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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF
MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
FOUNDED 1932



AUTUMN 2010

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS 2010-2011

President	Mac Mackway-Jones 54A Mottingham Rd, SE9 4QR	8857 5886
Chair	Liz Keable 54 Grove Park Road, SE9 4QB	8857 4183
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Treasurer	Krishna Patel, 49 Elmhurst Road, SE9 4DW	8857 4582
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sally Bettesworth	41A Mottingham Rd. SE9 4QZ	07957372844
Robert Blanks	Hilltop, Mottingham Lane SE9 4RT	8857 8695
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Ian Clarricoats	ditto	
Clive Couldwell	15 Court Farm Road, SE9 4NP	8851 0641
Pat Headley	72 Leysdown Road, SE3	8857 6455
Jim Heath	11 Dorset Road, 4QY	8857 1874
Margaret Henderson	10 Birbets Rd. SE9 3NG	8857 5800
Dr Mayur Patel	53 Grove Park Rd. SE9 4NS	8857 7333
Lynn Seymour	23 Carters Hill Close, SE9 4RS	07838 859 388
Margaret Southam	40 Elmhurst Rd. SE9 4DN	8851 3456
Maria Thurston	19 Elmhurst Road, SE9 4DW	8857 2976

New Committee Members Welcome

MRA MEETINGS 2011

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

All meetings begin at 8.00 pm

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND RAISE MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN

VILLAGE SIGN REPAIR

The eagle-eyed of you will have spotted that the village signs disappeared overnight in early July. Thankfully this was not due to activities by some light-fingered individuals! When the signs were in storage before they were installed, some damage had been incurred. The council had agreed to repair the signs after their unveiling, and duly did so in July. They were replaced in good order in early September.



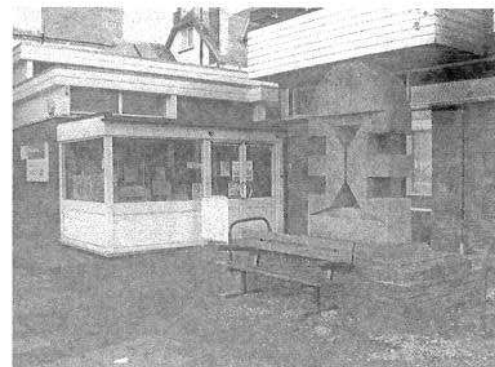
Mottingham Festival

The Mottingham Festival is coming round again: the dates set for the Mottingham Festival Fete 18 June 2011. As before the Festival should run for two weeks. The Festival Committee would welcome volunteers to assist as well as proposals for activities for the Festival.

Contact: John Kennett, 26 Strongbow Road, SE9 1DT. tel:0208 859 5671.

Mottingham Village Library

With all Councils facing big pressures on budgets and the need to identify savings, Bromley's library services inevitably will come under any review. And that means that Mottingham Village Library cannot escape scrutiny. Whether that will lead to the present service continuing or a reduced service is unknown. Likewise we do not know what criteria will be adopted for a review, although usage may well be an important factor.



So, to help ensure the continuation of our local library, we urge readers "use it or you might lose it!"

Police update

A new Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) was appointed for Nottingham and Chislehurst North. The team comprises:



Sgt Ross Noades



PC Mark Mortley



PC Abi Waring



PCSO Natalie McNeill



PCSO Holly Wells



PCSO Kieran Cuffe

Contact details are on the back cover. Priorities for the team are: Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths; Burglary; Dog fighting

The Coldharbour and New Eltham SNT comprise:



Sgt Christopher Hayward



PC Dave Caldwell



PC Nick Knight



PCSO Lisa Kolano



PCSO Josie McIntyre



PCSO Stef Loftus

The team's priorities: Anti Social Behaviour by groups of youths; Drug dealing and using; Youth engagement.

Information on crimes in the neighbourhoods are now logged on the Metropolitan Police's website (this odd looking web link really works!):

<http://maps.met.police.uk/index.php?areacode=00ALGS>

Zooming to the maximum scaling reveals the immediate areas (subwards) for Nottingham covered by the two SNTs: E01000779 and E01001597

It is vital that crime is reported otherwise (a) the police can take no action; and (b) apparent low crime statistics mean that senior police will divert limited resources to other crime hotspots elsewhere.

