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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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MRA MEETINGS 2005

January 26	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
March 23	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
April 27	A.G.M	Oddfellows Hall
May 25	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
July 20	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
September 28	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
November 30	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School

All meetings are on a Wednesday and begin at 8.00PM

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It would be nice to use this edition of the newsletter to bring some good news for once –especially at Christmas time. Unfortunately there seems to be only bad news – worst of all the fact that this year there may be no Christmas lights in Mottingham.

Local traders with the help of a donation from the Residents Association have for the past few years paid for the distinctive Christmas tree shaped lights which are displayed on lamp posts by the shops in Mottingham Road.

Many residents have said how much they appreciate the lights and how cheerful they make the village seem during the Festive season.

This year however it looks as though the village will have to remain in darkness because of a demand from Bromley council for £5 Million of public liability insurance. There seems little prospect of being able to raise the money for this and so the lights will have to stay in storage.

There's another body blow on the horizon for the village as well in the shape of a proposal by the Hutchinson mobile phone company for a 50 foot mast to be erected on the pavement between the BP garage and the War Memorial. No formal application has yet been made to Bromley council for permission to erect the mast but consultants employed by Hutchinson have completed their report and it may just be a matter of time – especially as the mast is for the new generation of 3G phones which are now beginning to come onto the market in a big way.

The Residents Association is committed to fighting any application for a mast on this site but coming on top of the Christmas lights fiasco, it seems as if we are continually having to fight an uphill battle to try and improve life in the village.

There is one good piece of news however. For the first time in many years all the shops in Mottingham village are now occupied. The last remaining empty shop at 43 Mottingham Road was recently renovated and re-opened opening as a lighting store.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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50 FT TELEPHONE MAST WOULD "BLEND IN"



How the proposed phone mast would look.

It seemed like an elaborate hoax when some residents in Mottingham Village received a letter about the erection of a 50 ft mobile phone mast on the pavement next to the War Memorial. Unfortunately it was not a joke. The letter was a real one from consultants acting for the Hutchinson 3 Mobile company who want to erect what's known as a "base station" on the pavement between the War Memorial and the BP garage. As well as a 50ft metal pole, the base station would also consist of metal cabinets housing equipment.

Among the claims made by the consultants was that the pole would "blend into the local street scene", that the site was not in a residential area and that there was no risk to health. They asked for comments!

Predictably they got rather a lot of comments – by letter, phone and e-mail – and all of them surprisingly were against the idea.

Hutchinson now have to make their mind up whether to go ahead with a planning application for the mast to Bromley council. They have been told that if they do, the Residents Association will fight it tooth and nail!

To help you make up your mind on the proposal, above is an impression of what the pole might look like if planning permission was granted. It was produced by the consultants acting for Hutchinson and sent to local councillors.

The consultants also produced a list of other sites they had investigated for the pole – and the reasons they were rejected (in brackets). These included:

- Council building roof at The Mound, William Barefoot Drive (too close to houses)
- Pavement at the junction of William Barefoot Drive/Southold Rise (too close to houses)
- Pavement at junction of William Barefoot Drive and Jason Walk (too close to houses)
- The Farmhouse, 57 Jason Walk (building not tall enough)
- James Newman Court roof, Great Harry Drive (Greenwich council not in favour)
- Porcupine Public House, Mottingham (no response from owners)
- Merryfield House roof, Charlesfield (Lewisham council not in favour)
- St Edwards Day Centre, St Keverne Road (building not tall enough)
- The Royal Tavern, Court Road (too far from coverage area – but earmarked for possible future use)

At the time of going to press, there was still no news of whether Hutchinson was going ahead with the plan.

NURSERY TALE

Bromley planners are currently deciding whether to allow a potato research unit at Mottingham Hall in Mottingham Lane to become a children's nursery. The recently constructed brick building is immediately opposite the Fairmount Residential Care Home and at the top of the drive leading down to the New Lodge Riding stables. Since being built it has never been used as a potato research unit and the owners have now applied for a change of use to a nursery. Local residents have objected on the grounds the site is designated for agricultural use and that a nursery would generate extra traffic. The road is already congested with parents dropping off their children at the Eltham College junior school nearby during term time and residents say another school would make the road impassable. Bromley has promised further consultation with local residents.

