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New Committee Members Always Welcome

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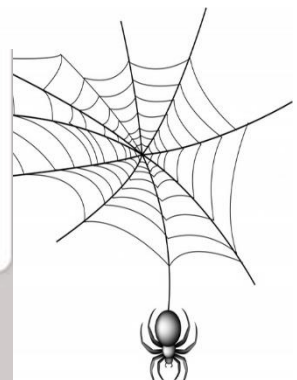
MRA MEETINGS 2018 – All meetings begin at 8:00pm

18 th January 2018	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Chris Mumbray Hall
15 th March 2018	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Chris Mumbray Hall
25 th April 2018	A.G.M (Wed)	St Andrews Church Hall
21 st June 2018	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Chris Mumbray Hall
20 th September 2018	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Chris Mumbray Hall
22 nd November 2018	Executive Committee (Thurs)	Chris Mumbray Hall

Chris Mumbray Hall is to the right behind St.Andrews Church, Court Road

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

WEBSITE : WWW.yourMRA.org



EDITORIAL

With the revival of the website, the need for regular circulation of reports of the MRA's activities has diminished. However, there are some valued members who may not have regular computer access, but nonetheless wish to be made aware of the activities of their organisation and representatives.

We have also decided not to issue full addresses and telephone contacts for Section Leaders and Road Representatives. This is to protect potentially sensitive data. Members wishing to contact the MRA Committee or their representatives should do so via the website or by using a post box which the library is kindly hosting.

Richard Mainwaring-Burton

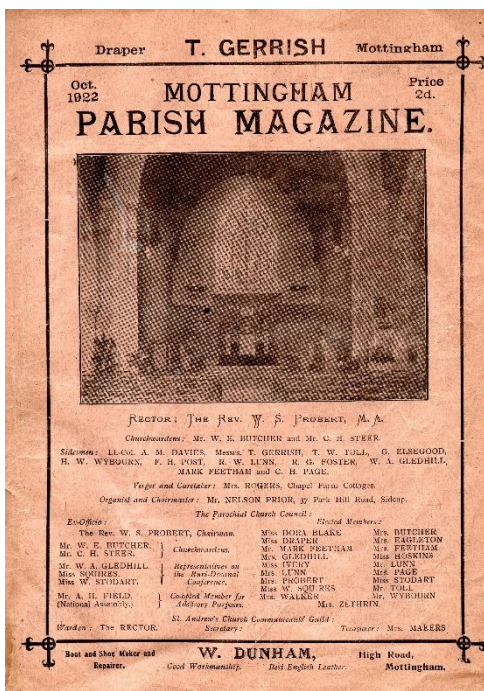
OBITUARY – Stan Buckingham

A LONG LIFE, LIVED IN PORTLAND CRESCENT

There can be few present day Mottingham residents who began their schooldays in Dorset Road Infant School between the wars. Stanley Buckingham, who sadly died a few months ago at the age of 93, remembered the school as it was, before various extensions were even thought of. He also attended the Junior School, which used to be on the site of the present library building.



Stan's parents Norman Stanley Buckingham and Sybil Plaisé Loines were married at St Andrew's Church on September 18th 1922.



From the October Parish Magazine (price 2d) announcing their marriage, we also learn that the weekly collection in church for that week was £ 2.. 19s.. 4d. (about £119 today)

It is also reported that the Mottingham Allotment Holders Association held their first Show, "under every indication of enthusiasm and success". Local beekeepers were "thoroughly congratulated on their section, which constituted a record for local shows". The show was opened and closed by two Parliamentary members, who maybe saw the occasion as an important vote winner. Doing some rough calculations, that means that this year's Autumn Show was the 96th. Surely we can reach the 100th, although we do need more bees.

Within the 'For Sale' and 'Wanted' column, there is a plea for some large men's gloves suitable for a driver in public service and an offer of "a splendid lady's bicycle" available from the Rector.

The young Stanley became a choirboy at St Andrew's, and at about the same time the wrought iron screens, oak sanctuary chairs and the West windows were gifted by Mr and Mrs Phipps Lucas to enhance the church. Much other historical detail can be read in Winifred H Parkinson's "*Mottingham: From Hamlet to Urban Village*" can be purchased or referenced in the Library.

