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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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2014/2015

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2014-2015

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New Committee Members Welcome

MRA MEETINGS 2015 – All meetings begin at 8:00pm

29 th January 2015	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
26 th March 2015	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
29 th April 2015	A.G.M (WEDNESDAY)	St Andrews Church Hall
21 st May 2015	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
16 th July 2015	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
24 th September 2015	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
26 th November 2015	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School

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

CHAIR'S REPORT and PORCUPINE UPDATE

The question I ask myself each year as I begin my report, is "Why, oh why, is the work of the MRA dominated by trying to defeat unsuitable and damaging planning applications? Garden land development proposals have continued in both Greenwich and Bromley, fortunately, without success. Thanks are due to Councillors for their support. Even more frustrating is attempting to deal with obvious breaches of planning, where no application has been made. The used car sales pitch on the site of the dry-cleaners was a case in point. They only left when evicted for non-payment of the rent despite months of effort, by the MRA, to combat the industrial use of the rear car parking spaces, noise, fumes and fire hazard. The mobile tattoo parlour remains on the forecourt of the Prince of Wales pub. (July 2014) Tattooing is an invasive, quasi medical technique being carried out with no running water, toilet facilities, except in the pub, and with electricity supplied on an extension cable from an upstairs window. A planning application has now been lodged. (Aug 2014.)

The Porcupine: Our thanks are due to Bromley Council Planning Committee and their highly professional Officers for taking account of the huge response from local residents, to Lidl's planning application as well as sound planning criteria, of course! There were over 1000 signatures on the petition, the vast majority from Mottingham residents. Bromley received the highest number of letters and email responses EVER, from local people! Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways. The application was **DEFEATED**, principally on the vital issues of traffic, safety and parking. The **APPEAL** will be held by Full Public Enquiry, provisionally from 30th September, 2014. Details will be available nearer the time by flyer, email and posters in the library, noticeboard and local shops.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED TO SHOW THE INSPECTOR THE STRENGTH OF FEELING OF LOCAL RESIDENTS!

In the meantime, the Porcupine Development Committee is working hard to interest commercial companies in developing the Porcupine as a pub/restaurant/ coffee shop as well as seeking support and finance to develop as a Social Enterprise. If you are interested in joining the group, please email Emily at porkymottingham@gmail.com

The Library: The future of the service, once more, came to the fore with proposed cuts in opening hours disproportionately weighted towards smaller libraries, and initially amounting to over 40%! Further cuts are expected next year. An article on the library, active in Mottingham for over 100 years, appears later.

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Remembrance Day: Mottingham's woes were compounded by the loss of the street tree outside Warrs Motorcycle shop, during last winters' storms. Not only a beautiful tree in its own right, it has hosted the Remembrance Day poppies over the last few years. Bromley is committed to the tree's replacement. With or without a tree or poppies, the Remembrance Day service will be held outside Warrs at 10.45am on Sunday, 9th November, 2014.

May I close by thanking all those who make such a great contribution to the life of Mottingham. Councillors in Mottingham work extremely hard on our behalf, mostly without our even knowing! Special thanks to Councillor Roger Charsley who retired at the last election. Thank you, also, to Safer Neighbourhood Team Officers, residents who support children's activities, Churches and the elderly in our village and all those unsung heroes who quietly take action where it is needed and then slip away! Let us hope that we all enjoy a more peaceful 2014/15.

Liz Keable, Chair

COMING SOON

The Porcupine Development Committee want YOUR views!

They will shortly be circulating a questionnaire asking what residents would like to see in the Porcupine. E.g. Pub, Restaurant, Coffee Bar, Dog friendly, Children's play area....what else?

Look out for the questionnaire seeking your views! It is your chance to have your say!

MOTTINGHAM WHEELCHAIRS (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

MOTTINGHAM FESTIVE LIGHTS



First of all many thanks to all those who contributed to last year's appeal. It was a shame that the weather knocked out the tree lights and that we lost the tree outside Warr's but we soldier on. We raised over £3000 and a special thanks to: F A Albins, B P Retail, Cockburns, Collectable Books, CO-OP Funeral care, Happy Child Nurseries Ltd., Fairmount Residential Care Home, Jarman & Dixon Chemists, Rooms Kitchen Specialists and Warr's Harley Davidson dealership all of whom sponsored columns. I had hoped to include a list of all the donors but unfortunately we just don't have the space but if anyone wants a copy I will be happy to email one to them.

