

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Cllr. R. Yeldham (Mottingham Ward)	111 Blandford Road, Beckenham, Kent	658 5455

POLICE

Inspector. Horak	Greenwich Police Station 31 Royal Hill, S.E.10.	284 5495
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PC. K. Hartley	Chislehurst Police Station	284 8225
Sergeant. J. Fowler	Bromley Police Station Widmore Road, Bromley	284 8704

1 Mottingham Rd.

MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S VOICE

As you will see from this Newsletter, our Annual General Meeting will be held on 22nd April and I earnestly hope our members will make every effort to attend. Your Committee have dealt with a number of problems during the year, but of course our biggest one has yet to be faced, with the inquiry on Eltham College's appeal. We will try to cover the formal proceedings of the AGM as quickly as possible in order to allow time to up-date residents on this contentious subject.

Shortly after his election as Treasurer at our 1997 AGM, Les Huxley found he was unable to continue and the Committee were indebted to David Edgar for agreeing to take over, for the time being. Dave is already committed to serving on numerous Committees, and has asked to stand down on 22nd April. The association cannot continue without a Treasurer and we will be looking to our Residents on that occasion for a volunteer. It is not an onerous job, but does entail attending Committee Meetings (the last Wednesday, bi-monthly from January) or making a simple finance statement available to the Secretary. Dave would be only too pleased to show anyone "the ropes".

WILLIAM JOHNSON

We were very sad to learn of the death on 18th February in St. Christopher's Hospice of Bill, our very own "Steptoe". Bill had the respect and affection of everyone who knew him, he was always ready to help anyone in his quiet and calm manner and was a gentleman in the truest sense. His cheery wave when doing the rounds with his horse and cart will be greatly missed and Mottingham will be a poorer place without our Bill. We extend our deepest sympathy to his Wife and Family. His brother is continuing to run the business for the time being.

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY.....

Most of us are looking forward to seeing our gardens blossom into colour again, but whilst most of us can see the beauty of nature, please spare a thought for those who can't - the blind or partially sighted, and never allow any overgrowth to intrude over a public footpath, which can trip up the less fortunate or even hit them in the face. The same goes for rubbish bags/bins. These should NEVER be placed on a footpath or verge, but kept inside your front garden for collection.

Our Councils have planted a lot of young trees in our verges which will die without a drink - just a bucket a day will keep them going when the ground is very dry.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A pamphlet entitled 'The Rose', delivered to many Mottingham households contains a statement by two Bromley Councillors that there are no longer any concerns regarding Eltham College's proposals for providing car parking on 'Metropolitan Open Land.'

THIS IS INCORRECT Anyone wishing to take action on these proposals should continue to do so.

SEE REPORT ON ELTHAM COLLEGE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held on Wednesday, 22nd. April 1998 at 8.0 p.m.

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 will be a presentation on

CRIME PREVENTION.

Local Councillors and representatives from the Police (Eltham and Chislehurst) will also be present to answer questions. Please let me know if you are unable to be present.

Yours sincerely,

M. Dartnell
Hon. Secretary,
16 Elmhurst Road,
Mottingham, SE9 4DN

Tel: 0181-857 2065

AGENDA

1. President's Opening Remarks.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of the last A.G.M. - 28th May 1997.
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

Presentation on CRIME PREVENTION by Greenwich Police.
followed by A Question and Answer Forum.

CLLR. ERNEST DYER (Cllr. Mottingham Ward)

The London Borough of Bromley is the biggest in area of all the London Boroughs. This presents considerable difficulties for our officers in monitoring the state of pavements, streetlights, and the general condition of our local environment. To help overcome this problem, without incurring the cost to council tax-payers of employing dozens of monitoring officers, we have a complaints procedure whereby residents can raise any matter regarding their local services that concerns them. If you go into any library there are postage pre-paid 'green cards' which can be used to indicate the nature of the problem and sent into the Council. These 'green cards' are intended to apply to environmental matters such as cracked pavements, damaged trees, poor maintenance of community land, and similar. More generally, the council has a fairly comprehensive complaints procedure, indeed there is a sub-committee (Performance Review), with particular responsibility to consider the operation of the complaints procedure. You the residents should not accept a poor service in any area of the Council's work, at the very least you should be able to find out why a service is not as regular or as comprehensive as you would wish. I am not aiming to encourage frivolous complaints but I am urging anyone who is dissatisfied with a service, or who notices something damaged say 'street furniture', or similar, to use the green cards or write in to the relevant department and make your views known.

As in many other localities in Bromley the shopping centre of Mottingham village struggles to retain its small retail outlets. We have recently lost the Corn Chandlers shop next to the Porcupine, and others also are experiencing difficulties. In St. Paul's Cray the Boroughs officers are running a pilot project to see if there is any initiatives that the council could introduce which would give more support to small businesses. Cllr. Rob Yeldham has been involved with this project and with other measures to assist the shop-keepers in the Kimmeridge road area. Both Rob and I are expecting that over the coming year positive help can be identified which the Council could initiate, or co-ordinate, which would improve the viability of small businesses in the village area. But of course the most valuable help the small shops could have is for local people to use them more often!

