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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

THE VOICE OF
MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
FOUNDED 1932



Website: www.yourmra.org

2011/2012

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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New Committee Members Welcome

MRA MEETINGS 2012

25th January	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
28th March	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
April	A. G. M. TO BE CONFIRMED	
30th May	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
18th July	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
26th September	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
28th 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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

When I first moved into Mottingham some 50 years ago, we had a wide choice of goods to buy – from a man's suit to a lounge suite: from fresh eels to live fishing bait, and you could even choose the thickness of the rashers you wanted cut from the huge side of bacon on the counter. The arrival of out-of-town shopping malls and supermarkets very soon had a big impact on all village shops, and, with their high rents and taxes, they have to rely on as much local trade as they can get.

One thing that has remained steadfast throughout these years is the Mottingham Residents' Association and their commitment to preserving and enhancing our environment. Some notable achievements include preventing the closure of Dorset Road School, providing not one, but two Village Signs and a notice board, not to mention the lovely village lights which we all enjoyed during the last festive season. None of this could have been achieved without the incredible financial support from our residents and traders.

Every possible effort is now being made to save our precious library from closure – not only for ourselves but also for the education and information of future generations. I am sure every Mottingham resident realises how important this facility is, and uses it as much as possible. In the meantime I can assure you that the MRA will do everything within its power to keep our library going.
Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A RECORDING COMPANY IN THE VILLAGE?

Thirty four years ago, the founders, John Shuttleworth and the late Francis Loring discussed their common vision for the future of recorded music. Their underlying philosophy was to reproduce music with the same quality of sound which is heard in the Concert Hall.

Meridian

Natural Sound Recording

In 1977, they established the independent label **MERIDIAN RECORDS**. They developed a unique method of recording, using just one pair of high quality microphones, instead of multiple microphones. Since that time, the label has succeeded in recording both new and established artists, performing a wide repertoire of known and previously unrecorded works. They have earned a clutch of awards, and praise from fans and critics alike.

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - FINANCIAL OVERVIEW - MARCH 2011

In order to contribute to the annual funding of the Festive Lights, the Annual General Meeting voted, in 2010, to increase the membership by 50p to £2 per year. This has resulted in an increase in revenue of just over £500 for the year as well as an increase of just over 5% in the membership.

To further safeguard the Association's financial position, over the longer term, the following three goals are of considered important:

1. Build up an a reserve

The intention has always been to build up a reserve slowly to ensure the Association has sufficient funds to draw on in the event of a major issue arising which requires professional advice. The Association aims to put aside a minimum of £500 per annum to build this reserve, with a target of around £20,000, based on the size of its membership.

As of March 2011 the Association had total funds of approximately **£10700**.

2. Annual funds

After taking into consideration all the income and expenditure incurred to run the Association, based on the previous three years figures, there is an amount of no more than **£400** which is available for discretionary spend. This is made available for specific projects.

Some of the money has been used to advertise more widely the activities of the MRA or boost reserves for example. Last year's activity was to develop a web presence for the MRA which resulted in development and launch of the Association's website www.yourMRA.org

Officers and Executive Committee of the MRA consider how best they budget and make the most appropriate choices for this discretionary spend.

Based on its current position, it is considered that the subscription income of **£2.00** per household adequately covers the regular costs of the Association and leaves an amount for discretionary spend; therefore the current subscription should not be increased.

3. Financial Controls and Safeguards

Financial controls and safeguards are in place to ensure that the Association is protected.

Recommendations

- Continue to reserve a minimum of £500 per year
- Subscription level should continue at £2.00 per year
- The discretionary spend should be budgeted each year
- Members views should be sought as to how the budget should be spent

KRISHNAKANT PATEL (HON. TREASURER) 28/03/2011



Mottingham Festive Lights Appeal

Please and thank you's

First of all a big thank you to everyone who responded to our Festive Lights Appeal last year. As you may know by now the appeal generated the princely sum of £3,196. This coupled with a grant from the Grass Roots Foundation enabled us to put on a show of Christmas Street decorations much larger and more attractive than we originally anticipated. Everyone seems to have appreciated the results and we hope that it brightened up your Christmas a little.