This year we have been lucky enough to obtain some grant money which will enable us to replace the tree lights and add some more spirals but we still need to keep the annual appeal going to cover the motifs, tree etc.

If you would like to contribute please make cheques payable to **Mottingham Festive Lights Appeal** and send to: Mottingham Festive Lights Committee, C/O Robert Blanks, Hilltop, Mottingham Lane, London SE9 4RT.

If you would like a receipt please include your email address and/or a stamped addressed envelope.

We also have to decide what to do about putting up poppies for Remembrance week now that we don't have the tree to decorate by the memorial. If anyone has any suggestions please feed them through. One suggestion we have already received is to hang large Poppies from the lamp columns through the village; another is to encourage shopkeepers and residents to display pictures of large poppies during the preceding week; consider yourselves 'encouraged'! If you need help in locating a picture, please let me know.

**Bob Blanks, Secretary
Festive Lights Committee**

AN INTERESTING QUESTION!

Question: What is the connection between Dorset Road Infant School and the Porcupine?

A. MOTTINGHAM LIBRARY!

Mottingham Library began life, at the beginning of the 20th Century, as a box of books housed at Dorset Road Infant School. Residents were free to borrow books and encouraged to contribute their own books to the collection. It must be assumed that "opening hours" were before and after school, in term times only! The school consisted of only three classrooms, outside toilets and a playground, then, with no storage other than the caretaker's cupboard, also open to the elements!

In 1922, it was noted that Kent County Council provided a mobile library, with "regular" visits, which parked on the forecourt of The Porcupine pub! This continued until 1940, when air raids began in earnest. A part time service was offered at an empty shop, 65, Mottingham Road, now Albin's Monumental showroom. The windows and door were blacked out, with a tiny peephole to allow residents to see whether it was open. A torch was needed to see the books! The frontage suffered considerable damage when Clarence and Portland Roads were devastated by bombing. A new shop front, in traditional style, with recessed door, was built in 1947 and the library became full time in 1950. The children's section occupied a tiny corner with barely room to browse.

In 1968, following a huge increase in demand on the service, a new library was built on its current site. A local art student, Carol Morgan, produced the sculpture and the MRA contributed the bench and tree outside. Visits by local school groups began then and have continued ever since. The glass lobby was added later. In 1974, as a result of cuts in Council expenditure, the library was closed for one day per week. To celebrate the Millennium, a rock, one of several around Bromley, was presented by the Highland Regional Council.

Mottingham Library is the hub of our village and continues to offer a huge range of activities and services. The service has fully embraced the technological age and is the only place in Mottingham where those without internet access at home can obtain information and help. It is invaluable to pupils researching for their homework.

Cuts to expenditure, this year, will see opening hours cut, by over 30%, probably from mid-September. The MRA, supported by local councillors, appealed against such severe cuts and won a small concession which has ensured that the library stays open a little longer on Wednesdays. Proposed opening hours are as follows:

Monday	9.30 to 5.30 Closed from 1 to 2
Tuesday	CLOSED ALL DAY
Wednesday	9.30 to 3.00 Open at lunchtime

Thursday	Closed
Friday	9.30 to 8.00 Closed for lunch
Saturday	9.30 to 5.00 Closed for lunch

Our able and committed librarians will continue to ensure that all current activities continue, albeit with some timetabling changes. There will need to be further cuts to expenditure. To ensure that Mottingham Library continues to thrive, we must all: **USE IT OR LOSE IT!**



Does anyone know Carol Morgan or what she did after her student days?

Ed.

Article compiled with reference to 'Mottingham, from Hamlet to Urban Village' by Winifred H. Parkinson

COMMUNITY POLICING IN MOTTINGHAM

The Safer Neighbourhood Teams have both continued to evolve over the past year and there have been changes to personnel, in particular Sergeants. Mottingham dedicated Officers are listed, together with contact details on the back of this newsletter.

