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MOTTINGHAM NEWS

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(Please note that the website is currently being updated)

2015/2016

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2015-2016

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New Committee Members Welcome

MRA MEETINGS 2016 – All meetings begin at 8:00pm

28 th January 2016	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
17 th March 2016	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
27 th April 2016	A.G.M (WEDNESDAY)	St Andrews Church Hall
23 rd June 2016	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
22 nd September, 2016	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School
24 th November 2016	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Dorset Road School

NB June meeting replaces May and July meetings

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

OBITUARY for Mrs DOREEN HOLLINGUM, 1924-2014.

When Doreen arrived in Mottingham with her family in 1972, she already boasted an impressive record of community service. Of course, Doreen never boasted about anything! She was a founder member of the National Childbirth Trust which she started with friends in the sitting room of her home. Doreen was determined to improve the care of pregnant and nursing mothers and to promote the advantages of breastfeeding. The NCT now serves many millions of women in countries across the world. She also ran a playgroup at her home.

In Mottingham, with a young family, Doreen soon established herself in the community, playing leading roles in the Methodist Church and the MRA as well as developing her professional career in the Social Services. Doreen was a pillar of the Mottingham Methodist Church, supporting the Church through good times and bad. She was adept at engaging people to help in projects. The Churches Together movement really took off when Doreen was Chair. Doreen also made herself available to individuals who needed help and support. She was unstinting in her gift of time. She was always calm and kind, approaching issues in a firm and pragmatic manner, offering solutions not just sympathy.

Doreen was generous to a fault and expected others to be so. She was a dedicated collector during Christian Aid Week and supported many charities herself. Following her husband, Jack's death, Doreen made a generous contribution to the development of the Methodist Church garden. She, then, promptly invited the children of Dorset Road Infant School to share it. It is the only green space which the school has without walking to the field and has been much appreciated over the years.

As a Section Leader and Road Steward for the MRA, Doreen was most diligent. Her section and her own roads were always the first to be collected and distributions were made on the day they were received. Most of all, Doreen was at the centre of her family and very much loved by them all. She was also beloved of many people, from all walks of life, both in Mottingham and beyond. We miss her presence in the village, latterly riding her scooter, and her ever present smile of greeting.



As part of her 90th birthday celebrations, Doreen enjoyed a gyrocopter ride over London.

Liz Keable

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

SUMMARY of ACCOUNTS APRIL 2014 to MARCH 2015			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Subscriptions	1977.20	Hire of halls for meetings	120.00
Prior years	116.00	Public Liability Insurance	169.60
AGM receipts	90.00	Printing, stationery etc	534.74
Interest	9.16	Charity Donations	18.25
Donations		Festive Lights	500.00
		Bromley Res. Fedn	15.00
		Armistice Wreath	21.00
		AGM costs c/f 2015-6	
		PDC Set-up expenses	635.00
		Balance added to reserves	178.77
TOTALS	2192.36		2192.36

Krishnakant Patel, Hon. Treasurer

DON'T FORGET,

Churches together in Mottingham will be holding their **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at 10.45am on SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 2015**, outside Warrs Motorcycle shop.

CHAIR'S REPORT and LIBRARY UPDATE

I must begin by introducing my successor, in the post of Chairman, Richard Mainwaring-Burton. Richard has lived in the centre of Mottingham for almost 30 years. He has served on the MRA Executive and been an active member of the Horticultural Society. Recently retired, Richard has found himself with a little spare time..... but not for much longer. We welcome Richard and are already benefitting from his calm and measured approach and ability to look at issues from a number of perspectives.

The past year has not been one of the easiest in Mottingham's long history! A resounding defeat, for Lidl's proposals for a store on the Porcupine site, has resulted in the site laying idle and boarded ever since whilst Lidl make up their mind what to do next. The site is an eyesore in the centre of the village, but we are fortunate that the boarding has remained clean. Reports of fly-posting have been promptly dealt with and the site has remained secure.

The Residents' Association has fought hard, over the past year, to retain a professionally led library service in Mottingham. A consultation exercise was undertaken on the proposal to hand the service over to a voluntary body, to be run using volunteers rather than trained staff. Despite a resounding rejection, by over 80% of respondents, across Bromley, the proposal is being actively pursued. Tenders have been sought and we await the results to see what further action can be taken.

Litter in the streets, fly-tipping and graffiti continue to be an issue, particularly where street litter bins have been removed. For prompt action, residents can report local problems using a national website, www.fixmystreet.com and can, if they wish, monitor the progress of their complaint. Alternatively, telephone Greenwich on 020 8854 8888, or Bromley on 020 8464 3333, to be directed to the right department.

We have been asked, by both local Councils, to look out for, and report, problems with trees in parks, open spaces and streets. Particular issues include Ash Dieback Disease and the furry caterpillar of the Oak Leaf Processionary Moth. Please report sightings on the above numbers.

Finally, it is with regret that I must sign off as Chair of the Residents' Association. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure of the post and am most grateful for all the support and help I have received from everyone over the past five years. My thanks are due to Councillors, without whom the Association would be far less effective, to Safer Neighbourhood Teams who are there for us all throughout the year and to the poor Executive Committee who has put up with me for so long. Most of all my thanks go to you, the members, residents of Mottingham, who continue to support us through thick and thin, good times and bad! Thank you all.

Liz Keable 1506

WG GRACE and ELTHAM COLLEGE

Residents of Mottingham will be familiar with the cricket bat and ball in the Village Sign, and most of you will know why it is there – recalling the time 100 years ago when WG Grace lived here. He died on 23 October 1915 in the building in Mottingham Lane which is now the Fairmount Residential Home and bears a plaque with his name. His final matches were all in this area – Mottingham, Eltham and Grove Park – in the summer of 1915, at the age of 67. I wouldn't go any further than that, though many do and claim to know exactly where and when his last innings was. Many "facts" about WG were invented, several of them by Grace himself!



