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# MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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## **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

After nine years of shouldering the responsibilities of both Chairman and Treasurer, David Edgar has decided to take a well-earned rest. On behalf of all Mottingham residents we thank him for the work he has carried out with efficiency and dedication.

I have been elected as Chairman and will try to carry out these duties to the best of my ability. My name may not be familiar to you but you may recognise my description of "a somewhat large, grey-haired person who walks with a stick and always used to be seen being towed along by two cocker-spaniels" - now sadly only one.

I have lived in Mottingham for 35 years (and worked in the village for quite a number of them) and like many other residents regret the passing of a busy shopping area with a choice of grocers, green-grocers, butchers, bakers and also fresh fish and poultry, catering for almost every household need and creating a marvellous community spirit - we even had two banks! Like nearly all small shopping areas, the coming of supermarkets and out-of-town Centres has put an end to such times and we are now left with many empty shops - a sad sight.

Whilst your Committee would be delighted to see the shops in use again, especially in a retail trade, on behalf of our residents we must try to ensure any incoming businesses do not make our present parking problems any worse, nor do we feel any increase over the present seven restaurant/takeaways would "protect or enhance" our environment.

We have a very keen and hardworking committee, but we need the support of and input from YOU, our Members. At the end of this Newsletter details are given of your road steward who would be very pleased to hear from you of any local problems, suggestions, complaints - or maybe even a compliment! If you have an urgent enquiry our Secretary, Marjorie Dartnell can be contacted direct.

### **MINNIE (MICK) HODGES**

We are very sad to learn from Tom Hodges, our President of the death of his wife Minnie ('Mick') on 30th August. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tom and his family.

### **"SLIM THE BIN"**

In the past household rubbish was the stuff we put out for the dustman to collect and was then "someone else's problem" but from now on it is OUR problem. Landfill sites are being used up and we are all aware of the problems at these sites of methane gas etc. To try and force residents to reduce their waste (by recycling and composting) the Government will introduce from October 1996 a Landfill Tax of £7 tonne, payable by each Borough but which will be excluded from any Rate Support Grant - this means the whole charge per annum will have to be raised from Council Tax increases. Bromley Council will face a £2.5 million charge in the first year, rising to £4 million next year. Greenwich are a little more fortunate as they have access to incineration, but

there would still be a fairly high tax to pay.

Both Councils are considering pilot schemes to collect recyclable waste and we are delighted to learn Bromley are proposing to commence special fortnightly door-to-door collections including Mottingham, in September/October - householders will be advised of collection dates. So please, when this commences save ALL your papers, junk mail, cardboard, food packaging, telephone directories, magazines etc. and support this initiative. Recycling facilities are also available at various super-markets/DIY car parks.

Garden refuse is not accepted by Bromley as "household refuse" but you can purchase some labels to place on bags of such materials and put them out with your household collection. Send a cheque with your name and address to:

Cory Environmental, Baths Road, Bromley BR2 9RB.

6 labels ..	£2.70	12 labels ..	£5.16
24 labels ..	£10.08	36 labels ..	£15.12

## **THOUGHTS ON A RECENT PLANNING APPLICATION**

The recent planning application by Eltham College for the construction of a carpark on the school front field, landed on the M.R.A.'s plate in early May. First news was the arrival of the limited circulation letter from the Bromley Planning Dept., which was sent to a very few residents who were deemed to be most directly affected. It was immediately obvious we had on our hands a very important matter which needed wide circulation and once the Executive Committee had given approval, steps were taken to organise a widespread 'mail-shot' to alert the area of what was being proposed and to invite residents to put pen to paper. This action received good support and the Council was duly deluged with letters of objection.

Inspection of the plans revealed the full magnitude of the proposal and how the 79 car parking spaces and 29 'drop-off' spaces were to be fitted into a large part of the front field on a paved area, with flood lighting poles.

Objections fell into two categories - those living by the School naturally placed emphasis on road traffic problems, the well known effect of car parks on increasing vandalism and worse - floodlighting, noise and disturbance all hours. Worries were also expressed about the fate of the beautiful cherry trees fronting Grove Park Road. Other residents, perhaps those living further from the school, sought to emphasise the loss of open space and damage to the setting of a much loved and handsome building which makes a valuable contribution to the locality and recognised as such by the Council's Local List.

Objections were well-founded and strong and welcome support was received from our Councillors, Ernie Dyer and Rob Yeldham, the press and our M.P.

The final act was played out at a meeting arranged by the school, where local residents/MRA members were invited to put their views. Arising from this meeting the school had second thoughts and withdrew the application.

What lessons to be learnt? This was clearly a victory for common sense achieved in a sensible and mature way. In any future major planning proposals by the school, the MRA hope to be asked for their views at an early stage, so that any future development can gain the acceptance of the wider community as well as meeting the needs of the school.



