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# MOTTINGHAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF  
MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
FOUNDED 1932



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# MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## MRA MEETINGS 2008

January 30	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
March 26	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
April 23	A.G.M	Oddfellows Hall
May 21	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
July 16	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
September 24	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
November 26	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.

## CAN YOU REMEMBER THE OLD SHOPS?

One of the main topics of conversation in Mottingham recently has been about the shops there used to be in the village and the wide range of things they sold. It wasn't so many years ago that Mottingham boasted a butchers, a bakers and no fewer than two greengrocers. There was also a grocery store where they cut butter from a slab and where you could have your bacon sliced to order on the counter in front of you. And there was a wet fish shop .....

It was the wet fish shop - and the death of Dennis Linscott - the man who ran it for many years which started the conversation about the "old days". Dennis was known affectionately as "Dennis the Fish" because for many years he and his wife Joan had run their shop - "West Park Fisheries" - at 55 Mottingham Road.

He took over the shop in 1953 from Joan's father and ran it for 28 years. Its specialty was smoked fish which Dennis used to smoke on the premises in a large kiln at the rear of the shop. People used to come from miles around to sample these local delicacies and a particular favourite was apparently bloaters. Unfortunately the shop closed down in 1981 but Dennis stayed on in the fish business and worked for 14 years at Harrods looking after their famous fish counter.



Situated where the Chinese take-away now is, the shop is still remembered clearly by many local people even though it closed down 26 years ago.

In honour of Dennis's memory and the "old Mottingham" we thought we would take a look back and ask how many of these other old shops do residents remember :

**Rogers Hardware** (now the chemists)

**Mottingham Home Stores** (Indian restaurant)

**Express Dairy** (kebab shop)

**Co-op Stores and Butcher**, (Star supermarket, Court Road)

**Mottingham Shoe Company** (cleaning materials shop)

**Brisley's Wine Store** (nail shop)

**Gays Tobacco and Toy shop** (motorcycle shop) and

**Swans grocers** (dry cleaners)

There were also two greengrocers - one where the tyre repair shop is and the other where the carpet shop is. Can anyone remember their names?



## FLORAL DISPLAYS

It was great to see some flowers outside the Mottingham Road shops this year.

A long campaign by the Residents Association saw four pyramids of geranium flowers appear on the pavement one morning – courtesy of Bromley Council – and remain there throughout the Summer. Not only did they provide a much needed splash of colour, but they also provided a talking point about what else could be done to brighten up the village.

One suggestion from local councillor Roger Charsley was a village sign – and discussions are now taking place as to the cost of a sign and where it might be situated.

A possible site is by the holly tree on the piece of land next to the Methodist church. It's right on the junction with Court Road and at the heart of the village. Anyone got any other suggestions?

## PHILLIPS AND DEAR

Plans to convert the former Phillips and Dear electrical shop into a late night takeaway have been finally scuppered.

Almost a year after local councillors voted down the proposal, a Government Inspector has backed the decision and rejected an appeal by a company called Brentwood Investments on behalf of an unnamed client. The Inspector concluded a late night takeaway would create too much noise and disturbance and this would have an adverse effect on people living nearby.

The would-be owners had claimed there would be NO increase in noise and that a late night takeaway would add "vitality" to the area. The Inspector rejected these arguments saying there was likely to be considerable noise not just from cars but also from loud conversations between customers on the pavement outside.

Any benefits - she concluded - would be outweighed by the harm to the local community.

Her decision and the reasons behind it could prove vital in any future applications for takeaways in the village because she also ruled it was contrary to Greenwich's own development plan - something Greenwich's planners will presumably now take on board!

Thanks to everyone who wrote in and objected – and especially to those people who turned out to the appeal hearing which was held in Woolwich and at a time and on a day when many people couldn't make it because of work or other commitments.

Particular thanks also to the motorists who double parked outside the shop when the Inspector visited the area. Without realising it they helped our case enormously because one of the other main objections to the plan was the lack of parking facilities in the area and the fact that people using the shop would have the double park! Greenwich planning officials had originally claimed there was ample parking ...

PS. The identity of the firm involved remained a secret right to the end but rumours persist locally that it was Dominos Pizza.

## RUBBISH COLLECTION – BIG CHANGES

Big changes are on the way to rubbish collections in the Greenwich part of Mottingham – but there is no need to worry that you'll be left with mounds of rotting rubbish as a result.

Unlike some of the councils reported in the media recently who switched to fortnightly collections and left local residents complaining about the smell from decaying garden and food waste, Greenwich is actually stepping up the number of collections.

Starting in January, blue top recycling bins will be emptied once a week instead of once a fortnight. At the same time a new black bag collection is being introduced once a fortnight for rubbish which can't be recycled. This includes polystyrene, tetra packs and waxed cartons

Green bins will continue to be emptied weekly as at present.

The aim is to try and dramatically increase the amount of rubbish being recycled in the Borough and the new service officially starts on Monday, January 21.

As well as extra home collections, Greenwich is also introducing more special recycling banks which will be colour coded.