UNSIGHTLY MESS – 1

We are often asked what's happening to the site next to the Methodist church in Mottingham. After the house adjoining the church hall was demolished contractors moved in to lay the foundations for a new development of flats on the site. Unfortunately it seems the work might have caused some damage to the church building itself and there are currently "discussions" between the church and the builders as to what happens next. In the meantime the plot continues to be an eyesore and we have asked Bromley council to check on the safety of the fencing panels which seem to fall over frequently and could cause injury to a passer by!

UNSIGHTLY MESS – 2

Some good news about another eyesore in the village. After years of neglect – number 43 Mottingham Road has finally been occupied and is now a lighting shop. While it was empty it gave rise to scores of complaints but now it's been completely renovated and re-decorated and is the smartest shop on the block! It was Bromley Council who finally got the ball rolling when they threatened the then owner with a compulsory purchase order.

Is this the first time for many years that every shop in Mottingham has been occupied?

MOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL

The dates have been announced for next year's Mottingham Festival. It will take place between June 15th and 29th. The theme of the Festival is "Happiness" and the highlight will be a fete on the Mottingham Playing Fields in Grove Park Road on Saturday June 25th.

CLEAR VISION

Our thanks to the Headmaster of Eltham College – Paul Henderson – for improving road safety at the busy roundabout by his school entrance. For years drivers moving out from Mottingham Lane into the roundabout risked having their bonnets removed by cars coming from Grove Park Road – often at high speeds. This was because a fence on the school boundary severely restricted the vision of the Mottingham Lane motorists who had no choice but to creep right out into the middle of the island before they could see what was about to hit them! Now the offending piece of fencing has been removed and driving is much safer!

CRACKDOWN ON No 61 BUS

There's to be a big crackdown on anti-social behaviour by schoolchildren on the No 61 bus route. Following scores of complaints about children from Coopers and Beaverwood schools, the bus company, Transport for London and Bromley Neighbourhood Watch are launching a joint campaign for six months to target the culprits. Called 'Buswatch' it will post people on the route to report any incidents. There will also be a poster campaign warning schoolchildren of the consequences if they are caught. The route was chosen because of the large number of complaints about the behaviour of children from the two schools.

GRAFFITI CLEAR UP

Graffiti in shop doorways has become an unwelcome feature in Mottingham Village recently. One individual in particular is known to be responsible for the majority of it but has yet to be caught in the act by police. The end result of his juvenile scribbles however is a complete eyesore with virtually every doorway daubed and defaced. The landlords of the premises are not known for their speed of action in putting things right so thanks to MRA member Sally Babi and friends who went out one Saturday morning and cleaned it all off.

PS. Bromley councillor Roger Charsley holds a regular graffiti cleaning session on the second Tuesday of the month at 10.00 starting at the Scout Hut in Court Farm Road.

HAIRDRESSER RETIRES

Mike O'Connell – the other half of Terry and Mike's barbers shop in Portland Road has decided to hang up his scissors and call it a day. Mike's been running the shop on his own since Terry's retirement but has now decided it's time for him to put up his feet as well. That leaves the village without a man's hairdresser for the time being but we are assured by the shop's owner that the sound of scissors will be heard at the premises again in the not too distant future.

