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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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2013/2014

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**OFFICERS 2013-2014**

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MEMBERSHIP	SECRETARY	VACANT
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New Committee Members Welcome**MRA MEETINGS 2014 – All meetings begin at 8:00pm**

22 nd January 2014	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
26 th March 2014	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
30 th April 2014	A.G.M. (NB Wednesday)	St Andrews Church Hall
22 nd May 2014	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
17 th July 2014	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
24 th September 2014	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School
19 th November 2014	Executive Committee	Dorset Road School

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

OBITUARY

Clive Couldwell, 1935 - 29th April, 2013.

Clive enjoyed a varied career. Having left school at 14 years of age, he was apprenticed in the carpentry trade and proved highly skilled. His sister still has an inlaid table which he made for her fifty years ago. His practical skills and willingness to tackle challenging tasks both at home and in his work, stood him in good stead throughout his life. Though he never married, Clive looked after himself well and cared for his elderly parents throughout their declining years.

As a young man Clive shared a house with his brothers and a friend and enjoyed life to the full before deciding to leave the trade and become a rural Postmaster in Norfolk

When the Second World War broke out, Clive wanted to join the RAF but was judged colour blind. He joined the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy instead and thoroughly enjoyed his time with the Navy. After the war, Clive moved back to Mottingham and worked as a carpenter for a London council, rising to Clerk of Works by the end of his career.

Clive was a valued Executive member of the Residents' Association, Lights Committee and the Horticultural Society and made a good contribution. Clive's particular interest was in local planning issues where he proved extremely knowledgeable. Clive was a fervent supporter of the Porcupine Public House. He took an active interest in the Campaign to save it and spoke at the MRA AGM despite his failing health.

Clive was a very private man, but he made a real contribution to the life of the Village.

Ed.

MOTTINGHAM WHEELCHAIR (Manual), or Walking Frame, Quad Walking Stick, 3 Wheel Shopping Rollator

These aids are available, for short periods, to anyone who lives in the Mottingham area. There is no charge for their use, but borrowers must accept that they use them without any recourse to the lenders in respect of any injury or damage that may arise from their use.



Contact Joan or Les at 71 Court Farm Road or ring 020 8857 3671

CHAIR'S REPORT and PORCUPINE UPDATE

Another year has passed with the usual concerns, trying to support local businesses, keeping shop fronts filled and the village clean, tidy and rubbish free. The prompt replacement of highway trees, felled due to old age or disease, is a real issue for Mottingham in these days of cuts to services. We are, indeed, fortunate to have such a green and open environment. Once more, the flower baskets, supplied and maintained by L. B. Bromley have been a joy to everyone.

There is no further news on possible changes to the library service. The administrative collaboration with Bexley is working well. The Library Loans Service, which is also shared with Lewisham and Greenwich, offers a wider choice of books to reserve. Do not forget the other services provided, often free of charge, by the library. They include coffee morning with a Speaker on Wednesdays and virtual walks round London on Friday, both monthly treats!

The issue which has dominated the village, particularly **visibly**, is the closure of the Porcupine Public House and its proposed replacement with a Lidl store. The AGM in April gave the MRA a mandate to oppose the development and retain the Porcupine. The pub has been registered as an Asset of Community Value, by Bromley, one of only 100 in the whole country. This does not have an immediate effect, but would prevent the site from being sold secretly, (again) and give anyone interested in retaining the Porcupine a right to bid for it. Our, grateful, thanks are due to Bob Neill, MP, for his prompt action in persuading the directorship of Lidl not to demolish the pub until planning permission has been granted. Lidl's own Consultation, in August, revealed that 257 participants did **not** want a Lidl store with only 22 in favour.

Our next step in the campaign is to ensure that the planning application, when it is published, is vigorously contested. The MRA will inform everyone in Mottingham when that happens, and we will all have 3 weeks in which to make our views known.

