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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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MRA MEETINGS 2007

January 24	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
March 28	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
April 25	A.G.M	Oddfellows Hall
May 23	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
July 18	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
September 26	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
November 28	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School

All meetings are on a Wednesday and begin at 8.00PM

ANY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION CAN ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND RAISE MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN. IF YOU COULD LET THE CHAIRMAN OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE KNOW BEFOREHAND IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

PLANNING WARS

The object of the Mottingham Residents Association - inscribed in every membership card - is to safeguard the interests of the residents of Mottingham.

Never has that been more necessary than in the past year when the Association has had to contest numerous planning applications which could radically change - for the worse - the whole look and feel of the village. As an example of what could happen look at the two pictures below.

Picture 1 is the bungalow at 2A Court Farm Road - a perfectly good small family home built in the 1950s and situated near the Eltham College roundabout.



Picture 2 is a three storey block comprising 6 two-bedroom flats and 3 one-bedroom flats.



The link between the two may not be immediately obvious but it is a local man **Mr Jonathan Read** who has applied to demolish the bungalow and replace it with the block of flats. Mr Read lives in Mottingham Lane and needless to say his house is not overlooked by the same sort of three storey block of flats he is seeking to impose on people in Court Farm Road!

PLANNING WARS continued

The Court Farm Road application is just the latest in a long line of similar plans flooding into local councils at the moment. Needless to say the only person who thinks this particular plan is a good idea is Mr Read himself. Everyone else including neighbours, the Residents Association and Bromley council all think it's a dreadful idea and are opposing his application tooth and nail.

Bromley has already turned the plan down but Mr Read has now appealed to the Government Inspectors and at the time of this newsletter going to press, a decision is still awaited.

In the view of the Residents Association, if his appeal succeeds, it will be carte blanche for developers to seize on any site in the village and replace perfectly good houses with blocks of flats. The whole shape and character of village will be altered.

HOW WE KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS

Part of the money raised by your subscriptions goes on obtaining copies of all planning applications made to Bromley and Greenwich Councils. That is how we keep track of proposals like Court Farm Road above and also Philips and Dear (see later)

We receive lists from each council every month which we discuss and decide what action - if any - to take. Where we think there are important issues for the whole village, we make our views known to the council and also alert local residents.

It is important to stress that the Residents Association does not oppose planning applications for the sake of it - only where we think they will have a detrimental effect.

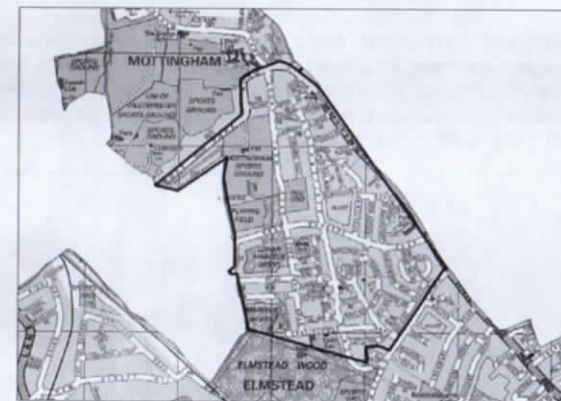
We therefore fought against a mobile phone mast by the War Memorial and anyone who has seen the mast at its eventual home outside the Dutch House pub will see we were right to do so.

Similarly when Gilberts garage closed down we opposed an application from Kwik-Fit but didn't oppose the application from Warrs the Harley Davidson people who are there now. Apart from the occasional loud roar from over-sized middle aged men on over-sized motorbikes, it is a much better proposition for the village than queues of cars getting their rusty exhausts replaced on a Sunday morning.

The key to successfully challenging bad planning applications is for local residents to write in or e-mail their local council. The more individuals who write and e-mail, the more likely the local council are to take notice.

This was demonstrated yet again recently with the application to turn Phillips and Dear into a late night take-away which was soundly defeated after dozens of letters, e-mails and two petitions.