COURT ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Once again the traffic lights at the junction of Court Road and the A20 have been playing up. Instead of remaining on green for at least 30 seconds they have been staying on green for only 3 to 5 seconds. This has meant long queues building up down Court Road. The junction is the responsibility of Transport for London who can be contacted on 0845 3051234. You should ask for street management. A word of warning – it takes a long time to get through so be patient. Alternatively you can e-mail them at customerservices@streetmanagement.org.uk

ROAD STEWARDS

Section one

Section leader MRS HOLLINGUM 33, Devonshire Road 8857 5856			
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Highcombe Close	Mrs Whale	22 Dorset Road	83257542
Lulworth Road	Mr Harvie	16 Lulworth Road	8325 3579
Mottingham Rd (100-154)	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
127-167	Mrs Evans	135 Mottingham Road	8857 2470
169- 203A	Mrs Boyd	171 Mottingham Road	07951 091805
Porcupine Close	Sally Babi	41a Mottingham Road	07947 301581
Sidcup Road (522-620)		VACANT	

Section two

Section leader MR CHKLAR, 7 Grove Park Road 8857 9440			
Hinton Close	Mr Julyan	9 West Park	8857 9440
Luxfield Road	Ms Kennedy	34 West Park	8857 4328
Sidcup Rd 375-511	Mr Leakey	457 Sidcup Road	8851 4845
452- 508	Mr Chklar	7 Grove Park Road	8857 9440
West Hallowes	Ms Kennedy	34 West Park	8857 0525
West Park (odd)	Mr Julyan	9 West Park	8857 4328
West Park (even)	Mr and Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	8851 8644

Section three

Section leader MRS COBB 7 Carters Hill Close 8857 1944			
Beaconsfield Road	Mrs Pugh	59 Beaconsfield Road	8851 9678
Carters Hill Close	Mrs Webber	28 Carters Hill Close	8851 3696
Cedar Mount	Mrs Cobb	7 Carters Hill Close	8857 1944
College View	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687
Grove Park Road (even)	Mr Keable	54 Grove Park Road	8857 4183
odd	Mr Barker	78 Grove Park Road	8857 9208
Hall View	Mr Barker	ditto	ditto
Kippington Drive	Mrs Ewin	3 Kippington Drive	-
Layzell Walk	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687
Model Farm Close	Mr Wakeling	8 Model Farm Close	8249 0544
Mottingham Gardens	Mrs Donoghue	16 Mottingham Gardens	8857 3257
Mottingham Lane	Miss McDonald	25 Carters Hill Close	8857 6947
Mottingham Road (1-95)	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687

Section four

Section leader MRS LOCKWOOD 23, Court Farm Road 8325 3695			
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Clarence Road	Mr and Mrs Foster	15 Clarence Road	8851 2813
Court Farm Road	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	8325 3695
Crossway	Mrs Lockwood	ditto	
Devonshire Road	Mrs Watterson	4 Teign Mews	8851 9713
Dorset Road	Mr/Mrs Luxford	16 Dorset Rd	8851 8202
Elmhurst Road	Mrs Keable	54 Grove Park Road	8857 4183
Evelyn Rogers Court	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	8851 1523
Mottingham Rd (2-56)	Mr/Mrs Luxford	16 Dorset Road	8851 8202
Portland Crescent	Mrs Shimell,	7 Lulworth Road	8851 3495
Portland Road	Mrs Shimell	ditto	
Silverdale Drive	Mrs Lockwood	23 Court Farm Road	8325 3695
Sycamore Close	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	8851 1523

Section five

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Birbetts Road	Mrs Henderson		
Bowmead	Mrs Henderson		
Chapel Farm Rd odd and even	Mr/Mrs Laurance	47 Chapel Farm Rd	8857 4234
Lavidge Road	Mr/Mrs Laurance		
Margaret Gardner Drive	Mrs Henderson		
Ministry Way	Mrs Henderson		

Section six

Section leader MR HILL 53 Leysdown Road 8857 3798			
Bromhedge	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Court Road (even)	Mr/Mrs Jones	260 Court Road	8857 8712
Court Road (odd)	Mr Wyborn	240 Court Road	8857 1524
Crossmead	Mr Wyborn	- see above	
Downleys Close	Mr Hill	- see above	
Hartsmead Road	Mr Garforth	16 Hartsmead Road	8851 5122
Leysdown Road	Mr Hill	- see above	
Sidcup Road (551 655)	Mr Garforth	- see above	