A resounding **NO**, based on the damage which a supermarket would do to the village shops and our environment, will surely prevail.

The list of members' e-mail addresses, collected at the MRA GM, and since, has proved a boon in keeping members informed of developments on the Porcupine front. A list of those wishing to be kept abreast, of Library developments, is also held. The MRA would, now, like to begin collecting members' e-mail addresses as a matter of course, with a view to keeping members, more promptly, informed of proposals affecting the village and local area. The usual safeguards as to privacy and the secure storage of data would, of course, apply. The MRA's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Statement can be inspected on the website at www.yourmra.org. There is considerable evidence to suggest that the majority of 'flyers' put through doors end up in the bin, unread! We will begin slowly to gauge acceptability but if you are happy to receive information by email please do let us have your up-to-date email address. Your Road representative may invite you to participate when you pay your subscription or may call later in the year. I hope that you will feel able to participate in this initiative. Members who do not wish to participate will, of course, be kept informed through the usual channels, flyers, the notice board and the library.

A plea for help! We need your ideas of ways in which we can spruce up the village. What would you like to see when you visit? How could we create a more welcoming environment? Please let us know.

Finally my thanks are due to Councillors Charsley, Hills and Rideout, both Safer Neighbourhood Teams and all the unsung heroes and heroines who collect subscriptions, stuff letterboxes, undertake research and contribute to the life of Mottingham and the MRA in so many ways.



The Walk of Witness, Easter, 2013, walked from St Andrew's Church, on Good Friday, to find the Porcupine closed.

POLICING IN MOTTINGHAM

Many of you will be aware that Safer Neighbourhood Policing and in turn Ward Panels have been around for some years. Whilst this is continuing, the basis of how it operates is all changing under the new MOPAC Local Policing Model (LPM). Neighbourhood Policing will still be the foundation of the new model but there will be changes that will affect the operation and more importantly to Residents the cover provided. The purpose of the changes is to:

- **cut crime** and bring offenders to justice more effectively,
- **boost public confidence** by a more visible police presence on the streets where problems exist,
- **cut costs**, particularly buildings, and increase the number of police officers

On the Bromley side The Mottingham and Chislehurst North ward will appear to reduce in number from 1 Sgt, 2 PCs and 3 PCSOs to 1 dedicated PC and 1 dedicated PCSO but the Ward will be grouped (clustered is their word for it) with Bickley, Chislehurst and Plaistow and Sundridge. Overall, although it appears from above that Police numbers will be lower, the number of Officers available under the new structure and within each Cluster is being increased and this will provide cover over longer shift hours and at times in much greater concentration than is now possible.

Officers will have greater access to vehicles than is currently the case, BUT, parading for the Ward team will be done out of Bromley Police Station and not the Ward office at Chislehurst which we understand will close. It remains to be seen how much 'shift' time is spent travelling to and from our Ward.

On the Greenwich side the Safer Neighbourhood Team will continue to operate out of the William Barefoot Drive office and will consist of a sergeant, 1 dedicated PC and 1 dedicated PCSO but it will be 'clustered' with other adjacent SNTs having 3 more PCs and 2 PCSOs based at William Barefoot Drive, increasing total manpower thus providing a greater overall resource.

Whilst the new system is still bedding down and there will undoubtedly be bugs to iron out, initial indications are that it will provide more effective policing with different shift patterns providing greater continuity of coverage over longer hours.

You can keep up to date with events in the Met by going to their website at www.met.police.uk/bromley or www.met.police.uk/greenwich See the back cover of this Newsletter for details of how to contact your local police.

