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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO

ALL OUR MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have felt for some time our newsletter would be of greater interest if we included contributions from our members. We would welcome any input, be it an interesting anecdote, a suggestion which could benefit our residents, any form of concern or perhaps imparting your knowledge of some of Mottingham's history, etc. . .

Any entry would be welcomed by our Secretary and, if published, you may request anonymity if you so wish. The Editor must reserve the right to edit or omit any material.

Mr Pat Winpenny, who covers Bromley planning applications, has reported in this Newsletter on the Gilbert/Honda site. I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to Mr & Mrs Perkins of West Park and Mr & Mrs Bell of Mottingham Road, who worked extremely hard to ensure residents in a wide area round this site were made aware of the proposals. Their efforts must have contributed towards the very large number of objections raised.

We were sorry to learn of the death in August of Jack Hollingum. Jack was very popular and well respected by all who came in contact with him and was a very active member of the Methodist Church. He has always been a strong supporter of our Association and served on the Committee for many years, as well as editing our Newsletter.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Doreen and all their family.

FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ernie Dyer (Bromley)

I usually use my autumn contribution to ask for residents who are able to keep a friendly eye on any elderly neighbours as we move into the winter. It is a time when the frail elderly are more vulnerable to illness or domestic accidents.

I have received many complaints about graffiti during this year. It seems that some shopkeepers are ignoring guidelines related to the selling of spray paint to young people. If you do have graffiti on your property I suggest you contact the Council's free graffiti removal service. Either phone the Graffiti Hotline direct on 020 8313 4557, or obtain the pre-paid, pre-addressed request card from the library and send it in. If you are not satisfied with the response please contact me. Indeed, if you have any complaints about council services do make your views known! All complaints about council services are recorded and the Audit Sub-committee considers them each quarter. It is important that Councillors as a group are aware of any shortcomings in the services provided.

I would also like to make a plea for residents to support the members of the executive committee of your residents' association. As but an observer who attends their bi-monthly meetings I am aware of all the excellent work they do to protect the local community. There is usually a shortage of people coming forward to collect subs and deliver this newsletter. They only expect people to cover their road or roads, two or three times a year. Please come forward if you can spare a bit of time to help your community.

Ernest Dyer

Councillor C. Rideout (Bromley)

It is a great pleasure to have this opportunity of writing in the Mottingham News, and in so doing I am fully aware that I am addressing an Association that has been in existence since 1932. Since July this year I have been one of the two Councillors for Mottingham, together with my colleague Ernie Dyer. He has made it plain that he will not be standing again in the Council election in May 2002, and that is a great loss to Mottingham because he has been an excellent Councillor. Now I know the Association is apolitical, but it will not have escaped your notice that Ernie and I are not from the same political party, but because we are both committed to serving the people of Mottingham we have had no trouble working together towards that end.

There are problems right across our Borough which affect Mottingham in special ways. Some of our local youths appear to have nothing better to do than indulge in anti-social behaviour which puts many of our older residents in fear. Criminal damage, graffiti, joy-riding in cars and on motor bikes, together with yobbish behaviour which disrupts our lives, bring the whole area down. It's got to stop, and by working together with our local police we can make it stop.

Finding constructive alternative activities for these youths is not always easy, because finding volunteers to work with them is difficult. Also, many of them simply ignore the clubs, etc. on offer. It is hoped that the opening of the Mottingham Learning Centre in

Beaconsfield Parade will help to train young people in computer and other workplace skills. Regeneration will only start when our youth start to respect themselves.

Associations such as yours must make a clear commitment that they will not put up with these anti-social elements. We must encourage our police to mount sustained campaigns against the worst offenders and not just respond to individual incidents. We need more Orders to stop anti-social behaviour, with the full backing of our courts, and sanctions against uncooperative parents of youths who are deaf to all entreaty. This should be followed up, where appropriate, by the Housing Associations threatening to move them from their homes. Finally through Neighbourhood Watch we must work with the police to exchange information to tackle these offenders.

Let's get rid of dumped cars, the graffiti and the rubbish that brings the whole neighbourhood down. The history of areas that descend into total anarchy, with drug problems, high crime rates and decaying housing, shows that indifference by residents is a key factor. Well, we won't let that happen here and I will be working with you to see that Mottingham is a place where residents are proud to live.

