

# MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS 1996 - 1997

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|                 |                      |             |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
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## COUNCILLORS

|                                       |  |          |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Cllr. D. Richards<br>(Tarn Ward)      | 10 West Hallows                        | 857 5299 |
| Cllr. E. Dyer<br>(Mottingham Ward)    | 8 Cherry Walk,<br>Hayes, Kent          | 462 8635 |
| Cllr. R. Yeldham<br>(Mottingham Ward) | 111 Blandford Road,<br>Beckenham, Kent | 658 5455 |

## POLICE

|                     |   |          |
|---------------------|---|----------|
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| Inspector. Scannell | Chislehurst Police Station<br>47 High Street, Chislehurst | 284 8200 |
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| Sergeant. R. Hughes | Chislehurst Police Station                                | 284 8225 |

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# MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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## CHAIRMAN'S VOICE

Yet another year has passed and our A.G.M. is looming close. Your Association's Committee work hard throughout the year to protect or hopefully improve our environment and to assist with some of our residents' concerns - which we cannot do unless we are told about them. The only way we can be an efficient and effective Committee is if we receive the full support of our Members - so please spare just one evening in the year, come along to the A.G.M., tell us your problems or make suggestions for improvements in our area etc. and make all our efforts worthwhile. Our Councillors and the Police are always in attendance at these meetings, covering both Bromley and Greenwich and will gladly answer any questions or take up any matters of concern. Make a LARGE note in your diary - 30th April in the Oddfellows Hall, Beaconsfield Road. (adjacent to No.4) we will be delighted to welcome you.

## PARKING

With the large increase in car ownership comes associated problems of parking. This is exacerbated by many properties in Mottingham without any, or minimal, off road parking facilities.

Greenwich Council have taken the initiative of calling a meeting of residents affected by commuter parking adjacent to Mottingham Station (which unfortunately received very little support) to discuss their proposals to deal with this problem. A further meeting will be arranged in due course.

In order to give Bromley Residents the opportunity of discussing their concerns, Councillor Dyer is willing to arrange for Council Officers to meet residents, listen to their problems and looking into possible ways of improving the situation. MRA are quite happy to arrange such a meeting but only if their sufficient interest shown. Your Chairman or Secretary would be pleased to know - IN WRITING PLEASE - of your problems/possible solutions or you can bring your comments along to our AGM on 30th April.

## TREES

Apart from their beauty, trees make a large contribution to the air we breathe but, like our children, they need a lot of "tender loving care" in the first years of their life. If a tree has been planted in the verge close to you and we have a prolonged dry period, instead of tipping that bowl of water down the drain, please give it to that thirsty tree. Maybe your neighbour would like to help as well.

May we remind residents quite heavy fines can be imposed for parking on, driving across any part, or damaging a grass verge in any way.

## PLANNING (Bromley) Devonshire Road (ex Goldsmith's garage site)

An application for the development of a home for 5 mentally disabled people, plus a pair of semi-detached houses on this site has caused considerable concern to residents (unsuitable siting, lack of parking provision, narrow access etc). It is a pity Broomleigh Housing did not see fit to fully acquaint residents of their proposals in the first place, which necessitated some residents being involved in a considerable amount of research to obtain full details of this application. The plans go before the Planning Committee on 6th March (after this Newsletter goes to print).

## 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, ~~30th~~ <sup>28th</sup> April 1997 at 8pm.

in:

The Oddfellows Hall,  
Beaconsfield Road,  
Mottingham, S.E.9.

There will be a business meeting to report 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 funds.

The latter half of the meeting -

A Speaker on THE MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION.

Local Councillors and representatives from the police (Eltham and Chislehurst) will also be present to answer residents' questions.

M. Dartnell  
Hon. Secretary,  
16 Elmhurst Road,  
Mottingham, S.E.9.

Tel: 0181-857 2065

### AGENDA

1. President's Opening Remarks.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of the last A.G.M. - 24th April 1996.
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 Secretary's Report.

### INTERVAL

THE MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION

Question and Answer Forum.