Work is already underway for this coming Christmas but before then we hope to be able to dress the village for two other occasions. The first significant event is the Hindu Festival of Lights which starts on October 27. If all goes to plan we hope to have some lighting twists on some of the lamp columns in the village and some tree lights as well although the latter is somewhat dependent upon approval from Bromley and Greenwich Councils. These lights would then stay in place and be reused at Christmas to be supplemented by some more seasonal decorations as last year.

The second occasion we hope to address is Remembrance Day with some large poppies in the trees around the memorial. The attendance at the Remembrance Sunday memorial service has attracted ever larger crowds over the last few years and we thought we should do a little more to mark the occasion.

Unfortunately all these ambitions cost money and, although we have some funds left over from last year, we do need more, not just to fund this year's ambitions but to build up a small fund for the future so that we can respond quickly and appropriately to any situation that presents itself and this is where the Please comes in. We are now re-launching our appeal for funds so if you would like to contribute please complete a donation form (there should be one on the next page) and forward it with your donation to the **Mottingham Festive Lights Appeal**.

As mentioned last year, this will have to be an ongoing project and, although we have a good working group of volunteers we could always do with more help on the Committee, in particular we would like at least one or two of the village traders to join the Committee. If you feel able to assist please let us know.

Thank you for your support

Police Update as at September, 2011.



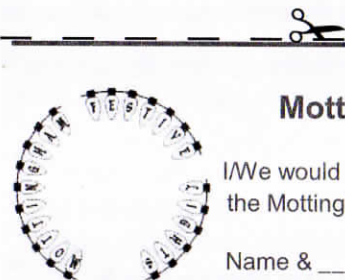
There has been understandable concern that cuts in funding would lead to a reduction in front line police numbers. The position in Nottingham is as follows: Cold Harbour-New Eltham Safer Neighbourhood Team is to merge with Eltham South under the leadership of Sgt. Christopher Hayward with the loss of one sergeant. The numbers of PCs and PCSOs remain the same. The teams have also lost the use of a car so that the team has to use public transport for all movements.

The Nottingham and Chislehurst North (M&CN) Safer Neighbourhood Team is to remain at full strength with Sgt. Ross Noades at the helm. The M&CN Team produces a monthly newsletter which Bromley residents can receive by sending their e-mail address to chislehurstnorth.snt@met.police.uk

The M&CN team have been tasked by the Panel to focus on Residential Burglary, Anti-social Behaviour and use of motorised vehicles, in particular youths on motorbikes. Operation Two-Step is also under way in which all residential premises in the Ward will be visited, by an Officer, to seek advice as to how the local police service can be improved, and to offer security advice.

Both local teams remain committed to the safety & welfare of local residents.

For more information please visit www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods



Nottingham Festive Lights Appeal

I/We would like to make a donation of £_____ towards the Nottingham Festive Lights Appeal.

Name & _____

Address: _____

Please make cheques payable to **Nottingham Festive Lights appeal** and send

C/O Robert Blanks
Hilltop
Nottingham Lane
London SE9 4RT

Would you like your name
included in the list of donors?

Yes: ☐

No: ☐

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE - August 2011



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The Association moved into the digital age by launching its website at the AGM. The main aims of the website are:

1. Increase its membership
2. Provide easier and quicker means of information and communication
3. Reduce printing costs (Paper copies will still be available)
4. Encourage wider participation by targeting the younger residents

The website has proved very successful with over 800 hits in the first month and peaking at over 1800 hits in June. To date, the total number of hits is well over 5000!, on average 5 hits per member household, or 1 per month per member household). That is some exposure.

Going forward, it is hoped that both members and non-members will use the website as a source of information as it provides useful local links (see below).

 Weather	 TransportDirect	 Southernrail	 Hospitals
 THE LONDON BOROUGH OF Bromley	 Bromley	 Greenwich Council <small>Providing equality and quality of life for all</small>	 Greenwich
 infobromley	 ELTHAM NEW ELTHAM MOTTINGHAM	 News Shopper	 South London
 Serving London since 1996	 localmouth	 Bromley Times24	 What Goes Here?

