

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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**Breakspears Mews Community Garden**  
Annual General Meeting & Spring Open Day  
Saturday 24 March, 1-3pm  
AGM business: 2-2.30pm (see page 3)  
Senior Gardening Club begins  
12 April, 10am-12.30pm (see page 3)

**Street Trees for Living AGM**  
Sunday 8 April, 4-6pm  
Telegraph Hill Centre (see page 3)

**Brockley Society Open Meeting**  
Wednesday 18 April, 7.30pm  
Brockley's history in a handful of  
objects (See page 3)  
Bring an object, photo or recollection  
that helps tell the story of how you  
came to settle here  
Brockley Social Club, 240 Brockley Road,  
SE4 2SU

**Historical Mews Walk led by**  
**Gillian Heywood MBE:**  
Sunday 13 May 11am-12.30pm  
Meet outside Pistachio's cafe on Hilly Fields  
for a walk through streets in Brockley  
Conservation Area, ending at The Talbot Pub,  
2 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4 1QG

**Views of Brockley: a Community Photo**  
**Digitisation event** (see page 3)  
Saturday 2 June, 1-5pm during  
St Peter's Church Open Afternoon

**Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre**  
Saturday 23 June 2018, 12 noon to 5pm  
Application forms for all stalls: April 1 on  
[www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk).

**Brockley Barbecue**  
Friday 6 July 2018, 7pm  
Stone Circle on Hilly Fields

**Breakspears Mews Community Garden**  
Open Day Saturday 14 July, 1-4pm

**Coordinated Front Garden Sale**  
8-9 September 2018

## Festival's wide-ranging ideas promoted discussion

Last November, a large audience heard stimulating ideas from 25 speakers and discussed these further in breakout sessions. See page 5.



L to R: Esther Stanford-Xosei (Reparations scholar-activist): *The aftermath of the Battle of Lewisham*. Sophi Tranchell, (Divine Chocolates): *Fair Trade*. Nacheal Catnott (Filmmaker): *Our unheard history*; John McKenna (Double Jab SE8): *Keeping youth out of crime through boxing*.



L to R: Mark 'Mr T' Thompson (Performance Poet). Sian Williams (Toynbee Hall): *How profit maximization increases inequality*. Kajal Odedra (Change. org): *Online campaigning*. Fouzia Razvi (Citizens UK): *Housing and integrating Syrian refugees*.

## Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre: Saturday 23 June 2018

12 noon to 5pm on Hilly Fields, SE4 1QA

The 44th Fayre: one of the most exciting events in Brockley, entirely community-run by dozens of volunteers. Stall application forms will be available on our website from 1st April. We are also looking for new volunteers to help with the organisation. Can you help? We urgently need the following:

**Advertising and Sponsors:** A team captain to take charge and volunteers between April and early May to approach sponsors, advertisers and prize-givers, and to collect ads and payments.

**Programme distribution:** A team captain and an army of volunteers to distribute 8,000 x 24-page, colourful FREE programmes in early June.

Email [chair@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:chair@brockleysociety.org.uk) for more information or to volunteer.

## Seniors at Mid Winter Warmer enjoyed dance, music, stories and cakes

We had another very successful Mid Winter Warmer in February and it was great to see so many people on the day. We were entertained by Chris and the Seniors Choir who led a really enjoyable sing-along. Monika and her fantastic group of Irish dancers were superb and story teller Professor Jones delivered an intriguing retelling of a 1940s Vaudeville performer who helped save many during an air raid on Peckham Rye.

Rachel Mooney and Phil Hall gave a fascinating presentation of historical photos of Hilly Fields, and the afternoon rounded off with the ever-popular raffle, with a prize for everyone. All accompanied by plentiful rounds of sandwiches, cakes and cups of tea in a very warm and friendly atmosphere.

We thank the Brockley Social Club for hosting us, the Rotary club for kindly donating funds once again, local businesses

who donated some fabulous raffle prizes and all the volunteers. There are too many to name individually but please be assured that we are hugely grateful for your generosity and support.

Most importantly it was great to see so many of our regular and new attendees and we really look forward to welcoming everyone next year.