## CLLR. ERNEST DYER

As I have mentioned before, approximately eighty percent of Bromley Council's income comes to us in the form of a grant from central government, the rest comes from: council-tax income, money which can be raised by charging for certain services, and by reducing our reserve capital. From this, the relative importance of the amount received as 'revenue support grant' from central government can be judged. In this year's settlement, Bromley did not do as bad as we had feared we might, but we did not receive enough to continue to maintain our current services in a context in which demand on a number of services is increasing. Given that a large rise in council tax is unacceptable, and income generation has been maximised, reductions in some services are necessary. All political groups on the council are united in the view that education and social services need to be protected. Accepting this, other services such as landscaping, leisure services, and roads maintenance, will have a lower priority.

Unfortunately, and wrongly in my view, the community library service falls within the remit of the leisure services dept. rather than education. Some residents may have heard that a 'review' of library services is currently being undertaken with a central aim being to look for cost savings. I personally feel it to be short-sighted to consider closing any of Bromley's libraries. But especially for a community such as Mottingham which has an above average number of elderly people, and with the lowest rate of car ownership in Bromley.

I can remember back ten years when we not only had a village library, open for longer than hours than now, but there was also a mobile library which came weekly to provide an accessible facility to the southern part Mottingham. My intention is not to raise unnecessary fears but rather to forewarn residents that we might have a battle on our hands if Mottingham library is threatened!

Just recently the Council leader and myself found a rare opportunity to agree on something. This was that our libraries could be used more effectively to provide much more information to residents' about Council and other community services, and act as a 'feed back' point for residents views on their usefulness. This can only happen if they remain where they belong, in the centre of the communities they help to support. Public libraries are to me one of the signs of a civilised society. The loss of a library would be another step likely to increasingly undermine the social cohesion of any local community. The library is a vital part of a community and I can assure residents that both Cllr. Rob Yeldham and myself will be doing our utmost to ensure that ours remains open.

In 1997, we will be having a general election, but I am realistic enough to consider whatever political party takes national power, local communities such as Mottingham are unlikely to receive any extra help with our problems. We need to do what we can ourselves to improve local Council and voluntary services and to maintain social facilities and 'community spirit'. Experience has taught me that thriving, well-supported residents' associations, are probably the best protection against attempts by organisations such as the Council, Health Service providers, etc. to reduce already over-stretched services even further. I would urge residents to do what you can to get involved in the work of the M.R.A.

On a lighter note: I have mentioned before that in the early hours of a summer's morning about 20 years ago, I saw a Barn Owl gliding gracefully through the village. I have a resident on the Mottingham estate who is involved in breeding owls and he told me that suburban areas such as Mottingham can no longer provide sufficient suitable territory for a bird of prey such as a Barn Owl. Can any resident help determine whether this is indeed true. Please report recent sightings to me!

**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE PAPER COLLECTION** London Borough of Bromley have now started a house-to-house collection of waste paper and card for recycling.

Below are given the days for each road in our area.

Every other Tuesday, from 11th March: Mottingham Lane, Mottingham Gardens, Kippington Drive, Layzell Walk, Grove Park Road, Crossway, College View, Highcombe Close, Devonshire Road, Dorset Road, Portland Road, Portland Crescent, Clarence Road, Avondale Road, Luiworth Road, Elmhurst Road and Court Farm Road.

Every other Thursday from 13th March: Beaconsfield Road.

Every other Friday, from 14th March: Mottingham Road (that part that comes into the London Borough of Bromley).

For further information, contact Sam French, Environment Promotions Assistant. Tel: 0181-464 3333 ex.4510.

**CLINICAL WASTE COLLECTION - Bromley Residents** The Clinical Waste Collection Service (needles/dressings/syringes) is free of charge for householders who need to dispose of medical waste arising from treatment at home. Clinical waste must not be placed in the normal dustbin, it should be stored in special yellow sacks, provided free to domestic customers of the collection service. The collection is undertaken in a discreet manner in an unmarked van and records of collection locations are confidential. For information, contact Bromley Civic Centre on 0181-313 4511/4557 or out of office hours - 0181-313 4775/4797.

**POLICE WARNING** There have recently been instances of Bogus Water Board Officials calling at houses; once gaining admittance purses/valuables etc. are found to be missing. NEVER invite a caller into your home without first inspecting their authority. BE SURE/BE SAFE. The Police have re-iterated ALL CRIME, however small, should be reported as soon as possible. (Telephone Nos. on the back page).

