

BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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BROCKLEY SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 9 November 8pm

Brockley Social Club

240 Brockley Road, SE4 2SU

(cnr Foxberry Road, next to Esso garage)

Brockley in the Blitz

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followed by the AGM,
including elections to the committee

Historical Walk round Brockley

Led by Gillian Heywood MBE

Sunday 21 November 2010, 11am-12.30pm

Meet at the Talbot Pub, Tyrwhitt Road, to
weave our way to the Wickham Arms

Visit to Lewisham Local Studies Library

Tuesday, 11 January, 2pm

Learn what you can discover in this
important archive about our area.

Meet outside Lewisham Library, 199-201

Lewisham High Street, SE13 6LG

Numbers are limited, please email chair
@brockleysociety.org.uk to book a place

MidWinter Warmer

Saturday 12 February 2011, 2pm-4pm

Brockley Social Club

All Brockley's seniors welcome
Entertainment, singalongs, raffle, tea,
cakes and drinks. To help (cakes,
transport, raffle prizes, food, or help on
the day) contact Kate on 07930 181 174.

Copy deadlines for newsletter:

1 February, 1 May, 1 October

If you have ideas about the newsletter or
would like to contribute, please email

brocsocnews@yahoo.co.uk

Farmers' Markets on Hilly Fields

Second Saturday of each month 10am-3pm

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Everyone living in the Brockley Conservation area
is automatically a member of the Brockley
Society. The Brockley Society welcomes all.

The Big Lunch, 18 July 2010



Rokeby Road Big Lunch

Like many ares of the country, there were several Big Lunches within the conservation area and just outside. A great time was had by everyone meeting their neighbours. Above: Rokeby Road; Inside: Tyrwhitt Road and Hilly Fields Big Picnic. Plan one in your street for next year! See <http://brockleycentral.blogspot.com/> - put cook-off in the search panel: *pictures on page 9*

Campaign to save Gordonbrock School unsuccessful

On 2 September, Lewisham's Planning Committee voted in favour of their re-submitted plans to demolish two of the Edwardian buildings at Gordonbrock School and its re-development to include a new large building to accommodate more pupils.

The Brockley Society has been engaged with the proposals for the school since December of last year when a number of parents approached us in desperation from what they saw as their lack of voice in influencing the decision-making process in relation to the future of the school. We have always regarded the buildings at Gordonbrock to be exceptional local architectural landmarks. After looking closely at the designs for the new school, which we believe to be of very poor quality, the Brockley Society decided to get involved with a campaign to persuade Lewisham Council that an alternative, less destructive development route might be possible.

The educational needs of children are paramount. This is why we employed the services of an architect who has experience of designing another project for Lewisham that also required the re-use of historical buildings to come up with workable feasibility options, and we think that our designer did a fantastic job. The proposal

we arrived at retained three of the Edwardian buildings, one more than Lewisham's solution, and offered gains on teaching accommodation and playground areas. It was also a strong, but cost-effective design that we felt might give the council an opportunity to find a win-win solution. If nothing else it demonstrated that if historic buildings are treated as a constraint from the outset rather than a removable nuisance then it would have been possible to meet the

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Brockley Society's alternative plans for Gordonbrock can be downloaded from our website: www.brockleysociety.org.uk - select Planning

Up the Line event 2010

Thursday 11 November 2010

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries

Last year's unique World War I remembrance event is to happen again this year with poetry, film, music and soundscape. Watch for more details on Friends of Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries website www.foblc.org.uk, which includes an item about WWI poet David Jones, also buried in the cemetery.

Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust
charity variety show!

A spectacular Variety Show featuring
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Rudolph Walker OBE
- and many others

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Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust

Friday 12th November at 7.30pm

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www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk

Ladywell Christmas market

Saturday 11th December 2010 10am to 4pm
Railway Terrace, next to Ladywell Station

Ladywell Village Improvement Group's third Christmas Market: seasonal produce, unique gifts, arts and crafts and home made tasty treats, carols sung by local choirs and a special guest to switch on the Christmas tree lights.