Stan's father Norman was himself a long-lived resident, reported in a 1991 Parish magazine as being 93 years old and living with his son (Stanley) in Portland Crescent. It was Sybil, his wife, who had initially worked in Mottingham and together they attended St Andrew's. Opposite the church were some allotments, doubtless providing exhibits for the Show; the whole Mottingham area was "rural, peaceful and free from noise and pollution".

Norman's family had themselves lived in Billiston Villas, now Portland Crescent. He joined the Field Artillery and was held as a Prisoner of War in Germany, longing for his "nice home". Having married his "sweet Sybil", they moved to Crayford where Stanley was born in 1924, returning to Mottingham in Portland Crescent the following year. So Stanley apparently lived in their family home for 92 years. His parents were married for 67 years before Sybil died in 1989.



Stan's preference in holidays from his working life were walking in Switzerland and Cruising. Stan is pictured with the Captain of the "Black Prince" during a Mediterranean cruise in 1999

Stanley loved to chat to neighbours and passers-by, was a great fan of the Mottingham Concert Band whose concerts he attended enthusiastically, until he became incapacitated. He enjoyed singing, especially Christmas carols and Gilbert and Sullivan songs, tapping away to the beat, and relished a half of beer occasionally. His bright eyes and gentle smile will be missed.

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MRA Committee – Current Topics

Traffic in West Hallowes

A significant problem of excess traffic travelling north in West Hallowes has developed. This is principally rat-running from West Park to the A20, exacerbated by some satnavs (eg Garmin) which direct drivers down West Hallowes. The MRA invoked a questionnaire for residents which was almost unanimously in favour of Council action to address the hazard to residents. We have suggested a “No Exit to the A20” status from the north end which is currently under discussion by the Council, sponsored by Greenwich Cllr John Hills.

Nuisance Cycle Riding



This has been drawn to the attention of the police, but their problem is catching the cyclists actually committing an offence. They can't chase them for fear of causing an accident themselves especially if the cyclists don't have helmets on. They have asked for residents to report culprits if possible.

Mottingham Hall Nursery Woodland Issues

Further activities in the woodlands are being monitored by the MRA and Bromley Council.

Recently the water supply to the stables, which passes through the woodland, was interrupted. Local residents are concerned at the large number of trees threatened with removal and pruning.



Foxes Field.



The MRA suggested the creation of a new firm path to traverse the north and south ends of the fields to enable easier circumambulation of the field, particularly for the less able walker. Bromley Cllr Charles Rideout has advised us that following resolution of certain problems final approval had been given for the footpath which should be going forward shortly.

Festival Bench

Following the demolition of the Festival Memorial bench by a stolen vehicle, the bench was replaced by Bromley Council. Unfortunately, the plaque attached to the bench did not survive. Thanks to John Kennet's picture library, we now have details and plan to replace the plaque shortly.



PLANNING ISSUES

Eltham College plans for traffic management are still being finalised, The plans were well received at a meeting with local residents.

Bowmead Plans for a House of Multiple Occupation were refused by Greenwich Council

37 Mottingham Road – Planning application was submitted to L.B.Bromley for a change of use from a redundant hairdresser's to a Sports Bar. This was scheduled to be open from 11am to midnight, 7 days per week, providing multiple TV screens, alcohol & very little food, and even less parking. Bromley Council refused the request for planning permission



Liz Keable & Bob Blanks

Wheelchairs (Manual) 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 on 020 8857 3671

LIBRARY

It has been a l-o-n-g time since we have had any good news on the Library front!


At last, Greenwich Leisure Ltd, GLL, have taken over the management of Bromley's library service.

They have committed to retain both staffing levels & opening hours. Full details and the news release are available at the library or via the MRA Website at www.yourmra.org. GLL is a not for profit organisation. The best way in which we can support them to maintain staffing & services is to make full use of the library & its excellent staff. Do visit the library, which is not solely a book-repository, but where great things go on to support local parents and carers. See the website for details. You may also admire the new GLL logo and livery being sported by the staff.



Liz Keable

PORCUPINE UPDATE

 are playing coy on the Porcupine site. We have heard from their property personnel that there are no developments re the future of the site to report. The Asset of Community Value status runs out at the end of the year, and we will have to reapply to Bromley Council for its renewal. It would be no surprise if Lidl are awaiting the expiry of the ACV. We will be contacting local MP Bob Neill again.