Recent new initiatives have been more street briefings and creation of 2 new dispersal zones in Nottingham.

YOU can help to prevent the spread of crime and avoid becoming a victim by taking a few simple precautions:

- * Always ensure that doors and windows are locked, even when leaving the house for just a few minutes.
- * Do not leave house or car keys on the hall table or within reach of the letterbox.
- * Do not leave valuables on display.
- * Never invite unknown callers into your home without an appointment AND identification.
- * Do not buy goods or services at the door.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Nottingham Police Team is looking to try and set up neighbourhood watch in your road!

If you are interested or want further information on becoming a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator then contact them on 07880781483 or by e-mail ChislehurstNorth.Snt@met.police.uk

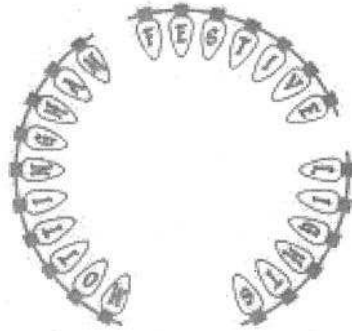


MOTTINGHAM VILLAGE FESTIVE LIGHTS APPEAL

If you have not yet made a donation and would like to do so, forms are available from the library, or from the Secretary of the Lights Committee:

Jim Heath, Telephone: 020 8857 1874.

Don't forget to view the 'Lights' plan in the library soon.



A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

It has been another eventful period in the life of the Association.

The Annual General Meeting was very well attended, with several new members of the Committee appointed. New blood is always welcome and brings fresh ideas and new enthusiasms. Amongst new projects, which the Association is developing, are an e-mail address and website. It is hoped, eventually, to upload some old newsletters to the website. It is interesting to see that whilst many concerns of residents have remained over the last 50 years, a number have changed dramatically!

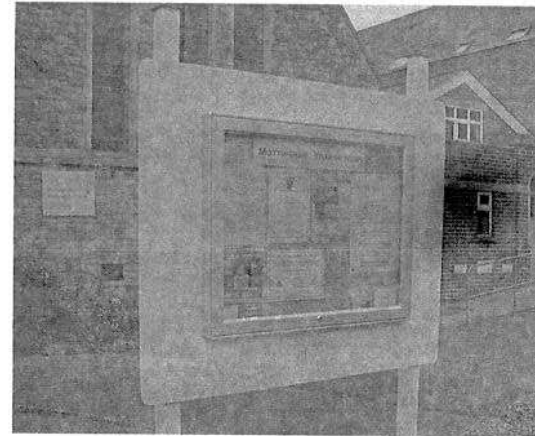
Once more, unwelcome planning applications have dominated the agenda and caused a considerable volume of work. However, I am pleased to report that, thanks to the overwhelming support of residents and our local Councillors, we have succeeded in defeating applications for two major intrusions upon the life of Mottingham. The first, a proposal to site an 11 bedroom hotel in a semi-detached house in a wholly residential road. The second, an application for a telecom mast on the corner of Highcombe Close, adjacent to the War Memorial. The committee is extremely grateful to everyone who e-mailed and wrote countless letters of objection.

On a happier note, the opportunity to update and increase the number of festive lights will enliven the Village and make it an even more attractive place to live, work, shop and do business. The Committee is working with Greenwich and Bromley Town Centre Managers and local Estate Agents try to fill empty shops. Let us know what sort of business YOU would like!

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee and especially the Section Leaders and Road Stewards for their hard work and commitment to the Association. The M.R.A. would not exist without you.

Village Notice Board

The village notice board situated in front of the Methodist Church is now being put to good use to advertise local events and activities, and raise awareness of current planning applications in the neighbourhood. Please make a point of checking the notice board on a regular basis as the notices do change.



If you have - or know of someone who has an event that is to take place locally and want to give it some promotion, then contact:

Jim Heath
11 Dorset Road
London SE9 4QY

tel: 0208 857 1874 or
e-mail jim.heath@dsl.pipex.com

Advertising notices need to be eye-catching and preferably A4 or A3 sizes: as they have to be read from the pavement.