More information: ladywell.info@googlemail.com or call Alex on 07748 090 107

Brockley Christmas Market

Saturday 11th December, 12 noon to 6pm
Coulgate Street, next to Brockley Station

A popular annual event! Santa's grotto, live music, lantern parade, Christmas tree, mulled wine, mince pies.

To obtain a booking form for a stall email: bxag@fsmail.net

The Crown and Sceptre in film:

Can anyone help us answer a question? One of our members remembers seeing the exterior of the Crown and Sceptre used as the set for a film about ten years ago – perhaps starring Ralph Fiennes. Please email us if you know what the film was. planning@brockleysociety.org.uk

Mattress Recycling: To use the free mattress recycling service from Lewisham Council place a sticker on the unwanted mattress and put it out by the refuse bin the evening before collection day. The mattress will then be collected on the refuse collection day. Stickers are available from Lewisham Council offices in Catford and our libraries.

Unfriendly development at the Crown and Sceptre in Friendly Street

By Robert Park

Friendly Street is just outside the Brockley Conservation area but we love it nonetheless. We think that the incredibly well preserved early Victorian terraced houses on the west side of the road are wonderful and we also happen to think that our local public houses are treasures worth preserving. We were therefore very sad to see that a 'not-so-friendly' developer, who has been busy converting the Crown and Sceptre pub into flats, had started to remove the beautiful original tiles from the front of the building. Knowing that part of the planning consent for this development required the exterior of the building to remain as its existing appearance, we approached the foreman who informed us that the tiles had to be removed 'otherwise it would still look like a pub!' The next day all of the tiles had gone completely.

To cut a long story short, and after a good deal of communication with Lewisham's Planning Enforcement officers, the developer has turned out to be friendly after all and has agreed to reinstate the tiling. However, the original tiles are now in landfill so we will be keeping a close eye on the development to ensure that the quality of the new replacement tiles and workmanship is of the standard required to ensure the building is truly returned to its original state.

Memories of Friendly Street, by Harry Kippin (1916-2005)

Harry Kippin was my grandfather. He lived on Friendly Street at No.113 as a young boy, just opposite the Crown and Sceptre Pub.



The Crown and Sceptre – before . . .

The following are brief excerpts from transcripts of some of his recorded memories of growing up on the street.

'On the other side of Cranbrook Road, opposite the greengrocers' was the pub, the Crown and Sceptre – that brings back memories! It belonged to a man called Doe who lived on Tyrwhitt Road. It was very popular but it wasn't referred to as the Crown and Sceptre, it was referred to as "Old Doe's". My mother was very partial, when she felt like it, to oatmeal stout. She used to send me over there with the jug to get it, and when I was at the jug and bottle counter they used to take the micky out of me in the bar. The barman used to offer me a gherkin – ooh – was I embarrassed! A twelve year old boy being served in a pub - I wonder what they'd say about that these days?

'The bookmaker used to hang around outside Doe's to collect the bets. One day when he wasn't very well, my father who was out of work at that time stood in for him. So for a short period my father was a book "drummer". You wrote your bets on a piece of paper, folded it over your money and slipped it to the bookmaker's drummer.

'One wet day, we came home from school and outside the Crown and Sceptre was an open hatch in the pavement with big wooden doors. The cellar had been flooded and they were getting all of the barrels of beer on to a ladder and pushing them up. I remember that distinctly – a public house, with a cellar under the pavement with a large wooden hatch that you could walk on.'



. . . and after stripping the tiles

Edward Dowson memorial



Ernest Dowson (1867-1900), poet and author, who died penniless in an absinthe haze and who created some of the most memorable poetry of the 'Decadent' era, is buried locally.

Words by him which are often used today include 'Gone with the wind' and 'Days of wine and roses'.

After a year-long campaign, Dowson's restored grave in Brockley and Ladywell Cemetery was unveiled on 2 August. Over 80 people attended the rededication event.