Ted Rowlands

MIDWEEK LUNCH – ALL WELCOME

Mottingham Methodist Church Hall
Every Wednesday at 12:30
Doors open 11:00 for chat and coffee
No need to book - £ 3.00 donation



LONDON CITY AIRPORT – AIRCRAFT NOISE

Are you bothered by the increase in aircraft activity from City Airport since February 2016 ?

There is an organisation called HACAN East Campaign whose slogan is :

- KEEP the cap on flights
- END concentrated flight paths
- NO further expansion

They can be contacted at :

HACAN East ,

13 Stockwell Road,

London, SW9 9AU

or by e-mail at info@hacaneast.org.uk.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Residents local to Foxes Field may have noticed rather alarming police training exercises occurring recently.

A local Neighbourhood watch organiser has raised the issue with our police contact since no notice was given, and some neighbours were significantly distressed.

NEW SCAMS

Beware bogus Bailiffs :

Action Fraud has recently experienced an increase in the number of calls to members of the public by bogus bailiffs requesting payments for a “phantom” debt. The fraud involves being cold-called by someone purporting to be a bailiff working on behalf of a court, attempting to recover funds for a non-existent debt.

The caller will request payment by means of bank transfer and if this is refused, will threaten to visit the premises to recover the debt that is owed. A range of different businesses and individuals are being targeted. Though this type of fraud can occur throughout the UK, Action Fraud has noted that a significant level of reports is being made from those in the Yorkshire area.

Beware motor scooters with 2 helmeted or balaclava-ed riders which have been seen to be somewhat aggressive, and are known to have committed crimes elsewhere in London.

E-mails

If you receive scam e-mails, NEVER OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS but you can assist the investigating authorities by forwarding them to NFIBPhishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk and then deleting from your inbox.

If you would like to receive regular NW updates, one of our stalwarts has offered his services. Please send your e-mail details to : home.huxley@tiscali.co.uk

You may also find links to Bromley Neighbourhood Watch on the website with links to official NW Newsletters.

FESTIVE LIGHTS



You are encouraged to support this enterprise which succeeds in brightening up our environment in the festive season.

We also encourage you to support our local traders who also contribute to the lights.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICIA & JOHN HILLS !

Gardeners from across Greenwich competed for the 2017 Greenwich in Bloom contest.

The competition, sponsored by Coolings Garden Centre, saw residents display their gardens, window boxes and hanging gardens covered with flowers. Patricia Hills, wife of Cllr John Hills won the best front garden

award with this superb display.



ROAD REPRESENTATIVES & SECTION LEADERS	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	
LESLEY ROBINS, membsec@yourmra.org	
Section 1: Leader RICHARD MAINWARING-BURTON	
Road List (Borough)	
Albert Road (B)	Lesley Robins, Albert Road
Avondale Road (B)	Brenda Ludwick, Avondale Road
Devonshire Road (B)	Penny Waterson, Dorset Road
Evelyn Rogers Court (B)	Richard Mainwaring-Burton, Court Farm Road
Model Farm Close (B)	Ollie Gaynor, Model Farm Close
Mottingham Road - EVEN (B)	Rebecca Young, Court Farm Road
Mottingham Road - ODD (1-95) (G)	Mary Stevens, Layzell Walk
Mottingham Road - ODD (127-203) (G)	Iris Osborne, West Park
Silverdale Drive (B)	Richard Mainwaring-Burton, Court Farm Road
The Crossway (B)	Richard Mainwaring-Burton, Court Farm Road
Section 2: Leader JANE CORNISH	
Road List (Borough)	
Hinton Close (G)	Sandra Oliver, West Park
Luxfield Road (G)	Tom Biro, West Park
Sidcup Road - EVEN (456-504) (G)	Vacancy – Road Rep Needed
West Hallows (G)	Jane Cornish, West Park
West Park - EVEN (G)	Noreen Collins, West Park
West Park - ODD (G)	Sandra Oliver, West Park
Section 3: Leader SHEILA BLANKS	
Road List (Borough)	
Carters Hill Close (B)	Sheila Blanks, Mottingham Lane
Cedar Mount (B)	Wendy Gyngell, Cedar Mount
College View (B)	Mary Stevens, Layzell Walk
Court Farm Road (B)	Les Huxley, Court Farm Road
Grove Park Road - EVEN (B)	Liz Keable, Grove Park Road
Grove Park Road - ODD (B)	Brian Barker, Grove Park Road
Hall View (B)	Brian Barker, Grove Park Road
Kippington Drive (B)	Valerie Ewin, Kippington Drive
Layzell Walk (B)	Mary Stevens, Layzell Walk
Mottingham Gardens (B)	Mrs Longhurst, Mottingham Gardens
Colview Court (B)	Marion Burton, Cedar Mount
Mottingham Lane (B)	Sheila Blanks, Mottingham Lane