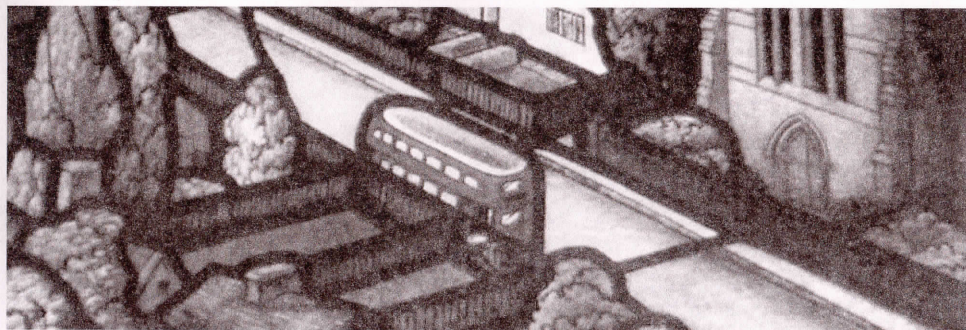
MOTTINGHAM FESTIVE LIGHTS

Please see separate sheet for report on Festive Lights



Bob Blanks Secretary, Lights Committee.

Would you visit St Andrew's Church to look for a bus?




When you enter the Church, look at the stained glass window, to the right of the Altar. The far, right hand 'light' clearly shows a picture of a bus, probably the 119, now 161, to North Greenwich. The bus is travelling past the Church, towards the traffic lights at the junction with the A20. Homes in Court Road and The Royal, formerly the Royal Tavern, indicate the intention to depict modern life in the post war era. The inscription also bears this out.

The original window was blasted out by enemy action in 1944. Fragments of glass, from the window, were used in the centre panel of the left hand window, commemorating the 58 civilians of Mottingham who were killed in air raids during the war.

You can visit the Church on Sundays when services take place at 8.30am or at 10.00am, when it is open for Eucharistic worship. There is also a mid-week service on Wednesdays at 10.00am. For further information call the Rector, Rev'd Ian Welch, on 020 8851 1909.

With thanks to the editor of 'Crossways' for permission to use part of their article and to Ray Andrew for the photograph.

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE



This is the third year of the "yourMRA" website. The website remains popular with a healthy hit rate, however, it needs **YOUR** help to keep it current with news and gossip in the area. Send your stories or Useful Information to webmaster@yourmra.org so that we can keep the site content useful, relevant and current.

What else would you like to see in the links below? Let us make the MRA website a one-stop site that is specific to the Mottingham area.

Your support is key to keep the website a place where local information can be added and updated on a regular basis. 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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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW at MARCH 2013

The MRA membership remains strong which has enabled the MRA to maintain its ability to protect members' interests. The revenue generated last year was just under **£1900**.

To following three goals remains important going forward:

1. Build an adequate reserve, to be able to deal with major issues impacting the wider community.
2. Ensure there are sufficient funds on an annual basis to cover regular expenditure.
3. Adopt controls to ensure monies are spent in line with the Association guidelines.

COMMENTARY

After taking into consideration all the income and expenditure to run the Association, there is a surplus of just under **£300** which is available for discretionary spend.

At present the current level of subscription income of **£2.00** per household adequately covers the regular costs of the Association and leaves an amount for discretionary spend, therefore it is recommended that the current subscription should not be increased.

Recommendations

- Continue to reserve a minimum of £500 pa
- Subscription level remain at £2.00

Krishnakant Patel, Hon. Treasurer

MOTTINGHAM 2012.... and beyond

Mottingham Village, Mottingham Station
Mottingham with its Residents' Association
Once a Hamlet with fields and farms, it still retains its rural charms
There's Eltham College and several schools
Where youngsters are encouraged to obey the rules
Woods and parks where they play
And run about and have a good day

The Library with its books and toys
Welcomes little girls and boys
There really is a lot to do; Grandma and Grandpa are welcome too!
Fairy Hill Park with its outdoor gym
No excuse for not keeping trim!
The Tarn with its ancient Ice Well
Lots of history there to tell

There are groups and clubs, and one or two pubs
Where to meet face to face
I could tell you more, but I've run out of space!
Some roads are straight and some bend
But all will lead to find a friend
Mottingham has a lot to give
And is a lovely place to live

Val Cheeseman, November 2012

A final note from Val, a member of a very talented family!
With all the cuts and changes which we face, it is good to reflect on the enjoyable things which make up our community. Ed.