I hope this is not a depressing message, but it reflects my hope for the future. Finally, can I wish you all the season's greetings and every success in 2002.

Charles Rideout

BROMLEY HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY

This new agency is being set up through Bromley Council (Housing Services) in order to offer home improvement advice and "staying-put" services. They are in the process of drafting procedures and designing reference forms/leaflets, aiming for completion by July 2002, and we hope to be able to give full details in our Summer 2002 Newsletter.

ROAD STEWARDS

We could not continue as an association without the loyal support of those people who call on the houses in their area to collect subscriptions and deliver this newsletter. Some of them have been doing it for years, but inevitably there comes a time when they have to give up and at present we have vacancies in the following roads:

Lavidge Road

Mottingham Lane (which could be shared between 3 or 4 people)

Sidcup Road 551 – 655 (The Shell Garage to Broad Lawn)

If you are willing to help please contact the Membership Secretary, Andrew Chklar, or the appropriate Section Leader. Telephone numbers are inside the back cover.

ELTHAM POLICE AREA COMMITTEE – SEPT. 3rd.

Between fifty and sixty people attended the meeting at St Mary's Community Centre in Eltham High Street. Once again there were no crime figures available but officers present said they were not aware of significant increases. They were unable to say whether Greenwich citizens would be able to report non-urgent crimes on the new national police web site – www.online.police.uk

There was some discussion about security measures at Well Hall Pleasaunce which is being restored at considerable expense but which suffers from vandalism and theft. It was revealed that English Heritage had opposed the installation of CCTV cameras at the site.

There was also a lively discussion about the difficulty experienced by many people in trying to contact Greenwich police by phone. This has been raised at several recent meetings and is obviously a matter of some concern. It is claimed it takes a long time for the switchboard to answer calls, and when people are transferred they are often left on "hold" for considerable periods. Sometimes they are left hanging on so long that the phone "times out" and they have to start all over again.

To answer these criticisms Inspector Ian Leaver, who is in charge of control room communications for Greenwich, was invited as a guest speaker. He apologised quite openly for the poor standard of the present service, but said a new, more high-tech service was being introduced shortly.

The more cynical amongst us interpreted this to mean that the new system wouldn't necessarily reduce waiting times but would mean that we could listen to "Greensleeves" while we were on hold rather than just silence! The basic problem, however, remained a shortage of staff to handle calls from the public.

There was some constructive news, however. Children riding motorcycles had become a major problem in the area over the Summer. The bikes were being ridden on private land or in parks to the annoyance of local residents. It had been suggested – wrongly – that nothing could be done to prevent the problem because the bikes were not being ridden on a public road. Greenwich police say, however, that if bikes are being ridden in a public area such as a park, under the Road Traffic Act the vehicle must have insurance. Action can be taken against riders for having no insurance.

The meeting was also introduced to PC Ben Jasper, the beat officer for the Coldharbour area. It is a huge beat stretching from Mottingham Lane, Mottingham Road, and White Horse Hill through to the Sidcup By-pass and Footscray Road. PC Jasper can be contacted through the main Eltham station office: 8284 5723 – if you can get through!

John Perkins

BROMLEY PLANNING NOTES

16/20 Mottingham Road (Gilbert/Honda Showroom)

Readers are reminded that Messrs Kwik-Fit, who lodged an application to develop the site in January 2001 and who were refused planning permission by Bromley on 2nd August, have a statutory six-month period in which to consider an appeal against the decision. This gives us up to February 2002 before we can relax.

Residents will have noticed that there remains some activity in connection with motor vehicles at the Honda site.

The situation at present is as follows: the owners have applied to Bromley for a "Certificate of lawfulness for an existing use". The "existing use" referred to includes the servicing and repair of motor vehicles. Bromley have been in touch with local residents, seeking evidence that this activity was part of Honda's operations on the site in the past for a period in excess of ten years.

If vehicle servicing and repairs were carried out it must have been a very low-key operation, possibly at the rear of the premises and thus fairly unobtrusive. There is unfortunately no guarantee that any new operator would keep it that way.

As this is an important site in Mottingham we need to keep this matter under close scrutiny and nearby residents are asked to keep the MRA informed if they observe any developments.