## ERIC LIDDELL SPORTS CENTRE

Eric Liddell Sports Centre (Eltham College) Details of the Annual Membership Fees for the above centre are as follows:

Family	£24	Adult	£15
Junior	£8	Single Parent Family	£15
Parents of Pupils £8 for Family Membership.			

Details of session fees and commencing date for the various activities and availability of Swimming Pool and Fitness Suite Sessions are not yet to hand.

For further information contact Jamie McAnally on 0181-857 7360.

## ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Active Lifestyles is a partnership between Bromley Council and Bromley Health to encourage residents to be more active and promote healthy exercise.

Piers Simey is the Active Lifestyles Development Officer who is based at the Central Library, High Street, Bromley BR1 1EX.

For further information regarding the Active Lifestyles programme, please telephone 0181-290 4000.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Crime is a subject very prevalent in all our minds, and there are many steps we can take to lessen the probability of becoming a victim. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are a way of helping the police by giving them extra eyes and ears in the fight against crime. It is all about people living in the same area joining together to protect themselves and their property by reporting ANYTHING suspicious they see, to the police. Each group has a well-defined area to watch which is clearly indicated by the erection of street signs showing the boundaries of the watch. One person in each watch is allocated the position of co-ordinator and has the responsibility of liaising with the police and delivering newsletters to all watch members, provided by the police. Whenever a crime is committed in a watch area, the co-ordinator is contacted by the police and given details.

Each individual member has a role to play in the successful running of the scheme by being on the lookout for crime or any suspicious situation. All members are provided with stickers for their windows showing they are members of the watch. Most insurance companies offer quite a good discount to householders in a scheme, but ALWAYS make sure you are in an active scheme, otherwise your Insurance could be invalid.

Your committee are extremely concerned at the lack of NW schemes in MRA's area, so please, residents, talk to your neighbours and get one started in YOUR road. It may involve you in a little work to start with, but so very worthwhile in the end. As a guide we definitely know the following roads are not in the scheme, but the Crime Prevention Officer at either Chislehurst or Eltham can advise if your road is covered.

NO ROADS IN THE GREENWICH PART OF MOTTINGHAM HAVE A CURRENT SCHEME!

Nor are Portland Road, Portland Crescent, Dorset Road, Devonshire Road and parts of Mottingham Road.

To obtain information on starting a scheme contact the C.P.O. at Chislehurst Police Station (0181-284 8223) or Eltham Police Station (0181-284 5625).

It cannot be stressed strongly enough that ALL crime no matter how small should be reported to the Police - any theft from your property, damage to fence/walls or theft from/or vandalism to your car. All these reports are placed in the Police Computer and can sometimes show a repeated pattern in the area. Many crimes are not reported because "the so-and-so has long gone" but police staffing levels are mainly based on REPORTED crime and therefore it is of the utmost importance you report any crime to save further reductions of our Police strength.

## "BITS AND BOBS"

To be on good terms with your neighbours is a wonderful blessing, but if for some reason problems arise, before the rift gets too deep, why not contact the Bromley Neighbour Mediation Service on 01689 891129. They offer a free service to Bromley residents and work with all parties involved in the problem.

**BONFIRES** - Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, smoke and ash from a bonfire causing annoyance could constitute an offence, rendering the person making the bonfire liable to prosecution. If you must light one, it makes good sense to consult your neighbours first.

**BUS SERVICES** - Following representation to London Transport, the 124 and 126 evening services have been reinstated. If the troubles at Grove Park recur the services may again be withdrawn.

**OXFORD HOUSE** (St. Edwards Church Hall) Kimmeridge Road. There have again been delays with the building work needed to convert the Church Hall for use as a Day Centre. This means it will not now be open before January 1997. At the moment it is not yet known who will be running the centre.

**CARS FOR SALE** - Along Mottingham Road (by the green) Following complaints from residents, the problem was referred to The Parking Shop, L.B.Greenwich who are treating it as ILLEGAL STREET TRADING. In a recent case, the vendor was charged for 13 offences and fined over £2,000 with the vehicles concerned being forfeited. The situation is being constantly monitored, ANY case of Cars for Sale on any road should be referred to The Parking Shop at either L.B.Greenwich or L.B.Bromley, or reported to the M.R.A. Secretary.

**HELP KEEP A NEAT STREET** Councils rely on residents to report problems to them - faulty street lights - dumped cars - blocked drains - faulty road/footpath surfaces etc. etc. FREE cards with FREE postage are available in our library, so don't just complain - SEND A CARD.

Disgusted with the dog mess on our pavements, verges and parks? Don't blame the dog - blame the owner. It is illegal not to clean up after a dog ANYWHERE. Whilst on the subject of the law - horse riding and golf practice are illegal in the sports field/recreation ground.