Jad Adams, Dowson's biographer, gave a moving introduction at the graveside and read the Cynara! poem. This was followed by a memorial service in the cemetery chapel, and then a toast to celebrate his life in the Brockley Jack.

The restored grave has a new plaque with Dowson's popular 'Days of wine and roses' inscribed – a fitting memorial to an outstanding poet.

For more information visit: www.ernestdowson.com



From left to right: John, Katie (rear), Ruth (front), Fran, and Alex (behind the camera).



Volunteers harvest pears from a local tree

Growing, harvesting, orchard planting season nears finish

By Fran

Following the successful community planting of herbs, vegetables and tomatoes at Brockley Station to complement BXAG's flower beds, Transition Brockley / Lewisham (<http://transitionbrockley.blogspot.com>) has been trialling the harvesting of local fruit (brockleyharvest@yahoo.co.uk), and will complete its growing

activities for the year with the planting (together with the Park User Group) of a small fruit orchard in Hilly Fields Park, next to the stone circle. This is planned for Sat 4 December at 11.00am, is being organised together with The London Orchard Project, and all are welcome to come along and help or just watch. Look out for details nearer the

time on the Transition Brockley Blog.

The main aim of these activities is to highlight the contribution that food makes to our carbon footprint and in order to reduce this, we want to encourage local food growing and ensure that fruit from local trees does not go to waste.

Am I alone in being concerned about trees?

By Anthony Russell (Wickham Road)

Our conservation area has a fine architectural environment but do we really appreciate how important are our glorious trees to its character?

It's not just that they look pleasant but that they are paramount in filtering toxins from the air and providing fresh oxygen. Additionally, they keep us cool in summer (apparent to any commuter returning from the centre of town) and also protected in winter. They also provide valuable habitat for wildlife and reduce the amount of dust in the air. Add that to the privacy and reduction in noise pollution they provide and that's more than our best friends can do!

Yet ignorance of the basic fact that they absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen is apparently widespread. In a recent poll, nearly a fifth of Britons didn't know this basic fact.

In protecting our trees and ensuring new ones are planted, we are doing our bit not just for our local environment and neighbours but in a small way, for the ecology of the planet, which apparently needs friends.

So what can we do to help? If you have a garden, make sure your trees are happy. Most trees benefit from good pruning, which is likely to make your neighbours happy too. Young trees are particularly vulnerable and may need watering during dry periods and protecting during the winter.

Brockley was once an area of orchards; so if you are thinking of planting a tree, consider a fruit tree. They are usually of manageable size and of course give you free,

organic fruit, which will make your supermarket less happy. But remember, neglected trees can become vulnerable to disease or toppling over. This is a particular risk for a fruit-laden tree on a slope during wet and windy weather.

If you don't have a garden, keep a watch out for trees in your area. Be aware of trees that need pruning or a spot where a tree could be planted or is missing and let the council know. All private trees in our conservation area are preserved, like the buildings, and planning permission is required before any felling is permitted. So try to keep informed of any potential abuse. The BrocSoc keeps an eye on all applications and is always interested in useful information.

Of course, it's not just the trees that benefit

from regular pruning. Most hedges and bushes grow better when pruned back at the right time. With most plants this can be done throughout the growing season, after flowering. I don't need to add that hedge cutting is good exercise! It is also an art and you don't need to be a sculptor in exotic animals to add a bit of shape and variety to a hedge. This will also keep the pavements clearer and that'll keep anyone happy!

Aside from all their other benefits, the beauty of our trees should not be underestimated in making us feel good and arguably behave better.

More information:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/ConservationandUrbanDesign/Trees or call: 020 8314 7400



YOU SHALL GO TO THE BALL!

Come along with other Brockley Panto fans to see

CINDERELLA

Saturday 11th December at 2pm Greenwich Theatre

The Brockley Society is contributing towards the cost of tickets for the annual Panto trip. Tickets are an amazingly cheap £5.00 for children and the elderly, £8 for adults.