Mottingham Road traffic island

The promised traffic island near the junction of Mottingham Road and Leysdown Road has been marked out and we are assured that it has not become a victim of budgetary cuts. The timescale for completion is unsure but it is still planned to go ahead soon. We may also see a couple of extra parking bays on the road nearer to the shops.

... and More crossing words ...

Bromley Council is thought to be considering putting a new pedestrian crossing in Grove Park Road. This would provide a safer means of crossing a very busy section of road near to Eltham College, and may have the added advantage of slowing down the traffic ...

Another potential change will be to install raised block paving and improved road markings around the War Memorial.

Local stores

Sadly, there is no further news on the future of what used to be Edwards photographer (288 Court Road) or Philips & Dear (77 Mottingham Road). Both shops remain empty – although there have been some signs of work being carried out at No. 77.

The former Mottingham Motor Cycles is re-opening, as **funky furniture** selling both new and second hand items.

Motorcycle repairs are still being carried out at the rear of the shop.

The MRA would be interested to learn what sort of businesses you would like to see open up in such empty premises and would use! By all means write to the Secretary:

Ross Howie
11 Dorset Road
London SE9 4QY.

or email ross.howie@dsl.pipex.com

BROMLEY COUNCIL'S NEW WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Commencing on Monday, 15th October 2010, Bromley Council are changing their waste collection service.

Whilst we applaud their proposals to provide a kitchen caddy with a compostable bag for all food waste, to be collected on a weekly basis along with recyclable paper, we are a little dismayed that, despite previous promises to retain a weekly collection of household refuse, this will now only be carried out fortnightly. The new system will see weekly collections of food waste and paper and alternating two-weekly clearance of refuse and cans/glass etc.

This new service will, initially, run for a trial period until March 2011. We would like to receive members' comments after allowing sufficient time to judge how the system is working.

MOTTINGHAM WHEELCHAIR

If you need a manual wheelchair suddenly, or a walking frame with height adjustment, these are available for short periods.



The 'custodian' is:
Les Huxley, 71 Court Farm Road, Mottingham.
Tel: 020 8857 3671.

There is no charge for use but a small donation for the upkeep is welcome, users must accept that they borrow the chair (or frame) without recourse to the Mottingham Week Committee.

HAVE YOU VISITED MOTTINGHAM WOODS?

Forget the stresses and strains of modern living, the noise and the traffic!



The Friends of the Woods invite you to a choice of three Trails which will take you along rugged paths through coppices of oak, hornbeam and sweet chestnut trees. You will encounter glades of dappled shade, glorious avenues of large, veteran trees and wildlife in abundance.

If you are alert, you will see **grey squirrels**, **voles** and the occasional **hedgehog** or **fox cub**. Listen for the song of the **robin** and **blue tit**, the cry of the **jay** and **magpie** and the drumming of the **woodpecker**. There is even a **Wild Walkabout/Toddler Short Trail** and wheelchair access from Castlecomb Road.

Details of Self Guide Trails are available from the Library. To become a Friend of the Woods, or for further details. telephone: **020 8313 4471**.

A Tribute to Gay Walker, 1937 - 2009

Gay lived in Portland Road for many years and was well known as a valued member of the local community. Gay had surmounted many difficulties in her life but this did not diminish her commitment to the many organisations in which she played an active part. In addition to her role in the Residents' Association, Gay attended the Mottingham Forum, Festival Committee, Keep Fit classes and was a vital member of the Horticultural Society, particularly at Showtime, when the judges were kept going by her delicious lunches!

Many people have benefited from Gay's kindness and generosity. She was particularly concerned for the care of the elderly, and was a great lover of animals. More than anything in the world, Gay loved her grandson, Ben. He is the best tribute which could be paid to her love and care.

STOP PRESS!

A new Road Steward (or two) is needed for 127 to 203A Mottingham Road. If you can help, please phone our membership Secretary, Mac Mackway-Jones on 020 8857 5886.