**TIME ON YOUR HANDS?** Mottingham Evening Townswomens Guild meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except August) at 8pm at St. Andrews Church Hall, Court Road. They have interesting speakers, outings, theatre visits, walks and other social events. Why not join them at the next meeting - visitors 75p. For further information contact Joan Huxley 0181-857 3671.

**ODDFELLOWS HALL** Beaconsfield Road, Bingo is held every month with prizes of grocery (not money). Everyone welcome. Contact Mrs Simpson 0181-857 6483. Also at the Oddfellows Hall, why not join the Senior Citizens Club, every Thursday from 2 - 4pm.

**METHODIST CHURCH HALL** Everyone welcome to their coffee mornings, held on alternate Saturdays between 10 and 12am.

If you organise a regular activity and would like brief details placed in our Spring Newsletter, please contact our Secretary.

## ROAD STEWARDS

They are a group of dedicated people, without whom the Association could not function. They are the vital link between residents and the executive committee.

Unfortunately Mrs Pugh has had to resign as Road Steward for Beaconsfield Road and we thank her for the support she has given the Association. We therefore need a volunteer to take over this road and we also require Road Stewards for Lavidge Road, Pickwick Court, Priory Lees, Hinton Close, Bill Hamling Close, Margaret Gardner Drive and Ministry Way. Please contact our Secretary if you are willing to help.

### SECTION ONE LEADER - MR TUNSTALL

Albert Road	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	851 1747
Court Road 201-277	Mr Carter	256 Court Road	857 8413
Court Road 202-286	Mrs Jones	260 Court Road	857 8712
Lulworth Road	Mrs Mitchell	11 Lulworth Road	851 3092
Mottingham Road 100-154	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	851 1747
Porcupine Close	Mrs Washbrook	65 Chapel Farm Road	857 8122
Pickwick Court	Vacant		

### SECTION TWO LEADER - MR EDGAR

Highcombe Close	Mrs Norman	33 Highcombe Close	857 6347
Hinton Close	Vacant		
Luxfield Road	Mr Page	7 Luxfield Road	
Sidcup Road 375-441	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
Sidcup Road 443-511	Mr Leakey	475 Sidcup Road	
Sidcup Road 452-508	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	851 3788
West Hallowses	Mr Norriss	31 West Hallowses	857 3928
West Park-evens	Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	851 8644
West Park-odds	Mr Treadwell	236 Court Road	857 3433
Priory Lees	Vacant		

### SECTION THREE LEADER - MRS COBB

Beaconsfield Road	Vacant		
Carters Hill Close	Mrs Webber	26 Carters Hill Close	851 3696
Cedar Mount	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Close	857 1944
Colview Court	Mr Searle	Studlands, Mott. Lane	851 3374
Grove Park Road-evens	Mr Winpenny	12 Grove Park Road	857 1417
Grove Park Road-odds	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Road	857 9208
Hall View	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Road	857 9208
Model Farm Close	Mr Payton	7 Clarence Road	402 0964
Mottingham Gardens	Mr Searle	Studlands, Mott. Lane	851 3374
Mottingham Lane	Mr Donoghue	16 Mottingham Gardens	857 3257

### SECTION FOUR LEADER - MRS DARTNELL

Avondale Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Clarence Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
College View	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Court Farm Road	Mr Huxley	71 Court Farm Road	857 3671
Crossway	Mr Huxley	71 Court Farm Road	857 3671
Devonshire Road	Mr Noble	32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
Dorset Road	Mrs Noble	32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
Elmhurst Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Evelyn Court	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	851 1523
Kippington Drive	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Layzell Walk	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Mottingham Road 1-95	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	
Mottingham Road 2-58	Mr Noble	32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
Portland Crescent	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Portland Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	851 2813
Silverdale Drive	Mr Huxley	71 Court Farm Road	857 3671
Sycamore Close	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	851 1523

### SECTION FIVE LEADER - MR DRUCQUER

Bill Hamling Close	Vacant		
Birbetts Road	Mrs Pass	13 Birbetts Road	857 3773
Bowmead	Mrs Pass	13 Birbetts Road	857 3773
Bromhedge	Mr Stagamen	64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
Chapel Farm Rd odds	Mr Stagamen	64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
Chapel Farm Rd even	Mrs Robinson	47 Chapel Farm Road	857 0324
Cross Mead	Mrs Abrahams	21 Lavidge Road	857 2407
Downys Close	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
Hartsmead Road	Mr Glover	20 Bowmead	857 7616
Lavidge Road	Vacant		
Leysdown Road	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
Margaret Gardner Drive	Vacant		
Ministry Way	Vacant		
Mottingham Rd 127-205	Mr Drucquer	9 Birbetts Road	857 6051
Royal Court	Mr Drucquer	9 Birbetts Road	857 6051
Sidcup Road 551-655	Mr Grace	33 Lavidge Road	857 3987
Sidcup Road 522-620	Mr Tunstall	65 Leysdown Road	857 4225