Pictures: Dan Hopkinson



Irish dancers from the Carragher Academy brought youth and energy to the afternoon



Professor Jones held the audience captive with his story-telling



A relaxed afternoon was enjoyed by all

## Reviving and enhancing Luxmore Gardens

This 'green oasis' nestles behind the houses and flats on Malpas and Rokeby Roads. A year ago, local residents set up the Friends of Luxmore Gardens (FoLG) with a vision to protect, enhance and revitalise this local gem, making it a welcoming green space for all to enjoy.

With funding from the Brockley Assembly, FoLG conducted a face-to-face and online survey with 140 park users in July 2017 and held the first 'Love Luxmore' community garden party in September, attended by around 300 people.

Since then FoLG have planted 3000 spring bulbs, made bird feeders, counted birds for the RSPB Big Bird Watch and will continue to hold monthly Saturday events - open to all - in the park throughout 2018.

We have been awarded a grant from the Mayor of London's Greener City Fund which aims to improve biodiversity and access to natural space across the capital and would love as many local residents to get involved volunteering with:

- preparing the flower beds ready for planting
- planting up new shrubs/plants
- building a mud kitchen and bug hotel



FoLG will hold its first AGM on **24th March 2018**.

Join in the Easter Egg hunt at 2pm followed by the AGM meeting at 3.30pm.

Keep up to date with upcoming FoLG community activities by following on **Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LoveLuxmore](http://www.facebook.com/LoveLuxmore)** or joining the email list: **[loveluxmore@gmail.com](mailto:loveluxmore@gmail.com)**

**We look forward to welcoming you all to this wonderful pocket park!**

## The Fourth Reserve under threat of development

The Fourth Reserve Conservation Trust was established in 2016 to safeguard the natural heritage of South East London's New Cross to Forest Hill cutting. Started as a small 'Friends Group' living in the vicinity of the railway corridor, they are concerned about this section of Brockley railway corridor

threatened with development by a property developer.

The scout hut, situated on Courtrai Road, is on a strip of land bordering the railway line, the 'middle part' of the New Cross to Forest Hill Cutting that runs between Courtrai Road and Dalrymple Road.

The whole stretch is already designated as a Metropolitan Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) in the Lewisham Local Plan, dating back to the 1990s. A Tree Preservation Order has been in place for the site since 1997.

This woodland is home to a variety of protected species including bats and hedgehogs and many mature trees; it is the oldest section along the green corridor, with winding paths through a dense cover of mature woodland, a living remnant of the Great North Wood and the pre-urbanisation of Lewisham.

The Fourth Reserve Trust is actively campaigning to preserve the neighbourhood's fragile nature corridor and get the cutting recognised for its ecological significance as a statutory Local Nature Reserve. This would greatly benefit the neighbourhood, particularly local schools.

This railway corridor has a level of protection by planning policy but different parts have different pressures making it vulnerable to deterioration and eventual loss. Its SINC status does not oblige management to maintain its biodiversity interest. Only a few hours after receiving the designation of Asset of Community Value the Courtrai Road land - depicted on maps as far back as the 1700s - had building waste dumped on it in an apparent attempt to degrade the land.

'The site itself has mature trees of species which are rarely found this near to central London and it is the best available in a wide area of surrounding suburbs,' noted David Dawson, Deputy Director of the London Ecology Unit in a 1990 report.

If you wish to donate to this campaign, volunteer or keep up to date with progress please e-mail [fourth.reserve@yahoo.com](mailto:fourth.reserve@yahoo.com), follow us on twitter <https://twitter.com/FourthReserve> and visit our website [www.fourthreserve.org.uk](http://www.fourthreserve.org.uk)

## Brookmill Park Talks

Local speakers on topics of local interest

**The Brookmill Pub, Sunday evenings**

**6.15pm for 6.45pm start, finishing 8pm**

**Tickets £5 per talk, pay on the door**

**Green Space: 25th March** - John Evelyn had a vision of building Elysium in the middle of the city. His 17th Century garden at Sayes Court has played a pivotal role far beyond Deptford in the history of parks and open spaces. Project leaders, Bob Bagley and local resident Roo Angell, will talk about this early environmentalist, his Deptford garden and international influence.