Pat Winpenny

Since the above was written there are two further points to add about Bromley planning:

(1) We have been advised by S.E.Living Ltd, who purchased the Scotts (Renault) premises at 2-8 Dorset Road for the erection of eight town houses and one duplex flat, that they have now sold this site on to Barratt Homes.

As most residents living in the vicinity of this site were quite happy to accept the details of the proposed development, for which planning permission has been granted, we were pleased to receive assurance from S.E.Living Ltd that Barratts will carry out construction in accordance with the approved scheme. Demolition of the old buildings is already well under way.

(2) Yet another mobile phone mast application has been lodged with Bromley Council; this is for a 20-metre (65ft) high telecommunications tower with three antennae, four dishes and equipment cabin, to be sited in the City of London School playing fields, adjacent to the YMCA sportsfield boundary. Residents in Grove Park road and Hall View have been alerted to this application.

Bearing in mind the recommendations in the Stewart report on mobile phones and health, the Association have lodged objections based on environmental damage (loss of visual amenity) and unacceptable intrusion into Metropolitan Open/Green Chain Land.

If any members require further information on this application, please contact Mr Pat Winpenny on 8857 1417.

WASTE COLLECTION OVER CHRISTMAS

For Greenwich residents the collection of your dustbins will only be affected by the Christmas holidays on Christmas, Boxing and New Year's Days, as follows:

Collections due on **Dec 25th** will be made on **Sat. 29th**

Collections due on **Dec 26th** will be made on **Sun 30th**

Collections due on **Jan 1st** will be made on **Sat. 5th**.

All other collections will be made on the regular days.

A LITTLE CRICKETING HISTORY

It is well known locally that W.G.Grace lived in Mottingham Lane for the last years of his life, but did he ever play cricket on the Eltham College field? The answer is that it all depends on what you mean by "play".

The school magazine records that on 23rd May 1914 the 1st XI played against Dr W.G.Grace's XI at the school. The visitors batted first and made 153 for 6 declared, Grace and two others did not bat. The school replied and had made 73 for 3 when bad light stopped play, and we can safely assume that the Grand Old Man fielded even if he did not bat. (Was this the famous occasion when he let a ball glide past his feet and complained that the grass had been laid too low?) This match would have been played on the ground in front of the school buildings. It is worth recording too that in July 18th of the same year in a return match, played on the Eltham C.C. ground, W.G. did bat but only scored one run before being bowled by one Richard Rees, for whom it must have been the pinnacle of his sporting career. The school lost the match by 181 runs to 89. The Doctor died the following year, so this must have been almost his last, if not his very last, game.

In 1940, when visiting teams were hard to find, Mr C.S.C.Duchesne, who was in charge of the school cricket at the time, arranged a scratch team which, believe it or not, included the famous Jack Hobbs. The match scores are not available as the school magazine was economising on paper, but Hobbs' opening partner was an Old Boy who had only left the school the previous year.

Later still M.G.Brearley played at Eltham, but on that occasion he was still a schoolboy playing for the City of London School, so he did not receive the red carpet treatment that would have been his due in later years.

CONTACT DETAILS

Emergencies

Crime-stoppers (Anonymous information) 0800 555 111
Victim Support 020 8854 1113

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ELTHAM AREA

Police:

Crime & incident reporting (24 hours) 020 8853 1212
Eltham Sector Office (Answerphone) 020 8284 5723
Or 020 8284 5653
Eltham Station Office (24 Hours) 020 8284 5625
Eltham Fax number 020 8828 5690
Youth Crime Reduction Officers 020 8284 5780
Eltham Police Station – 20, Well Hall Road, SE9 6SF.