Both Greenwich and Bromley sides of Mottingham enjoy very low crime rates when compared with the rest of their respective Boroughs and the National average. Mottingham is a very safe place to live which is welcome news. Bromley residents, through their SNT Road Representatives, are able to receive a regular local crime update, generally weekly, listing crimes committed in the area and including helpful crime prevention advice. Updates are by email, preferably, but hard copies are available. If your road does not have a Road Representative, you can obtain regular updates, by email, direct from the Bromley Team. Contact them at the email address on the back of this Newsletter.

Greenwich SNT are planning a similar service shortly.

Both Teams hold regular "street briefings" in which Officers are available to meet residents close to their homes and can be approached on an informal basis. They also hold drop-in surgeries at Coldharbour Library (Greenwich SNT) and Mottingham Community and Learning Shop/Mottingham Library (Bromley SNT). Priorities, for both teams are crime prevention and detection, including domestic burglary, anti-social behaviour, drug use and dealing and vehicle crime. Information sharing is now Metropolitan Police Area wide and there is good cooperation between neighbouring Boroughs. This has reduced the incidence of crime, close to Borough borders, significantly. Suspects quickly become known to neighbouring forces. We are fortunate to have Safer Neighbourhood Teams who are knowledgeable and dedicated to serving our local community.

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE



The "yourMRA" website has been a part of our lives for 4 years now. It exists to keep residents informed of local events, current news and gossip, to provide newcomers with information about the area and a point of contact with the local community.

YOUR useful information, local stories and news items are vital to keep the website up to date and relevant. Please contact webmaster@yourmra.org to include your information.

Keep up to date with developments on the Porcupine and local events. Tell US what you would like to see on the website and we will make it happen!

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

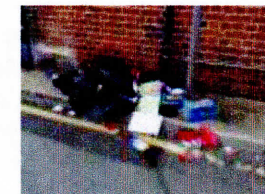
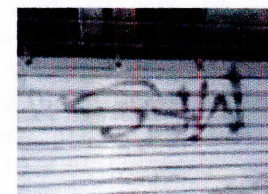
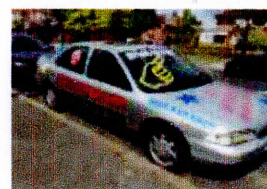
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Mayur K Patel, Webmaster

SUMMARY of ACCOUNTS APRIL 2013 to MARCH 2014			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Subscriptions	1901.00	Hire of halls for meetings	256.10
Prior years	236.00	Public Liability Insurance	160.60
AGM Receipts	220.00	Printing, stationery etc	479.20
Interest	7.89	Charity Donations	150.00
Donations	50.00	Festive Lights	500.00
		Bromley Res. Fedn	20.00
		Internet & Armistice Wreath	242.00
		AGM costs	65.13
TOTALS	2414.89		1873.03

Krishnakant Patel, Hon. Treasurer

Are YOU fed up with fly-tipping, graffiti, overgrown hedges, missing rubbish bins, general vandalism?



You can deal with it very easily by contacting your local Borough using your computer, tablet or mobile phone, or by telephone. You will need to give the exact location of the problem.

For Greenwich, go to www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk follow the link 'Report a Problem', choose the issue and complete the on-line form.

Telephone 020 8854 8888 and state the problem. You will be directed to the correct department.

For Bromley, go to www.bromley.gov.uk follow the link 'Report It' and follow the on screen instructions.

Telephone 020 8464 3333 and state the problem. You will be directed to the correct department.

There is a national reporting service in the form of an app. 'Love Clean Streets' which can be downloaded to a mobile phone or tablet. Few details are required for this service since the equipment can locate the problem using its GPS system.

Ignoring these eyesores, many of which are a danger to pedestrians, traffic or children, often results in further vandalism, through copying by those who would not have thought of it for themselves. Both Greenwich and Bromley Boroughs respond as quickly as they can to these reports, often within the same day.

DON'T FORGET,

Churches together in Mottingham will be holding their **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at 10.45am on SUNDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 2014**, outside Warrs Motorcycle shop.

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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
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West Park (even)	Noreen Collins, 42 West Park	8488 0052
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