Blue containers will take used household batteries and mobile phones.

Pink bins will be for small electrical items like hairdryers, irons, toasters and kettles.

Black bins for recycling waxed cartons are being trialled at five locations.

## RUBBISH ON TV

One of the biggest moans from Bromley residents visiting the popular Waldo Road re-cycling centre is the long queues that build up-especially at weekends. Often the queues stretch back into Homesdale Road and cause severe traffic disruption.

Now Bromley council has come up with a novel idea to try and beat the problem.

They have installed two web cameras - one facing towards the centre and the other away from it. So before setting off on your journey, all you need do is pop onto the Bromley council web site to see what the traffic is like.

If the cameras show long queues, then just sit back and have another cup of tea and try later.

To access the site go to:

[http://www.bromley.gov.uk/environment/recycling/recyclingsites/Waldo\\_WebCams.htm](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/environment/recycling/recyclingsites/Waldo_WebCams.htm).

It probably won't beat Doc Martin in the TV ratings but it's a lot more useful!!



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This years Remembrance Day service in Mottingham was even bigger and more moving than last year. An estimated 300 people gathered on the forecourt of The Porcupine pub to pay their respects to the men and women who died in the two World Wars and in the many conflicts since then.

Music was provided by the Mottingham Band and the service was conducted by Churches Together in Mottingham – an organisation which represents the three local C of E churches (St Andrews, St Edwards and St Albans), the Catholic church (Our Lady, Help of Christians) and the Methodist church in Mottingham Road.

Special thanks to Ted Hedges – landlord of The Porcupine for allowing use of the car park and providing refreshments afterwards. Also to Sgt John Ward and the police Safer Neighbourhood Team who diverted traffic around the village so that the two minute silence at 11 o'clock was "silent".

Selection of photographs taken by Paul Whelan



## OBITUARY – Tom Hodges



One of Mottingham's oldest residents and a former President of the Residents Association TOM HODGES has died at the age of 95.

Tom who was chief book buyer for WH Smith until his retirement was also a book collector in his own right and had a large personal collection of first editions and books autographed by their author.

His funeral took place on October 23.

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

The Mottingham and Chislehurst North panel has now been in operation for two years, working closely with the Police SN team based in the new Police Office behind HSBC in Chislehurst. We meet every 6 weeks to discuss local community issues, police activities, initiatives and priorities. Reports are passed up to the Bromley Community Engagement Forum which is responsible for the Boroughwide strategic policing and the Safer Bromley Partnership.

The panel comprises people from a number of areas within our Ward and besides the police SN team and Councillors it includes representatives dealing with young people, the Learning shop, the Schools, St Edwards Church, and the MRA. Others would be very welcome, and if anyone is interested in joining the Panel please let me know.

In recent months the panel has discussed issues such as; the provision of additional facilities for young people, criminal activities in the area, prevalent motoring offences, under age drinking - including how and where alcohol is acquired, and particular issues that have arisen and required Police attention.

You can find out more about the Safer Neighbourhood teams by visiting: [www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods](http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods) **Laurie Bell, Chair** [lawriebell@aol.com](mailto:lawriebell@aol.com)

## POST SCAM IS A SCAM!

There's a scam going round at the moment - about a postal scam. Lots of local people are being warned that they could receive a postcard telling them someone tried to deliver a parcel and asking them to ring a premium rate phone number to arrange another delivery. The number given is 0906 661 1911. The warning says the number is in fact in Belize and that people are being charged £15 a time if they ring it.

This was indeed the case in 2005 but the number was subsequently shut down by the mobile phone regulator ICSTIS. It physically no longer exists so the ICSTIS people are puzzled as to why the story is one again going the rounds on the internet.

If you want more details go to [www.phonepayplus.org.uk](http://www.phonepayplus.org.uk) - the new ICSTIS web site - where there is an official statement.



## GOODNIGHT ALL ...



PC Andy Johnson who was one of Mottingham's biggest characters – literally – has retired from the Metropolitan police after 30 years service.

He took over as our local beat bobby when Jim Duncan retired and quickly made his mark.

A large man, he was difficult to miss but for local people his great strength was that he was a good old fashioned policeman who knew everybody and was liked by everybody. This was occasionally a trial for his superiors when they went out on the beat with him since it could take hours to cover just a few hundred yards because everyone wanted to talk to him!

His leaving do at Chislehurst British Legion was attended by the Bromley commander Chief Superintendent Charles Griggs which shows the respect senior officers had for Andy.

There was also an interesting story about an elderly lady and Andy's trousers which should perhaps be left to another time ...

## BP MAKEOVER

Good news - the BP garage in Mottingham has had a makeover and become a Marks and Spencer's outlet.

Bad news - the cash machine which has proved a boon to many local people has temporarily disappeared from inside the shop.

The garage has however applied for planning permission to re site it outside the garage by the night till so that it's available 24 hours a day.

The Residents Association are asking for assurances about the extra litter likely to be created by till receipts and the noise affecting the elderly residents of Evelyn Rogers Court which adjoins the garage.