General:

Fly tipping 0800 80 70 60
Graffiti hotline 020 8921 6881
Noisy car alarms (LBG Environmental Health) 020 8854 8888
LBG Switchboard 020 8854 8888
- Road/pavement damage Ext. 5466
- Street lighting Ext. 5480
Abandoned cars 020 8921 5703
Refuse disposal 020 8921 4663
Or 020 8921 4636

BROMLEY AREA

Police:

Ins. Laney & Sgt Jarvest 020 8284 8703
Sector Office 020 8284 8786
Jim Duncan (Home Beat Officer) Mobile 0770 3682 820
Neighbourhood watch (PC Ken Acott) 020 8284 8849
Crime Help Desk 020 8284 8052
Crime Prevention Advice 020 8284 8972
General Enquiries (Next step down from 999 calls) 020 8313 1212

General:

LBB Switchboard 020 8464 3333
Rubbish dumping & Graffiti Removal 020 8313 4830
Noise problems (Mon-Fri 8.30 am to 5.00pm) 020 8313 4830
(Other times) 020 8464 4848
Dumped vehicles 020 8313 4236
Parking Shop 020 8313 4518
Park security 020 8658 1593
" " (out of hours emergencies) 020 8464 4848

ROAD STEWARDS

SECTION ONE LEADER - MR TUNSTALL - 65 Leysdown Road 8857 4225

Albert Road	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
Highcombe Close	Mrs Hollingum	33 Devonshire Road	8857 5856
Lulworth Road	Mr Harvie	16 Lulworth Road	8325 3579
Mottingham Road 100-154	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
Porcupine Close	Mrs Washbrook	65 Chapel Farm Road	8857 8122
Sidcup Road 522-620	Mr Tunstall	65 Leysdown Road	8857 4225

SECTION TWO LEADER - MR CHKLAR - 7 Grove Park Road 8857 9440

Hinton Close	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687
Luxfield Road	Miss Dermody	54 West Hallowes	8851 3555
Sidcup Road 375 - 511	Mr Leahey	475 Sidcup Road	8851 4845
Sidcup Road 452-508	Mr Edgar	32 West Park	8851 3788
West Hallowes	Miss Dermody	54 West Hallowes	8851 3555
West Park (odd)	Mr Treadwell	236 Court Road	8857 3433
West Park (even)	Mr & Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	8851 8644

SECTION THREE LEADER - MRS COBB - 7 Carters Hill Close 8857 1944

Beaconsfield Rd	Mrs Pugh	59 Beaconsfield Rd	8851 9678
Carters Hill Close	Mrs Webber	26 Carters Hill Close	8851 3696
Cedar Mount	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Close	8857 1944
Grove Park Rd. (even)	Mr Winpenny	12 Grove Park Road	8857 1417
Grove Park Rd. (odd)	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Road	8857 9208
Hall View	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Road	8857 9208
Model Farm Close	Mr Wakeling	8 Model Farm Close	8249 0544
Mottingham Gardens	Mrs Donoghue	16 Mottingham Gardens	8857 3257
Mottingham Lane	(Vacant)		

SECTION FOUR LEADER - Mrs LOCKWOOD - 23 Court Farm Road 8325 3695

Avondale Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813
Clarence Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813
College View	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813

Court Farm Road	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	8325 3695
Crossway	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	8325 3695
Devonshire Road	Mrs Roberts	4 Mottingham Road	8857 3849
Dorset Road	Mr Heath	11 Dorset Road	8857 1874
Elmhurst Road	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813
Evelyn Court	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	8851 1523
Kippington Drive	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813
Layzell Walk	Mr & Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813
Mottingham Road 1-95	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2657
Mottingham Road 2-58	Mr Noble	32 Mottingham Road	8851 0608
Portland Crescent	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	8325 3695
Portland Road	Mr. Roberts	27 Portland Road	8851 7032
Silverdale Drive	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	8325 3695
Sycamore Close	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	8851 1523

SECTION FIVE LEADER - MR D. JONES - 260 Court Road 8857 8712

Bill Hamling Close	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Birbetts Road	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Bowmead	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Bromhedge	Mrs. Johnson	23 Hartsmead Road	8857 3604
Chapel Farm Rd (even)	Mrs Robinson	47 Chapel Farm Road	8857 0324
Chapel Farm Rd (odd)	Mrs Johnson	23 Hartsmead Road	8857 3604
Court Road (odd)	Mr Wyborn	240 Court Road	8857 1524
Court Road (even)	Mrs Jones	260 Court Road	8857 8712
Crossmead	Mr Wyborn	240 Court Road	8857 1524
Downleys Close	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Hartsmead Road	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Lavidge Road	(Vacant)		
Leysdown Road	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Margaret Gardner Drive	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Ministry Way	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Mottingham Road 127-205	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Sidcup Road 551-655	(Vacant)		

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