Your support is key to keeping the website a place where local information can be added/updated on a regular basis. See for example the [News Flash page](#)

Remember this is our resource and it will only work if we all get involved – so come on – let us have your input!

STOP PRESS: Please provide us with useful snippets that we can add to the website as well as snapshots that you are able to share by emailing webmaster@yourmra.org

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MAYUR K PATEL (WEB MASTER) 28/09/2011

Mottingham Village Library Up-date

The campaign to save our library from closure goes on! The service provided remains second to none with our experienced staff, experts in so many different areas. They are always on hand to find information, teach computer skills and unravel the many complexities of the computer age! All this in addition to providing numerous children's activities from babyhood onwards including hosting Dorset Road Infants and Saturday Junior Reading Club on a weekly basis, and interesting Speakers for monthly Coffee Mornings. And, of course, to advise upon, and lend, books, audio and visual resources. Help with homework? Yes they can!

Numerous Council Committee meetings have been attended, letters written and petitions signed. Currently, the Council has agreed upon joint working with Bexley and is investigating the possibility of forming a Trust to run the Library Service.

Dorset Road pupils enjoying a story



It is essential that residents make full use of the Library, remain vigilant and respond to any further threats of closure.

The Tarn and Ice Well

Around 300 people enjoyed the free concert to mark the end of the Mottingham Festival, 2011. Many commented, not only on their enjoyment of the concert, but on the Tarn itself as a wonderful venue and a tranquil oasis on such a busy thoroughfare.



The Tarn was originally part of the grounds of Eltham Lodge, built in 1664 by Sir John Shaw, with "no expense spared"! Eltham Lodge is now the clubhouse of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club. In the 18th century, ice was cut from the lake during the winter months and stored in the ice well, for use as a means of refrigeration, throughout the rest of the year.

The "Friends of the Tarn" play an active part in the management and maintenance of the park. They have recently developed a wildlife/butterfly garden at the rear of the park. During the summer months, residents are invited to "Tea in the Tarn" on Sunday afternoons and Open Days and children's art activities take place on a regular basis. If you are interested in gardening / wildlife and would like to make a positive difference to your own local area, the "Friends" would love to hear from you. For further information, visit www.thetarn.org

Mottingham Floral Arrangement Society

At our relaxing monthly meetings, we enjoy themed demonstrations by various inspiring, qualified Flower Arrangers. Naturally, we break for a chat and excellent tea and biscuits. We are a very friendly group! Best of all, before leaving, the marvellous (5 or 6) new creations displayed in front of us, are raffled; the delighted winners take them home.



Keener members can take part in daytime have-a go workshops, Flower Shows or visit larger demonstration events (eg at Danson House, Hall Place or Chartwell). There are also occasional garden parties, plant and produce sales, news of national events and a beneficial rate for the Flower Arranger magazine.



Our annual subscriptions and modest meeting fees cover the hall, flowers and demonstrator's costs.

However, your first taster session is FREE!

You would be most welcome at our Autumn meetings – **Wednesdays, 19th October, 16th November** at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Court Road. (7.30pm) Contact the Secretary on 020 8859 5671 for further details.

For **2012** dates look on the Village notice board or visit www.yourmra.org

An arrangement at the Mottingham Horticultural Show using Supermarket flowers.(left)

Mottingham Wheelchair

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



The 'custodian' is Les Huxley, 71 Court Farm Road. 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 Festival Committee.

ROAD STEWARDS

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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	Mrs. Osborne	47 West Park	8857 5559
169-203A	Mrs. Osborne	47 West Park	8857 5559
Porcupine Close	Mrs. Robbie	23 Porcupine Close	8857 6367

Section 2 - Leader LAURIE BELL

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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 SHEILA BLANKS,

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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

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8851 8939

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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
Elmhurst Road	Maria Thurston	19 Elmhurst Road	8857 2976
Evelyn Rogers Court	Mrs. Henry	11 Evelyn Rogers Court	
Mottingham Rd			
2-56	Mrs. Keable	54 Grove Park Road.	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

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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 - 99 / 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

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
Ministry Way	Mrs. Headley	72 Leysdown Road.	8857 6455