Ring, text or email now to reserve your tickets

Debbie 07753776854 badjer@fastmail.fm

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brief for the school in full while respecting the historic fabric. We did everything we could to convince Lewisham's senior officers and politicians that this approach would be of benefit to everyone and in the process we gained considerable support for our ideas. Sadly, our Council was just not for turning and we would therefore like to apologise to everyone who has supported our campaign for letting you down. We tried our best to make the strongest case that we could – we really did, but we must now back off in order to help protect the funding for the project.

What motivates a group of people such as the Brockley Society, to stand up and create so much fuss and bother over bricks and

mortar? Why are these buildings important?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, this is true, and we happen to think that these buildings are very attractive and enhance the visual amenity of our area. Beyond that we would argue that the school buildings of this era are culturally important, both at a local and wider level. The School Board for London, who designed and funded all school building for a 35-year period from 1870, was a tremendously progressive organisation. What they achieved in providing free education for all London children was one of the most important acts in instigating social change in our city, and it was not, as you might think, an easy task. They achieved what they did under fierce political and financial scrutiny. We would go as far as to say that anyone with working

class London roots has a great debt to pay to the School Board.

The buildings at Gordonbrock are also culturally important on a local scale, as they were almost certainly constructed using materials from local brick works, perhaps even from Ladywell. These structures are an integral part of our environment, and you might say, they emerged from under the very ground we walk on.

There is one fundamental equation that does not add up. Why do we choose to destroy something beautiful, rooted and culturally important and replace it with something mundane, throwaway and artless? We don't believe that this is the message we should be communicating to our children, and this is not progress.

The Brockley Foxes latest local samplings

In the summer, lured by the bright lights of central Lewisham and rumours of a rival to Meze Mengal, the Foxes dined at the Turkish grill and restaurant 'The Levant Pide' in Lewisham High Street. Although service was attentive and the interior pleasant, the foxes felt that this restaurant will have a long way to go to compete with our established local favourite 'Meze Mengal'.

Rather disillusioned by the "big city," the next choice was to try our local take-aways and dine at home. One of our many local establishments offering Caribbean cuisine was selected, 'Nu Spice' near Brockley station, and the take-away menu was studied. Focusing on several Caribbean dishes, the menu is not extensive but the food is all cooked on site and heated to take-away in the evening.

Considering the very reasonable prices, the portions were quite generous, the individual dishes were accompanied by a good portion of rice and peas (bought separately), and some dishes included a portion of white rice (generous but a little lumpy). Oxtail with butter beans was tender and well spiced and very good, though with few butter beans. The salt fish and achee was rather too hot to taste individual spices, but generous with a definite 'home cooked' feel. The Jerk chicken was thought good and not too hot and spicy to be tasty. The large curried goat meal was pronounced excellent and very good value. However, none of the food was hot and had been re-heated while we waited in the take-away.

The foxes take-away night was felt to be a success. In the large comfortable kitchen of one of our lovely Brockley houses, ambiance, service and wine were all perfect, and the foxes felt that staying in is definitely the new going out!

Brockley Social Club

240 Brockley Road, SE4 2SU

Monday Club 6.30pm-10pm

Good performing artist

and food provided

All invited

Brockley's Mews

During 2010 Brockley Society has turned its attention to the many mews that exist in the conservation area. We held an open meeting in April to discuss the contentious issues that afflict them; Gillian Heywood MBE led a guided walk and historical explanation in July; during the summer we carried out a widespread survey of people who live and work in or near the mews (see below).

We have found that in some of the mews there are enforcement issues that the council, fire, police and health & safety authorities need to act on. We hope to arrange a walkabout with officials to demonstrate the dangers and irritations in the mews that cause frustration so that a plan of action can be developed.

For more information about the Mews Working Group, contact planning@brockleysociety.org.uk.

Mews Survey 2010

The results from the Mews survey which was carried out in June and July 2010, have now been collated and analysed. A summary of the findings follows.

The majority of responses came from residential users with most respondents using their Mews for leisure and taking shortcuts or for access to their gardens and garages.

Most respondents think that their nearest Mews is in a quite poor condition and there is overwhelming agreement that there is room for improvement.