In May this year my second term of office as a Councillor for Mottingham comes to an end. I have gained a great deal and got to know many decent local people during the eight years I have served you. I am standing again in May as I should like to continue. I am sure that whoever wins the election and is elected to serve you, from whatever political party, will serve you all at least as well as I have tried to do. I take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee of the Mottingham Residents Association for all the very useful support they have given to me over the last eight years.

ODDS AND PIECES

The Local Elections in May - if you have always voted at Dorset Road School this venue has changed, to allow easier access for disabled, to The Oddfellows Hall, Beaconsfield Road. (next to No.4).

Parking Restrictions have been altered: Single yellow lines are now in force according to the notice displayed at the particular site.

Double Yellow Lines now mean **NO PARKING 24 HOURS A DAY**.

Complaints re parking offences should be made to either Greenwich or Bromley Parking Shop (NOT THE POLICE). Bromley P.Shop direct 0181-313 4518.

ELTHAM COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS

Readers of our Autumn 1997 issue of Mottingham News will be aware of the severe set back to the School's plans. In September last, Bromley's Development Control Committee refused planning consent for Phase 1 of the development which included additional car parking facilities, a new Music School and a new entrance/exit from Grove Park Road. Since that time, matters have progressed and the current position is as follows:

The school have recently lodged an appeal against the September refusal. Our understanding is that this appeal will take the form of a Formal Inquiry conducted by an Inspector from the Department of the Environment. Provisional dates of 8/9 September 1998 have been allocated.

The Mottingham Residents Association intend to support Bromley in contesting the appeal and plan to present supporting evidence to the Inspector in due course.

It is very important for us, your Executive Committee, to be aware of the views of the Members of the Association in this matter. A simple Ballot Form was included with the Autumn 1997 issue of the Mottingham News. You are asked to complete this form (if you have not already done so) and return to your Road Representative as soon as possible.

On presenting M.R.A's objections to the Inquiry Inspector, we will then be required to prove our members support or objections to the applications, which can only be obtained from the returns of our questionnaires - they are therefore extremely important. If you have mislaid the form, your Road Steward can provide a copy.

The special sub-committee set up to handle the response of the Association to the proposed development and to co-ordinate actions with Bromley, has held its first meeting. Members of the Committee will welcome any suggestions/comments that residents may care to name.

In addition to completing the simple YES/NO ballot form, our members are also urged to write to the Inspector setting out their reasons for objecting/supporting the School's plans. Further details on this matter will be provided in due course.

One last point, attendance at the Enquiry in September by members, even for the odd hour or so, will demonstrate to the Inspector that Mottingham residents are responsible citizens who are interested and care for their environment.

POLICING AND CRIME

There have been a lot of changes in the organisation of our Police - Chislehurst Station no longer has a Sergeant or Inspector on the premises - they are now based at Bromley Station. Also the Eltham Station Inspector is now based at Greenwich Station. If you have a minor enquiry you can still contact either Chislehurst or Eltham, but ALWAYS dial 999 in an emergency.

The Police will no longer be responsible for supervising, placing cones or road closures for any Charity events. The Local Council will arrange this, but charges will be made, ranging from £100 to £1,000. We are not certain at this time, if Councils will charge for personal requests to place cones when a funeral is taking place.

Thefts from garages and sheds is still top of the crime lists, especially now we need those mowers, strimmers etc. with, hopefully, a nice summer on the way. Have you made a record of the serial numbers of these, and all your electrical household goods (AND PROPERLY MARKED THEM). It's a bitter pill for the Police to swallow when they arrest someone with suspected stolen goods but without a record of serial numbers cannot charge the suspect.

The Metropolitan Police hold a computer data base of property it has recovered. If you could positively identify goods you have had stolen, call 0171-230 1970 - the service is completely free.

BOGUS CALLERS

.....Is the Chain On?

.... Ask Who It Is

..... Ask What Do They Want?

..... CHECK IDENTIFICATION:

Remember - **IF YOU ARE NOT SURE DON'T OPEN THE DOOR**

It is human nature to take our Policemen and Women for granted. We expect them to be there when we want them, and complain when they are not, but very few stop to think and they put their lives at risk every day. David Edgar (who has served on the M.R.A. Committee for many years) has had cause to know the heartbreak an entire family can suffer when an officer loses his or her life while on duty. On 13th February 1948 his brother Nathaniel (Nat) was shot and died of his wounds, leaving a wife and two young sons. On the 50th anniversary of Nat's death the Edgar family attended a commemorative service The Muswell Hill Police Station, when a plaque was unveiled in his memory, alongside that to PC Keith Blakelock.

BROMLEY BANK HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION

Monday Bank Holidays, April 13th and May 4th 1998, mean your refuse will be collected one day later that week ie.