ROAD STEWARDS

Section 1 - Leader Mrs. HOLLINGUM 33 Devonshire Road 8857 5856

Albert Road	Mrs. Cheeseman	152 Mottingham Road	8851 1747
Highcombe Cl.	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	VACANT		
169-203A	VACANT		
Porcupine Close	Mrs. Robbie	23 Porcupine Close	8857 6367

Section 2 - Leader MAC MACKWAY-JONES

	54A Mottingham Road		8857 5886
Hinton Close	Collins/Oliver	42 West Park	8488 0052
Luxfield Road	Ralph Harrison	9 West Hallows	8857 8736
Sidcup Road			
375.511	Dr. M. Patel	53 Grove Park Rd.	8857 7333
452-508	Dr. M. Patel	53 Grove Park Rd.	8857 7333
522-620	Dr. M. Patel	53 Grove Park Rd.	8857 7333
551-655	Dr. M. Patel	53 Grove Park Rd.	8857 7333
West Hallows	Ralph Harrison	9 West Hallows	8857 8736
West Park (odd)	Sandra Oliver/		
West Park (even)	Noreen Collins	42 West Park	8488 0052

Section 3 - Leader Shiela BLANKS,

	Hilltop, Mottingham Lane		8857 8695
Beaconsfield Rd.	Mrs. Keable	54 Grove Park Road	8857 4183
Carters Hill Cl.	Sheila Blanks	Hilltop, Mottingham Lane	8857 8695
Cedar Mount	Lynn Seymour	23 Carters Hill Close	07838859388
College View	Mrs. Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687
Grove Park Rd (even)	Mrs. Keable	54 Grove Park Road	8857 4183
(odd)	Mr. Barker	78 Grove Park Road	
Hall View	Mr. Barker	78 Grove Park Road	
Kippington Dr.	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
Mott. Gardens	Mrs. Longhurst	17 Mottingham Gardens	8860 9349
Mottingham La.	Miss McDonald	25 Carters Hill Close	8857 6947
Mott. Rd (1-95)	Mrs. Stevens	1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687

Section 4 - Leader Mr. BELL, 1 Mottingham Road.

8851 8939

Avondale Road	Mrs. McDougall	8 Avondale Road	8851 9547
Clarence Road	Maria Thurston	19 Elmhurst Road	8857 2976
Court Farm Road			
1-45	Mr. Bell	1 Mottingham Road	8851 8939
47-103	Mr/Mrs. Huxley	71 Court Farm Road	
Crossway	Mr. Bell	1 Mottingham Road	8851 8939
Devonshire Road	Mrs. Watterson	4 Teign Mews, Dorset Rd.	8851 9713
Dorset Road	Mrs. Whale	22 Dorset Road	8325 7542
Elmhurst Road	Maria Thurston	19 Elmhurst Road	8857 2976
Evelyn Rogers Court	Mrs. Henry	11 Evelyn Rogers Court	
Mottingham Rd			
2-56	Mac Mackway-Jones	54A Mottingham Rd.	8857 5886
Portland Crescent	Mrs. Shimell	7 Lulworth Road	8851 3495
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Silverdale Drive	Mr. Bell	1 Mottingham Road	8851 8939
Sycamore Close	Mrs. Lawrie	265 Court Road	8857 0685

Section 5 - 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
Bromhedge	Mrs. Clarke	78 Chapel Farm Road	8355 1236
Chapel Farm Road			
1 - 51 / 10 - 56	Mr/Mrs. Laurance	47 Chapel Farm Road	8857 4234
53 - 59 / 58 - 100	Ms. Clarke	78 Chapel Farm Road	8355 1236
Lavidge Road	Julia Rutledge	2 Court Farm Road	8851 3454
Margaret Gardner Dr.	Mrs. Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800
Ministry Way	Mrs. Henderson	10 Birbetts Road	8857 5800

Section 6 - Leader Mrs. KEABLE 54 Grove Park Rd. SE9 4QB

8857 4183

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	Mrs. Headley	72 Leysdown Road	8857 6455
Hartsmead Road	Mr. West	33 Hartsmead Road.	
Leysdown Road	Mrs. Headley	72 Leysdown Road.	8857 6455