The consensus of opinion regarding

responsibility for looking after the Mews is that it should be shared between four groups: residents backing on to the Mews, businesses based in the Mews, Lewisham Council, and local groups.

There is most support for using and developing the Mews as a nature reserve (66%) and open space (47%), and allowing craft activities (50%), residential garages (41%) and private communal gardens (35%).

Offices are supported but with restrictions (43%).

There is opposition to mechanic/business garages (47%), residential homes (50%) and light industry (55%).

The majority of respondents like the nature aspect of the Mews.

The majority of respondents dislike all the mess, caused by things such as fly tipping, abandoned cars, poor surface conditions and dog faeces. In addition, there is also frustration over non-enforcement of regulations and the law by the council and police.

In general, the majority of respondents favour improving the appearance of the Mews and would support sympathetic development. Enforcement of regulations and law by the council and police is also cited as a means to improvement.

This survey has provided us with some interesting and very useful information, and supports the anecdotal evidence that has already existed around the Mews for some time.

CHRISTMAS AT 'THE TOAD'

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Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre 19 June 2010

Thanks to all our sponsors, advertisers, performers and volunteers who made it another wonderful community event.

Next year's Fayre: Saturday 19 June 2011.

Application forms will be on www.brockleysociety.org.uk after February 2011.



Xtreme Falconry Birds of Prey amidst audacious children



Lewisham Shotokan Karate Club display



A happy stallholder



Surrey Docks Farm's animals were popular



One of the most popular events - the dog show



The Human Fruit Machine was run by some of the 24 Global Xchange volunteers who helped on the day



Two of the people who made it happen!



Fun at the Fayre



The Fayre took in the whole field

Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre Prize draw

Everyone who bought a programme at the Fayre was able to enter the prize draw for 25 prizes donated by local businesses. Winners of the top five prizes were:

Two tickets for the 2010 V Festival:

Mr and Mrs Sowt

Roberts FM/DAB digital radio:

Peter Davis

Tomtom XL Sat Nav:

Darren Larking

Special bottle of Champagne:

Mrs M Bradley

I-pod Docking System:

Caroline Joyner

The other prizes included beauty treatments, restaurant vouchers and gifts. Be sure to buy your programme and enter next year for more prizes!

Brockley in the Blitz

The London Blitz started quietly on 7 September with a series of hits in what is now Brockley conservation area along Wickham Road – as well as adjacent streets. For more information see www.guardian.co.uk/uk/interactive/2010/aug/20

As the war dragged on there was much more destruction where bombs destroyed the existing houses. Here are some of the dry weeks this summer.

At the Brockley Society AGM on 9 November discuss anything or anything else about war-time Brockley, bring



An unexploded 50kg phosphorus bomb went through the side wall of Horn's Camera Mart into the back garden of 13 Harefield Road. Captain Brooks of the Bomb Disposal Squad inspects. 8/3/1944



Bomb damage to 67 and 69 Breakspears Road (bombed in November 1940). 5/4/1941



Civil Defence personnel M. Sextstone in the debris of 69 Breakspears Road. 17/11/1940



Bomb Disposal Squad with a bomb at Wickham Road



Damage to 103 Breakspears Road. 13/3/1944

ber 1940. But from the evening, hundreds of German bombers and fighter escorts pounded London through the night, with a number area – 5 Chalsey Road, 84 Tyrwhitt Road and 105-113 Tyrwhitt Road (five houses severely damaged), 84 and 96 Tressillian Road, 64 roads. An online map of London shows the location of every bomb dropped on London on that first night: 5/blitz-first-day-second-world-war

bomb damage, as you can see from the pictures below (thanks to Lewisham Local History Centre). Many of today's blocks of flats are ally Fields was used for defence purposes and the outlines of wartime buildings' foundations were visible on the parched grass during

(details p.1) we will discuss the Blitz in Brockley. If you know anything about how your house or street was affected, air-raid shelters, g the information to the meeting



il. 21/8/1941



Testing street lighting, Malpas Road. 6/1/1944



Breakspears Road: damaged house, front exterior

'Water' Year At Hilly Fields Bowls Club!