Normal MONDAY, collection Tuesday.

Normal TUESDAY, collection Wednesday.

Normal WEDNESDAY, collection Thursday.

Normal THURSDAY, collection Friday.

Normal FRIDAY, collection Saturday.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH 1998, is worked as a normal day and your collection is unaffected.

BROMLEY HOUSE TO HOUSE PAPER COLLECTION

Collections will take place on your normal refuse collection day but on alternate weeks. Your paper will be collected during the weeks commencing:

March: 9th & 23rd

June: 1st & 15th & 29th

September: 7th & 21st

April: 6th & 20th

July: 13th & 27th

October: 5th & 19th

May: 4th* & 18th

August: 10th & 24th

November: 2nd & 16th

* Collections of both domestic rubbish and recyclables will run a day late on bank holiday weeks. The refuse crews work on the Saturday following bank holiday weekends to catch up with their work.

ROAD STEWARDS

SECTION ONE LEADER - MR TUNSTALL

Albert Road	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	851 1747
Court Road 201-277	Mr Wyborne	240 Court Road	857 1524
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 Hollingum	33 Devonshire Road	857 5856
Hinton Close	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	857 2687

Luxfield Road
Sidcup Road 375-441
Sidcup Road 443-511
Sidcup Road 452-508
West Hallows
West Park-evens
West Park-odds
Priory Lees

Mr Page
Mr Edgar
Mr Leakey
Mr Edgar
Mr Norriss
Mrs Perkins
Mr Treadwell
Vacant

SECTION THREE LEADER - MRS COBB

Beaconsfield Road
Carters Hill Close
Cedar Mount
Colview Court
Grove Park Road.-evens
Grove Park Road.-odds
Hall View
Model Farm Close
Mottingham Gardens
Mottingham Lane

Mrs Pugh
Mrs Webber
Mrs Cobb
Vacant
Mr Winpenny
Mr Barker
Mr Barker
Mr Payton
Mr Donoghue
Mr Donoghue

SECTION FOUR LEADER - MRS DARTNELL

Avondale Road
Clarence Road
College View
Court Farm Road
Crossway
Devonshire Road
Dorset Road
Elmhurst Road
Evelyn Court
Kippington Drive
Layzell Walk
Mottingham Road 1-95
Mottingham Road 2-58
Portland Crescent
Portland Road
Silverdale Drive
Sycamore Close

Mr & Mrs Foster
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mrs Lockwood
Mrs Lockwood
Mr Noble
Mrs Noble
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mrs Swanton
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mrs Stevens
Mr Noble
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mr & Mrs Foster
Mrs Lockwood
Mrs Swanton

SECTION FIVE LEADER - MR DRUCQUER

Bill Hamling Close
Birbetts Road
Bowmead
Bromhedge
Chapel Farm Road odds
Chapel Farm Road even
Crossmead
Downeys Close
Hartsmead Road
Lavidge Road
Leysdown Road
Margaret Gardner Drive.
Ministry Way
Mottingham Rd. 127-205
Royal Court
Sidcup Road 551-655
Sidcup Road 522-620

Mrs Henderson
Mrs Pass
Mrs Pass
Mr Stageman
Mr Stageman
Mrs Robinson
Mrs Abrahams
Mr Hill
Mr Glover
Mrs Abrahams
Mr Hill
Mrs Henderson
Mrs Henderson
Mr Drucquer
Mr Drucquer
Mr Grace
Mr Tunstall

7 Luxfield Road	
32 West Park	851 3788
475 Sidcup Road	
32 West Park	851 3788
31 West Hallows	857 3928
7 West Park	851 8644
236 Court Road	857 3433

59 Beaconsfield Rd	851 9678
26 Carters Hill Close	851 3696
7 Carters Hill Close	857 1944

12 Grove Park Road	857 1417
78 Grove Park Road	857 9208
78 Grove Park Road	857 9208
7 Clarence Road	402 0964
16 Mottingham Gardens	857 3257
16 Mottingham Gardens	857 3257

15 Clarence Road	851 2813
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
23 Court Farm Road	325 3695
23 Court Farm Road	325 3695
32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
9 Model Farm Cose	851 1523
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
1 Layzell Walk	857 2687
32 Mottingham Road	851 0608
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
15 Clarence Road	851 2813
23 Court Farm Road	325 3695
9 Model Farm Close	851 1523

10 Birbetts Road	857 5800
13 Birbetts Road	857 3733
13 Birbetts Road	857 3733
64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
64 Chapel Farm Road	857 2527
47 Chapel Farm Road	857 0324
21 Lavidge Road	857 2407
53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
20 Bowmead	857 7616
21 Lavidge Road	857 2407
53 Leysdown Road	857 3798
10 Birbetts Road	857 5800
10 Birbetts Road	857 5800
9 Birbetts Road	857 6051
9 Birbetts Road	857 6051
33 Lavidge Road	857 3987
65 Leysdown Road	857 4225