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Churches together in Mottingham will be holding their
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at 10.45am on SUNDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 2013 outside WARRS motorcycle shop

ROAD STEWARDS		
Section 1—Leader Mrs. HOLLINGUM, 33 Devonshire Rd		8857 5856
Albert Rd	Mrs. Cheeseman, 152 Mottingham Rd	8851 1747
Dorset Rd	Mrs. Whale, 22 Dorset Rd	8325 7542
Highcombe Cl.	Mrs. Whale, 22 Dorset Rd	8325 7542
Mottingham Rd		
2-56	Mrs. Cheeseman, 152 Mottingham Rd	8851 1747
100-154	Mrs. Cheeseman, 152 Mottingham Rd	8851 1747
127-167	Mrs. Osborne, 47 West Park	8857 5559
169-203A	Mrs. Osborne, 47 West Park	8857 5559
Porcupine Cl.	Mrs. Robbie, 23 Porcupine Cl.	8857 6367
Section 2—Leader Ms. JANE CORNISH		8333 7824
Hinton Cl.	Collins/Oliver, 42 West Park	8488 0052
Luxfield Rd	Tom Biro, 15 West Park	8851 8487
Sidcup Rd		
375-665	Prof. M Patel, 53 Grove Park Rd	8857 7333
452-620	Prof. M Patel, 53 Grove Park Rd	8857 7333
West Hallowses	Jane Cornish, 36 West Park	8333 7824
West Park (odd)	Sandra Oliver &	8488 0052
West Park (even)	Noreen Collins, 42 West Park	8488 0052
Section 3—Leader SHEILA BLANKS, Hilltop, Mott. La.		8857 8695
Beaconsfield Rd	Mrs. Keable, 54 Grove Park Rd	8857 4183
Carters Hill Cl.	Sheila Blanks, Hilltop, Mottingham La	8857 8695
Cedar Mount	Lynn Seymour, 23 Carters Hill Close	07838 859388
College View	Mrs. Stevens, 1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687
Grove Park Rd		
Even	Mrs Keable, 54 Grove Park Rd	8857 4183
Odd	Mr Barker, 78 Grove Park Rd	
Hall View	Mr Barker, 78 Grove Park Rd	
Kippington Dr.	Mrs. Ewin, 3 Kippington Dr.	8851 4238
Layzell Walk	Mrs. Stevens, 1 Layzell Walk	8857 2687
Model Farm Cl.	Mr. Wakeling, 8 Model Farm Cl.	8249 0544
Mottingham Gdn.	Mrs. Longhurst, 17 Mottingham Gdn.	8860 9349
Mottingham La.	Mrs Blanks/ Mrs Batley	8857 8695 / 8851 8804

Section 4—Leader Mr. BELL, 1 Mottingham Road		8851 8939
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Clarence Rd	Mr K Patel, 49 Elmhurst Rd	8249 1178
Court Farm Rd	Mr/Mrs. Huxley, 71 Court Farm Rd	
Crossway	Mr/Mrs. Mainwaring-Burton, 9 Court Farm Rd	8851 5131
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Chapel Farm Rd	Ms. Hussey, 61 Chapel Farm Rd	3556 5128
Lavidge Rd	Julia Rutledge, 2 Court Farm Rd	8851 3454
Margaret Gardner Dr.	Mrs. Henderson, 10 Birbetts Rd	8857 5800
Section 6—Leader LIZ KEABLE, 54 Grove Park Rd		8857 4183
Court Rd (Even)	Mr. Miller, 258 Court Rd	8488 0012
Court Rd (Odd)	Mr. Wyborn, 240 Court Rd	8857 1524
Crossmead	Mr. Wyborn, 240 Court Rd	8857 1524
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