By Ron Bias

Thanks to the Mayor's Fund, the Francis Drake Bowls Club now has a watering system, which has improved the playing surface. Also, the club received money from Lewisham Council to pay for club shirts and funding from both Brockley and Ladywell Ward Assemblies, which paid for new scoreboards and bowls and shoes for casual players. The club thanks Des Kirkland for assisting them in funding bids.

Also this season, Rachel Mooney and the Friends of Hilly Fields organised bulb planting by the entrance, Sir Steve Bullock 'opened' the new watering system, various club bowlers entered the County competitions, and ten new members joined up.

Capt. Mick 'Zinger' Singer entered FDBC into the Bromley, Beckenham and District Bowling Association and reached the semi-finals of the Singles and the Triples League, and Stan Augar

and Ron Phillips reached the final of the Pairs, finishing second. Also this year, we scooped the JC League Open Triples.

The Brockley MAX taster session in June was a great success, and friendly matches against visiting clubs, a Charity Pair's competition held in aid of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, and regular roll ups were enjoyed by members and curious casual folks.

The season ended with the club hosting the final of the Ronnie Hams KO Cup between rivals from 'down the hill' Ladywell and West Beckenham.

Anyone requiring details of Lewisham Indoor Bowls Club, including free coaching, or information of how to bowl at FDBC next season (which starts towards the end of April 2011) please contact Mick or Jeanette on 020 8291 9243.



The five intrepid players who represented Francis Drake BC at the Canterbury Fours in August (left to right) 'Mighty' Mick Singer, Stan 'He Is Our Man' Augar, Colin 'He's Not A Cat He's A' Meerkat, 'Do Dah Ron' Ron Phillips and 'Dashing' David Singer.



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Class: *Let's Dance!* 10-week taster course for beginners.

Where: Prendergast-Hilly Fields College, Top Site, Adelaide Avenue, London, SE4 1LE

WEDNESDAYS, 2 - 3pm: From Wednesday 13th October. FREE.

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Brockley Max 2010

28 May-5 June

Once again this festival was a brilliant exciting series of events. Look out for next year's details on www.brockleymax.co.uk



More Big Lunch photo memories



Tyrwhitt Road Big Lunch



The Big Picnic on Hilly Fields

Satellite dishes

If you want to install a satellite dish on your home in the conservation area you must put it on the roof or somewhere that is not visible from the street.

The Article 4 Direction for Brockley Conservation Area means you must obtain planning permission for any changes to the parts of your house that are visible from the street.

This includes satellite dishes, TV aerials, windows, paving in your front garden, and the front garden walls. In most cases there will be no fee to apply for planning permission.

If you install a satellite dish or TV aerial in contravention of the Article 4 Direction, the council will take enforcement action to make you remove it.

Firms who install satellite dishes will not know this and will choose the easiest position from their point of view. So check beforehand to avoid distress later.

Lewisham Planning information service:
Tel: 020 8314 7400. Email: planning@lewisham.gov.uk

Beautiful Brockley Garden Competition

The winners, judged in the week 12-18 June, were:

Front garden: 16 Wickham Road

Window box: 64 Breakspears Road, first floor

Balcony: 2 Walter Taylor Court, Breakspears Road

Congratulations to all!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Before you start making decisions on any changes to your property, we strongly advise that you look at the Council's guidelines for preserving the Brockley Conservation Area. These will give you a good idea of what is acceptable development: <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/ConservationAndUrbanDesign/ConservationAreas/Brockley/AlteringBuildingsBrockley.htm>

If you would like to object to plans for unsympathetic or inappropriate development, please advise the Brockley Society. The more objections the council receives, the more likely the development is to be questioned. If you would like to support something, again, let us know – community pressure does actually work!