## VOLUNTEERS

Bromley police are looking for civilian volunteers to help in a number of roles including front counter duties at the Chislehurst police station (behind the Midland Bank).

Further details from Sara - Jane Flynn or Naz Djemal on 8284 8782.

## PUB WATCH

Local pubs and restaurants are being asked to join together to clamp down on yobs who make life a misery for landlords and people who live near to pub premises.

It's the idea of Richard Eden who runs the Queens Head pub in Chislehurst next to the lower pond. He wants to set up a Pub Watch scheme in Chislehurst and Mottingham so that when yobs do cause trouble they are automatically barred from all the pubs in the area.

"At the moment" says Richard "they get barred from one pub and just go to the next one down the road and cause trouble there. With this scheme the word will go out and they won't be allowed into any licensed premises at all".

It's not just drunkenness which causes the problem, he says but general vandalism and rowdiness in and around pubs. Free travel on buses for under 16 year olds has made the problem much worse because youths come to the area from all over South London and are roaming the streets till the early hours.

Richard says he had a lot of support so far from local pubs and restaurants and also from the police Safer Neighbourhood team.

If you run a licensed premises and would like to join the scheme, Richard can be contacted on 07738 197895.

## SUNDAY OPENING

Bromley council is to run an experiment with library opening on Sundays.

It's chosen the central library in the High Street for the trial which will run until the end of March next year. During that time the library will open its doors from 1pm to 5pm on every Sunday - apart from Christmas and New Year.

If the experiment is successful it may become permanent and be extended to other libraries in the Borough.

## TO SPEED - OR NOT TO SPEED

A recent survey by Bromley council showed the vast majority of motorists using Mottingham Road kept within the 30 mph speed limit.

The survey was in response to complaints from local residents who felt the road was turning into a speed track resulting in several near misses on the pedestrian crossing by the Methodist church.

The survey was carried out on the stretch of road between the Prince of Wales pub and the junction with Court Road between July 26 and August 3 and showed 85% of vehicles were clocked at 30 mph or less.

That still means that 15% were driving over the limit and the Residents Association is keeping up the pressure on Bromley to erect warning signs asking drivers to slow down.

## 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 Road			
100-154	Mrs Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
127-167	Ms Cater-Smith	167 Mottingham Road	8857 2318
169- 203A	Mrs Hollingum	33 Devonshire Road	8857 5856
Porcupine Close	Ross Howie	11 Dorset Road	8857 1874

### Section two

**Section leader Mac Mackway-Jones 54A Mottingham Road 8857 5886**

Hinton Close	Mr/Mrs Perkins	7 West Park	8851 8644
Luxfield Road	Ralph Harrison	9 West Hallowses	8857 8736
Sidcup Rd			
375-511	Dr M Patel	53 Grove Park Road	8857 7333
452-508	Tracey Tilling	11 West Park	8857 6477
522-620	Dr M Patel	53 Grove Park Road	8857 7333
551-655	Dr M Patel	53 Grove Park Road	8857 7333
West Hallowses	Ralph Harrison	9 West Hallowses	8857 8736
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	Mr O'Hare	2 Court Farm Road	8851 3454
Carters Hill Close	Sheila Blanks	Hill Top, Mottingham Lane	8857 8695
Cedar Mount	Mr O'Hare	2 Court Farm Road	8851 3454
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	78 Grove Park Road	8857 9208
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

### Section four

**Section leader CHRISTINE WOOD - 19 Evelyn Rogers Court 8857 0536**

Avondale Road	Mrs McDougall	8 Avondale Road	8851 9547
Clarence Road	Mrs McDougall	8 Avondale Road	8851 9547
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, Dorset Rd	8851 9713
Dorset Road	Mr/Mrs Luxford	16 Dorset Rd	8851 8202
Elmhurst Road	Mrs Keable	54 Grove Park Rd	8857 4163
Evelyn Rogers Court	Christine Wood	19 Evelyn Rogers Ct	8857 0536
Mottingham Rd			
(2-56)	Mr/Mrs Luxford	16 Dorset Road	8851 8202
Portland Crescent	Mrs Shimell	7 Lulworth Road	8851 3495
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Silverdale Drive	Mr/Mrs Bell	1 Mottingham Road	8851 8939
Sycamore Close	Christine Wood	19 Evelyn Rogers Ct	8857 0536

### 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	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Bowmead	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Chapel Farm Rd	Mr/Mrs Laurance	47 Chapel Farm Rd	8857 4234
Lavidge Road	Ms Clarke	78 Chapel Farm Rd	8355 1236
Margaret Gardner Drive	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Ministry Way	Mrs Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800

### Section six

**Section leader MR HILL 53 Leysdown Road 8857 3798**

Bromhedge	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Court Road (even)	Mr Miller	258 Court Road	8488 0012
Court Road (odd)	Mr Wyborn	240 Court Road	8857 1524
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
Leysdown Road	Mr Hill	53 Leysdown Road	8857 3798
Sidcup Road (551- 655)	VACANT		