Not quite so well-known is the link between WG Grace and Eltham College, which is of course also featured on the sign via the main school building and the plane tree. My theory is that WG easily grew bored sitting at home and welcomed any excuse to get out and about, especially if he could watch or play sport. We have a newspaper report of him attending an "assault at arms" event in Eltham College in December 1908. At that time the building housed not the School for the Sons of Missionaries, but the Royal Naval School (until 1912) and he will have witnessed a varied programme, including

boxing, gymnastics, fencing and Indian club swinging.

Also recorded in print (the school magazine) and therefore *probably* true is that WG came over from Mottingham Lane to Eltham College (now full of missionary sons) for the school Sports Day in March 1915.

We were one track judge short so he volunteered to help out. He saw one of the all-time great school athletics performance, not by Eric Liddell, who was just 13 at the time, but by Leslie Gracie, who entered every senior event and came first in each one, winning him the Senior Challenge Cup, presented by The Ladies of Mottingham.

Leslie Gracie had also top-scored with 49 out of 89 when WG led a team, including one of his sons, against Eltham College at the Eltham Cricket Club ground in July 1914. WG Grace was bowled for one run. The bowler, Dickie Rees, wrote 60 years later: "I never did anything remarkable at Eltham except that I was the bloke who bowled out WG Grace."

We also have this one fantastic picture of Grace talking to the Headmaster, Mr Hayward, and two local girls. We can pin down the date reasonably accurately, because the school moved into the building in 1912 and Hayward left in 1914. WG Grace suffered a heart attack in October 1915. It is claimed in some quarters that this resulted from shaking his fist and shouting at Zeppelins overhead. As



with most WG stories, believe it if you like, but I doubt if it's true.

A number of celebrations of the centenary of his death in October 2015 are planned, including at his grave in Beckenham Cemetery and by the MCC at Lords. Look out for more details in the local and national press.

Mark Stickings
Archivist, Eltham College

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The Porcupine

The Porcupine was a unique pub and with a vast garden, which once housed chickens and stabled horses as well as being a lovely place for families to come and enjoy food in the summer. There has been an Inn on this spot since the 1400s, making the cellar itself around 500 years old.

In March 2013, the Porcupine closed and was boarded up. It soon transpired that the owners, Enterprise Inns, had sold the site to Lidl GMBH on 5 April 2013 for £1.1m plus £220,000 in VAT. Lidl wanted to demolish the Porcupine and build a bog standard Lidl store on the site. This proposal generated much opposition in the community. Once Lidl's plans had been lodged with Bromley Council, the opposition turned into outrage. A rally was held outside the now boarded up Porcupine, which was attended by local Councillors and Bob Neill the local Member of Parliament, and lobbying was undertaken. The Annual General Meeting of the MRA on 25 April that year gave the community a chance to hear from a representative from Lidl about their plans. St Andrews Church Hall was overflowing, and there was virtually unanimous hostility to Lidl's Plans.

Bromley Council turned down Lidl's application to demolish the Porcupine in June 2013, and Bromley Council granted the site Asset of Community Value status that August. Lidl appealed against the decision and it was decided that we needed a dedicated committee to investigate ways of using the Porcupine should Lidl not get their planning permission. Thus the Porcupine Development Committee was created.

The Committee was duly convened and the 1st meeting was held on 10 March 2014 with 18 people from the local area attending. We have met on a regular basis since then. We have consulted with the community about possible uses for the Porcupine. Ideas that have come forward include a restaurant, carvery, gastro pub, coffee house, community centre and a community pub, similar to the Ivy House at Nunhead (built on a community enterprise model). Most respondents expressed a preference for a pub on the site, and we have alerted a number of smaller pub operators of our activities. We continued to support Bromley Council in their preparation for the appeal hearing which was held last December. The appeal supported Bromley's original decision to turn down Lidl's application to demolish the Porcupine buildings and build a supermarket.

We are an active committee and are currently awaiting a decision from Lidl on their plans for the site.

Ted Rowlands, Chair PDC

FLEUR BOUTIQUE...one year on

Having taking over the Mottingham florist shop, 275 Court Road in March 2014, we recently celebrated a year in the village. We are very privileged to be part of the community in Mottingham however, more excitingly being part of the 40 year history of this shop being a florist.

Fleur Boutique has seen some changes during the past year and we are sincerely grateful for the continued support that the local community has given us during this time. We would like to think that the changes we have made to the character of the shop, its flowers, plants and floral designs are reflecting the needs of the community at large.

Charles and his team, Lynn, Jo, Cara and Julie are always pleased to welcome anyone into the shop, whether you are passing by and wanting help in buying something as a gift or just something to brighten up your home or garden. We are also delighted to be part of those big events in life, a special birthday, a wedding, or maybe the difficult passing of a loved one - at Fleur Boutique we can help you arrange those flowers!

Charles was born and raised in Zimbabwe and the logo of Fleur Boutique is the national flower of his home country - the Gloriosa lily. He trained as a demonstrator and competitions judge through the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies and he is a regular competitor at numerous Shows, including RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court and the NAFAS National Competitions, where he has won numerous medals and awards.

Charles also enjoys teaching and regularly holds workshops both for NAFAS and private design groups. If you would like to learn how to arrange flowers, please call into the shop and inquire about our forthcoming classes. Equally, please feel free to come in and see us and tell us what you would like us to provide, both in terms of flowers, plants and gifts in the future. We are keen to hear your ideas too!

Charles Barnard
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