**VOUCHERS FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS** Do you have a child born between 1st April 1992 and 31st March 1993? Parents of 4-year-old children will shortly be receiving application forms for nursery vouchers, worth £1,100 in a full year. Even children in primary school reception classes at the beginning of January but who are still four years old at the start of the Summer Term in April will need to provide vouchers. Schools may lose money if the vouchers are not submitted.

A helpline (0181-313 4142) has been set up by Bromley Education Department to provide assistance.

**PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOLS** Please do not park on the yellow road markings outside of school. It is extremely dangerous. Schools and its surrounding area are places of safety. You run the risk of a £20 fine, SO DON'T DO IT!

**Mottingham  
Festival**

Please note in your Diary that this year, the Mottingham Festival will be held on Saturday, 14th June.

**THE MOTTINGHAM PLANT CENTRE** The Mottingham Plant Centre (formerly the McIntyre Centre) is now ready for the first signs of Spring. Choose from a wide range of plants including, PLANT of the MONTH specials and Large Indoor Foliage Plants etc. The Mottingham Centre offers a wide range of courses on Gardening, Floristry, Horticulture, Conservation etc. and is situated at the bottom of Mottingham Lane. For further information contact Jerry Curtis on 0181-851 6686.



**MOTTINGHAM FLORAL ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY** Is looking for new members. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Court Road. An annual programme is displayed in Mottingham Library or further details from Prue Yeomans. (Tel. 0181-851 2620).

**MOTTINGHAM AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** Hold their Meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Court Road, at 2pm. They have interesting speakers, coach outings and regular organised walks. A cordial and friendly welcome is extended to all visitors.

**SCOUTS** Bored and aged between 5 and 21? Then why not join the 6th Mottingham Scouts and Guides Group (Our Lady Help of Christians). The Group includes Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Ventures. Interested? - contact Malcolm Casey on 0181-857 4147.

**SKIPS AND MATERIALS ON HIGHWAYS** If you wish to place a skip, materials, scaffolding, boarding or any other temporary item on any part of the highway, permission is required from the Council in the form of a licence. Licences will not be granted in restricted areas, where there are double-yellow lines, bus stops or sight-line problems, or where street work is planned or are taking place. Skips on the carriage-way require four traffic cones on the approach side to guide traffic past the skip. At night and in poor visibility road lamps are required on each corner of the skip.

**SPECIAL PARKING** Requests for the suspension of parking regulations for Funerals, Removals etc. should be directed to Mr. Mike Hughes, the Parking Manager for the London Borough of Bromley. (0181-313 4509).

**TIRED OF WATCHING TELEVISION** Why not come along to the Mottingham Evening Townswomen's Guild. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Court Road. We have interesting speakers, outings, theatre visits, walks and many other social events. Our next meeting is April 9th and our talk is entitled "Moonlighting". Come and join us - visitors 75p. For further information contact Joan Huxley - 0181-857 3671.

### ROAD STEWARDS

#### 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 Rd 100-154 | Mrs Cheeseman | 152 Mottingham Road | 851 1747 |
| Porcupine Close       | Mrs Washbrook | 65 Chapel Farm Road | 857 8122 |
| Pickwick Court        | Mrs Stevens   | 1 Layzell Walk      |          |

#### SECTION TWO LEADER - MR EDGAR

|                     |             |                    |          |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------|
| Highcombe Close     | Mrs Norman  | 33 Highcombe Close | 857 6347 |
| Hinton Close        | Mrs Stevens | 1 Layzell Walk     |          |
| 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 Hallows  
West Park-evens  
West Park-odds  
Priory Lees

Mr Norriss  
Mrs Perkins  
Mr Treadwell  
Vacant

31 West Hallows 857 3928  
7 West Park 851 8644  
236 Court Road 857 3433

#### SECTION THREE LEADER - MRS COBB

|                       |             |                       |          |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Beaconsfield Road     | Mrs Pugh    | 59 Beaconsfield Rd    | 851 9678 |
| 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 Cose  | 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     | Mrs Henderson | 10 Birbetts Road    | 857 5800 |
| Birbetts Road          | Mrs Pass      | 13 Birbetts Road    | 857 3733 |
| Bowmead                | Mrs Pass      | 13 Birbetts Road    | 857 3733 |
| 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 |
| Downeys 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 | Mrs Henderson | 10 Birbetts Road    | 857 5800 |
| Ministry Way           | Mrs Henderson | 10 Birbetts Road    | 857 5800 |
| 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 |