KIMMERIDGE STAYS OUT OF BOUNDS TO TROUBLEMAKERS



Police are to seek an extension of the dispersal order which has been in force in the Kimmeridge area since June and has proved a big success.

The order covers an area bounded by Grove Park Road, Mottingham Road and Elmstead Lane and allows police to move on groups of people or individuals who are causing trouble.

Ironically it has proved most popular with local youngsters on the estate because it enables police to target gangs from outside the area who come in looking for trouble.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL SPLITS

The Mottingham and Chislehurst Safer Neighbourhood panel is to split into two separate bodies. After holding joint monthly meetings for the past year, Chislehurst members felt their interests would be best served by having their own meetings from now on. The next meeting of the Mottingham panel will be on January 23 at Castlecombe Youth Club in Castlecombe Road at 7 PM.

Mottingham is now policed by two safer neighbourhood teams - one based in Chislehurst provided by Bromley police and the other based in Well Hall Road provided by Greenwich police - see contact details on back page.

XMAS LIGHTS

Our thanks again to Eltham College who are funding the Christmas lights in Mottingham this year. There will also be a Christmas tree in front of the Methodist church which is decorated by children from Dorset Road Infant school

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There was the biggest turnout for many years at the Remembrance Day service in Nottingham this year. Organised by Churches Together in Nottingham, the service was held on the forecourt of the Porcupine which landlord Ted Hedges had decked out with Union Jacks for the occasion. The pictures below were supplied by Mr Hedges and Danny Wilson of the Nottingham Safer Neighbourhood team.



PHILLIPS AND DEAR



The Association recently won a major victory against a plan to turn the former Phillips and Dear electrical shop into a late night take-away.

We have commented in the past on the fact that Mottingham seems to have more off-licences and take-aways than anywhere else in South London. At the last count there were 11 premises where you can buy alcohol or food till late at night – all in the space of 100 yards between the BP garage by the War Memorial and the Spar supermarket on the corner of Court Road.

In their wake comes a raft of problems from under-age drinking and gangs of youths to noise, smells and litter – all of which have combined in recent years to make Mottingham village an unpleasant place to be especially at night and weekends.

It wasn't surprising therefore that the application to turn Phillips and Dear's shop into yet another late-night takeaway open till 11 pm proved to be the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back and there was a furious reaction from local residents.

Greenwich Council was bombarded with 57 letters and e-mails of opposition and a petition containing 30 names. As a result, the initial planning hearing in September was postponed and eventually took place on November 8th at the Lionel Road Community Centre on Westhorpe Avenue. Feelings were still running high and a large number of local residents turned out on the night and also presented another petition – this time containing 80 signatures.

The Chairman of the Residents Association and the Membership Secretary Mrs Mackway-Jones made speeches opposing the application as did several residents. The only speech in favour of the plan came from the agent acting from the applicant who wouldn't reveal who his client was. There had been rumours it was Dominos Pizzas or even McDonalds but although challenged directly by a member of the audience, he flatly refused to reveal their identity.

When it came to the turn of the planning committee to have their say, every councillor who spoke – regardless of their political party – supported the residents and the application was unanimously voted down.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Residents Association desperately needs volunteers to act as road stewards to distribute our newsletters and collect subs.

We currently have vacancies on a number of roads in Mottingham. If you are interested you should contact the Membership Secretary Mrs Mackway – Jones on 8857 5886.

The Association is strictly non-political and is happy to tackle anything from dustbins that aren't emptied to someone trying to build a block of flats next to your house. We also work with the local police on trying to beat crime and help organise events like the Remembrance Day service.

If you want to play a part in your local community, this is the ideal way to do it. It's also a very good way of getting to know your neighbours and the local area.

IF WE ALL STAND BACK - NOTHING GETS DONE!

JIM DUNCAN

Jim Duncan who was for some years the local beat bobby in Mottingham has retired. An old style, no-nonsense policeman he patrolled Mottingham for five years between 1998 and 2003. For a time he was based on the Kimmeridge estate where crime fell dramatically and he was given the nickname of "Sheriff of Mottingham" by local youngsters.