Section 4: Leader LAURIE BELL	
Road List (Borough)	
Beaconsfield Road - ODD (1-75)	Eileen Shorter, Avondale Road
Beaconsfield Road - EVEN (2-70)	Josetta Burton, Avondale Road
Beaconsfield Road - EVEN (72-112)	Eileen Shorter, Avondale Road
Clarence Road (B)	Christine Ridgwell, Grove Park Road
Dorset Road (B)	Clare Whale, Dorset Road
Elmhurst Road (B)	Christine Ridgwell, Grove Park Road
Highcombe Close (B)	Clare Whale, Dorset Road
Lulworth Road (B)	Laurie Bell, Mottingham Road
Portland Crescent (B)	Sarah Crofts, Mottingham Road
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Section 5: Leader MARGARET HENDERSON	
Road List (Borough)	
Bill Hamling Close (G)	Margaret Henderson, Birbetts Road
Birbetts Road (G)	Margaret Henderson, Birbetts Road
Bowmead (G)	Margaret Henderson, Birbetts Road
Chapel Farm Road (G)	Tim & Carole Hobbs, Chapel Farm Road
Lavidge Road - EVEN (G)	Julie Rutledge, Court Farm Road
Lavidge Road - ODD (G)	Julie Rutledge, Court Farm Road
Margaret Gardner Drive	Margaret Henderson, Birbetts Road
Sidcup Road - EVEN (522-542) (G)	Nazir Moya, Sidcup Road
Section 6: Leader LIZ KEABLE	
Road List (Borough)	
Court Road - EVEN (202-286) (G)	John Miller, Court Road
Court Road – ODD (201-281) (G)	Alison Lawrie, Court Road
Crossmead – EVEN (G)	Allison Nash, Crossmead
Crossmead – ODD (13-33) (G)	Mrs Llorente, Crossmead
Crossmead – ODD (1-11 & 35-77) (G)	Allison Nash, Crossmead
Downleys Close (G)	John Sunderland, Leysdown Road
Harstmead Road (G)	Stuart West, Hartsmead
Leysdown Road - EVEN (G)	John Sunderland, Leysdown Road
Leysdown Road - ODD (G)	Janet Lane, Leysdown Road
Ministry Way (G)	Janet Lane, Leysdown Road
Porcupine Close (G)	Dorothy Robbie, Porcupine Close
Sycamore Close (G)	Alison Lawrie, Court Road

We have several vacancies in the Road Representative list we would like to fill which will spread the load for some existing stalwarts. We would particularly welcome volunteers with access to the “Everest” blocks. Please contact membsec@yourmra.org if you feel able to assist.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

POLICE

GREENWICH: 020 8853 1212 **ELTHAM:** 020 8284 5625

COLDHARBOUR:

NEW ELTHAM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM
60 William Barefoot Drive, SE9 3AY

Tel: 020 7161 9521 Mobile: 07768 083607

Sgt. TBC, PC TBC, PCSO TBC

Email: coldharbour.neweltham.snt@met.police.uk

BROMLEY HQ: 01689 891212

MOTTINGHAM:

CHISLEHURST NORTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM
Bromley Police Station, High Street, BR1 1ER

Tel: 020 8721 2889 Mobile: 07880 781483

PC Paul James, PCSO Sue Kennedy

Email: ChislehurstNorth.snt@met.police.uk



IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999

COUNCILS

GREENWICH - Main Switchboard 020 8854 8888
www.greenwich.gov.uk

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