SECRETARY’S BULLETIN: NEWS FROM THE MRA AGM HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2022

We were pleased to see nearly 50 residents at our meeting. We heard some good news, some less good news and some very helpful updates.

**THE GOOD NEWS**

*Jubilee celebrations*. Lots of local events are planned. Including:

* A two day outdoor concert and summer film screenings in [Queens Gardens](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/events/event/4622/bromley_town_centre_platinum_jubilee_celebrations) in Bromley.
* [Beacon lighting](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/events/event/4611/platinum_jubilee_beacon_lighting_ceremony) in Crystal Palace Park.
* Over 70 themed events planned across [Bromley libraries](https://www.better.org.uk/bromley-jubilee-events).
* The [EveryoneaRoyal](https://www.better.org.uk/bromley-jubilee-events) art challenge, inviting all children in Bromley to design a portrait of themselves on a special template.
* Events in Greenwich include a [Royal Greenwich Together](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/news/article/2073/impressive_main_stage_line-up_announced_for_royal_greenwich_together_22) festival at Charlton Park, and a [Platinum Picnic](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/site_search/results/#?cludoquery=platinum%20picnic%20in%20the%20park%20summer%20events%202022&cludopage=1&cludorefurl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.royalgreenwich.gov.uk%2F&cludorefpt=Homepage%20%7C%20Royal%20Borough%20of%20Greenwich&cludorefact=platinum&cludorefaci=1&cludoinputtype=standard) in the Park.
* Chislehurst Rotary Club will be holding a [Jubilee Summer Fair](https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=547074&ClubID=702) on Saturday 11th June. At the Beaverwood, on June 5th, there will a Queen Tribute band [Platinum Queen](https://www.visitchislehurst.org.uk/event/platinum-queen-a-jubilee-celebration-at-the-beaverwood/).
* The Chislehurst Society will be running a free entry to a [Jubilee exhibition](https://www.visitchislehurst.org.uk/event/platinum-jubilee-exhibition/) on Sunday 5th, at The Old Chapel in Queens Passage, showing 70 years of local history.
* In Eltham, on the Sunday, a free event will be taking place in Well Hall Pleasaunce Gardens, with live bands, dancing, donkey rides and a mini zoo.
* On the Friday, St Mary’s Community Centre in the High St has planned events on the Friday evening and Saturday daytime.
* Within Mottingham, the Mottingham Ladies will be holding a Jubilee lunch on Thursday 2nd June. The Methodist Church is going to be open on the Saturday and Sunday of the Jubilee weekend, decorated by The Mottingham Floral Arrangement Society

*Defibrillator*

We are most grateful for a £1000 donation by Greenwich Council, and a further £1000 raised by the 6th-formers at Eltham College. As a result, there is now sufficient funding for our first defibrillator. The MRA hopes to be able to fund a second defibrillator at the changing rooms on Mottingham Fields where football is played every weekend. The MRA is setting up a dedicated pot for defibrillator purchase and maintenance. Any residents interested in contributing to the defibrillator fund were asked to contact our Treasurer, Mr Laurie Bell.

*Dorset Road School, Mottingham Village and Woods/Juniper Falls*

The MRA will have a significant input into any planned development of the Dorset Road site. The temporary planters in Mottingham Village will be replaced by permanent ones. There is an ambitious plan to regenerate and develop the woodland between Foxes Field and Dunkery Road sponsored by Bromley Council ant the Friends of Mottingham Woods.

**THE LESS GOOD NEWS**

*Lidl*

After seven years of a rollercoaster of planning applications, with repeated refusals by Bromley, the National Planning Inspectorate had now given the go-ahead to Lidl. The full and [final report and the history](https://www.yourmra.org/the-porcupine/) of the campaign can be found on this website. Alongside planning approval, Lidl has to comply with a Section106 notice which places various obligations upon the developer in return for planning approval. The plan is that the pavement outside the library will be narrowed, thereby widening the road, as well as providing a new traffic island and lamppost. The MRA will be closely monitoring Lidl’s compliance with the planning conditions.

**OTHER UPDATES**

The findings of the recent *traffic impact survey* are summarised in the [MRA newsletter](https://www.yourmra.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-Spring.pdf). It seems that residents in most roads are unhappy about the worsening of traffic in various ways in their roads, perhaps particularly in West Hallowes, and possibly Court Road, although there are many concerns from residents in other roads. The Councillors’ final Evidence Report has been submitted formally to the Royal Borough of Greenwich and Transport for London for consideration.