He was also famous for once ending up in his patrol car in the duck pond at Chislehurst. Anyone who saw the Metro bobbing up and down gently in the water with the blue light still flashing will never forget the sight. "Diving" without due care and attention was one of the kinder comments made at the time!

In recognition of his service to Mottingham and the other communities he has served during his career, Jim has been nominated by the Metropolitan Police for a Lifetime Achievement Award.

UNDER AGE DRINKING

Police have appealed to adults not to buy alcohol for under age youngsters who hang around outside off-licences and supermarkets. It's one of the most common tricks employed by youngsters to get their hands on alcohol and whilst most adults refuse their requests to buy drink for them, others aren't so fussy.

In a recent case on the Kimmeridge estate a 13 year old girl was found by police in a drunken stupor and had to be taken to hospital. It transpired she had asked a man to buy a bottle of vodka for her which he had done. He had then insisted she follow him down an alley behind the shops before he would hand over the drink.

The girl was lucky because on this occasion the man handed over the bottle and did nothing else but the police say she was potentially in danger and the consequences could easily have been appalling.

ROAD STEWARDS

Section one

Section leader	MRS HOLLINGUM - 33 Devonshire Road		8857 5856
Albert Road	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
Highcombe Close	Mrs Whale	22 Dorset Road	8325 7542
Lulworth Road	Mr Harvie	16 Lulworth Road	8325 3579
Mottingham Rd			
100-154	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
127-167	VACANT		
169- 203A	VACANT		
Porcupine Close	Sally Babi	41a Mottingham Road	07947 301581
Sidcup Road (522-620)	VACANT		

Section two

Section leader	MR CHKLR - 7 Grove Park Road		8857 9440
Hinton Close	Mr/Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	8851 8644
Luxfield Road	Ms Kennedy	34 West Park	8857 0525
Sidcup Rd			
375-511	Mr Chklar	7 Grove Park Road	8857 9440
452- 508	Mr Chklar	7 Grove Park Road	8857 9440
West Hallowes	Ms Kennedy	34 West Park	8857 0525
West Park (odd)	Mr/Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	8851 8644
West Park (even)	Mr / 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 Longhurst	17 Mottingham Gardens	8860 9349
Mottingham Lane	Miss McDonald	25 Carters Hill Close	8857 6947
Mottingham Road	Mrs Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687

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Section four

Section leader CHRISTINE WOOD - 19 Evelyn Rogers Court 8857 0536

Avondale Road	Mrs McDougall	8 Avondale Road	8851 9547
Clarence Road	VACANT		
Court Farm Road			
1-45	Mr/Mrs Bell	1 Mottingham Road	8851 8939
47-103	Mr/Mrs Huxley	71 Court Farm Road	
Crossway	Mr/Mrs Bell	1. Mottingham Road	8851 8939
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 Rd	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	ditto
Silverdale Drive	Mr/Mrs Bell	1 Mottingham Road	8851 8939
Sycamore Close	Mrs Swanton	9 Model Farm Close	8851 1523

Section five

Section leader	MRS HENDERSON	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Bill Hamling Close	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Birbetts Road	Mrs Henderson	ditto	ditto
Bowmead	Mrs Henderson	ditto	ditto
Chapel Farm Rd	Mr/Mrs Laurance	47 Chapel Farm Rd	8857 4234
Lavidge Road	VACANT		
Margaret Gardner Drive	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Ministry Way	Mrs Henderson	ditto	ditto

Section six

Section leader	MR HILL	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Bromhedge	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Court Road (even)	VACANT		
Court Road (odd)	Mr Wyborn	240 Court Road	8857 1524
Crossmead	Mr Wyborn	ditto	ditto
Downleys Close	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Hartsmead Road	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Leysdown Road	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Sidcup Road (551- 655)	VACANT		