Every other week, the Brockley Society joins the other local conservation societies at the Council's Amenity Panel Meeting. Here we raise formal objections, ask questions, and give our input on local development. These meetings help to determine whether planning applications are approved or go on to be raised at the public planning meetings. The public meetings give applicants and objectors a chance to have their say to enable the Council to reach a decision.

If you would like to get involved in preserving the character of Brockley or for further guidance on planning issues, including making an application, raising an objection, or the processes involved, contact Danny on 07904 508 678.

Applications Granted

The retention of the single storey extension as built at the rear of **104 Tressillian Road SE4.**

The construction of an extension at first floor level to the rear of **126 Upper Brockley Road SE4** and alterations to the rear and side elevations.

The refurbishment of front garden of **108 Breakspears Road SE4**, including the partial demolition of existing front boundary wall and the reinstatement of the wall and pier as original, the replacement of the existing front path, together with the installation of a handrail and railings.

The construction of a single storey conservatory to the rear of **5 Beverley Court, Breakspears Road SE4.**

The alteration, conversion and change of use of the social club at **60 Manor Avenue SE4** and construction of a single storey extension to the rear at basement level and dormer window in the rear roof slope, to provide 1 four bedroom and 1 five bedroom houses, together with demolition of part of the former club building at the rear and the alteration and conversion of the remaining part to provide 2 workshops/studios for the use by the occupiers of the residential units.

The construction of a two storey extension to the basement and ground floor and an extension at the first floor level at the rear of **81 Cranfield Road SE4**, together with the provision of a new front wall and piers.

The conversion and change of use of the ground floor shop and basement at **91 Upper Brockley Road SE4**, together with alterations to the front and rear elevations, formation of a light well to the front and access steps to basement level at the rear, to provide a two bedroom self-contained maisonette.

Applications Refused

The remodelling of the existing Council offices at **1-3 Ashby Road SE4**, to provide a part single/part two storey, 14 bedroom care home, together with associated landscaping, provision of a refuse store and 2 car

parking spaces.
Proposal: The construction of a single storey building for domestic storage use on land at the rear of **42 Wickham Road SE4.**

The construction of a part single/part two storey extension with roof terrace at first floor level and raised decking to the rear of **12 Malpas Road SE4.**

Trees

Crown thin and crown lift a Sycamore tree to the rear of **3 Algiers Road, SE13.**

Crown thin and crown lift Lime and Sycamore trees at the rear of **7 Algiers Road, SE13.**

Crown thin and crown lift Lime and Sycamore trees at the rear of **9 Algiers Road, SE13.**

Fell a Pine tree and crown reduce an Ash tree in the rear garden; crown reduce a Magnolia to the front of **10 Avon Road, SE4.**

Fell a Conifer tree to the rear of **15 Allenby Road, SE23.**

Crown reduce by 1/3rd, crown thin by 20%, lift over highway and cut back from property in addition to removing dead wood from three Lime trees at **41 Tressillian Road, SE4.**

Fell an Acacia tree in front garden at **55 Manor Ave, SE4.**
Crown reduce by 30% a Sycamore tree in the rear garden at **62 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4.**

Crown reduce by 25% and crown lift above footway two Lime trees T2 and T3 at **69 Tressillian Road, SE4.**

Carry out minor work as detailed in the schedule to a

Eucalyptus tree T1 to the front, a second Eucalyptus T1 and a Mimosa tree, both in the rear garden at **76 Tyrwhitt Road SE4.**

Repollard two Lime trees in the rear garden at **12 Tressillian Road, SE4.**

Cut back to boundary overhanging limbs of a Sycamore tree at the rear of **96 Breakspears Road, SE4.**

Fell a Sycamore tree to the rear of **2 Avon Road, SE4.**

Fell a Weeping Willow tree in the rear garden at **135 Breakspears Road, SE4.**

Pending

The demolition of buildings on site **1 -1a Brockley Cross SE4** and the construction of a part single/part two/part

three storey building comprising commercial unit and 1 two bedroom self contained flat on the ground floor and

4 one bedroom and 1 two bedroom self-contained flats on the upper floors with provision of bin and bicycle stores.

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