rd	Mrs Mitchell	11 Lulworth Rd	851 3092
Mottingham Rd 100-154	Vacant		
Porcupine Cl.	Mrs Washbrook	63 Chapel Farm Rd	857 8122

#### SECTION TWO LEADER MR EDGAR

Highcombe Cl.	Mrs Norman	33 Highcombe Cl.	857 6347
Hinton Cl.	Mrs Day	19 Highcombe Cl.	851 1024
Luxfield Rd	Mr Page	7 Luxfield Rd	
Sidcup Rd 375-441	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
Sidcup Rd 443-511	Mr Leakey	475 Sidcup Rd	
Sidcup Rd 452-508	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
Sidcup Rd 522-620	Mr Tunstall	65 Leysdown Rd	857 4225
West Hallows	Mr Norriss	31 West Hallows	857 3928
West Park even	Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	851 8644
West Park odd	Mr Treadwell	236 Court Rd	857 3433

#### SECTION THREE LEADER MR BARKER

Beaconsfield Rd	Mrs Pugh	59 Beaconsfield Rd	851 9678
Carters hill Cl.	Mrs Webber	26 Carters Hill Cl.	851 3696
Cedar Mount	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Cl.	857 1944

Colview Court	Mr Searle
Grove Park Rd even	Mr Winpenny
Grove Park Rd odd	Mr Barker
Hall View	Mr Barker
Model Farm Cl.	Mrs Payton
Mottingham Gdns	Mr Barker
Mottingham Lane	Mr Donoghue

#### SECTION FOUR LEADER MRS M DARTNELL

Clarence Rd	Mr & Mrs Foster
College View	Mr & Mrs Foster
Court Farm Rd	Mr Jenkins
Crossway	Mr Jenkins
Devonshire Rd	Mr Noble
Dorset Rd	Mrs Noble
Elmhurst Rd	Mr & Mrs Foster
Evelyn Court	Mrs Swanton
Kippington Drive	Mr & Mrs Foster
Layzell Walk	Mr & Mrs Foster
Mottingham Rd 1-95	Vacant
Mottingham Rd 2-58	Mr Noble
Portland Crescent	Mr & Mrs Foster
Portland Rd	Mr & Mrs Foster
Silverdale Drive	Mr Bouglas
Sycamore Cl.	Miss Foster

#### SECTION FIVE LEADER MR DRUCQUER

Bill Hamley Cl.	Mr Dyer
Birbetts Rd	Mrs Pass
Bowmead	Mrs Pass
Bromhedge	Mr Stageman
Chapel Farm Rd odd	Mr Stageman
Chapel Farm Rd even	Mrs Robinson
Crossmead	Mrs Abrahams
Dowleys Cl.	Mr Hill
Hartsmead Rd	Mr Glover
Lavidge Rd	Mrs MacDonald
Leysdown Rd	Mr Hill
Margaret Gardner Way	Mr Dyer
Ministry Way	Mr Dyer
Mottingham Rd	
127-205	Mr Drucquer
Royal Court	Mr Drucquer
Sidcup Rd 551-655	Mr Grace

Studlands M'ham Lane	851 3374
12 Grove Park Rd	857 1417
78 Grove Park Rd	857 9208
78 Grove Park Rd	857 9208
7 Clarence Rd	857 1760
78 Grove Park Rd	857 9208
16 Mottingham Gdns	857 3257

15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
61 Court Farm Rd	857 8705
61 Court Farm Rd	857 8705
32 Mottingham Rd	851 0608
32 Mottingham Rd	851 0608
15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
9 Model Farm Cl.	851 1523
15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
32 Mottingham Rd	851 0608
15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
15 Clarence Rd	851 2813
14 Beaconsfield Rd	857 7371
18 Sycamore Cl.	

1 Model Farm Cl.	851 9169
13 Birbetts Rd	857 3773
13 Birbetts Rd	857 3773
64 Chapel Farm Rd	857 2527
64 Chapel Farm Rd	857 2527
47 Chapel Farm Rd	857 0324
21 Lavidge Rd	857 2407
53 Leysdown Rd	857 3798
20 Bowmead	857 7616
25 Lavidge Rd	857 2315
53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
1 Model Farm Cl.	851 9169
1 Model Farm Cl.	851 9169
9 Birbetts Rd	857 6051
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33 Lavidge Rd	857 3987

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