**Boat: 22nd April** - Local boat resident and restorer, Julian Kingston, is a founder of the Build the Lenox project, a venture to rebuild a timber fighting ship first launched 330 years ago from Henry VIII's Royal Dockyards. He will talk about the amazing history of 17th and 18th century boatbuilding in Deptford.

Proceeds go towards promotion and enhancement of Brookmill Park, its wildlife, planting and amenities: <http://brookmillpark.deptfordcreek.net/> or [www.facebook.com/Brookmillpark](http://www.facebook.com/Brookmillpark)

**Friends of Brookmill Park**

To join the mailing list contact [friendsofbrookmillpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbrookmillpark@gmail.com) and receive information about meetings, planting and art workshops, river clean ups, bird and bat walks and other activities.

**Join the Plant Group**

Learn more about planting, seeds and propagation and learn new skills! Regular meet ups, occasional workshops, help plant seeds, look after herbs and keep the rose beds in good condition.

With a recent grant award from Brockley Assembly, the group is working to improve the formal planting near the fountain and grow the rare Deptford Pink, a wild carnation on the UK biodiversity action list.

**Contact: [friendsofbrookmillpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbrookmillpark@gmail.com)** or leave a message at the Park Keeper's Hut on a Tuesday.

**Farmers' Market**  
by the Café  
**Saturday 10-3 PM**  
**'the second Saturday every month.'**  
Friends of Hilly Fields [www.hilly.org.uk](http://www.hilly.org.uk) BROCKLEY SOCIETY

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Planners, architects and others with conservation knowledge or interest are welcome to join our planning and conservation group. See planning email above.

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Breakspears Mews Community Garden..... [breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk)

Join our occasional email circulation about Brockley Society and local events: [email\\_chair@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:email_chair@brockleysociety.org.uk)

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

Newsletter copy deadlines:

1 February, 1 May, 1 October

Email to [news@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:news@brockleysociety.org.uk)

Advertising rates - back page

## Participants in 1981 Day of Action

My name is Ting-Ting Cheng. I am a local resident, an artist, and a Goldsmiths graduate. I am working on a project about the Black People's Day of Action in 1981, the marching protest as a result of the New Cross House Fire.

I am looking for people who participated in the march, hoping to interview them about their memories. I am happy to travel to places that are convenient for the participants, at the time of their choice, if they are willing to spend no more than an hour of their time to have a short chat with me.

To thank the participants for their contribution, I have prepared a gift voucher for their time and generosity. All material used will be correctly credited with the consent of the participants. The project is currently unfunded, and will not be used for any commercial purpose.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in participating in the project, or have any questions please contact me through 07923 964259 or [photo.tingting@gmail.com](mailto:photo.tingting@gmail.com). For more details: [www.chengtingting.com/dayofaction.html](http://www.chengtingting.com/dayofaction.html)



## Breakspears Mews Community Garden

### Spring Open Day

Saturday 24th March from 1 to 3pm

**Annual General Meeting 2-2.30pm**

Come and enjoy the garden and find out how to become involved

Access: Breakspears Mews,  
Ashby Road, SE41UW

Or rear of St Peter's Court,  
29-31 Wickham Road, SE41NE

[breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk)

## Street Trees for Living

This winter Brockley Society's street tree campaign will plant 235 trees, more than doubling our total since 2012 and including 16 trees on both sides of the tracks at Brockley Station: Persian silk trees, winter orange limes, Tuscan cypresses, hibiscus, hornbeam and oak. Watch the space!

### What we do:

We promote and nurture community interest in street trees across Lewisham. We publicise and raise funds for the Council's street tree planting scheme. We keep planting records, lobby local and City government, and maintain a blog and other online resources.

We support interested individuals, businesses and resident groups by offering initial planting surveys, providing flyers, attending local meetings, giving advice, and liaising with the council on behalf of residents. We take responsibility for tree watering by local people and label and audit planted trees.

We are all volunteers, working in partnership with Lewisham Council. Committee members (six in 2017) meet every month and take on the operational work of the scheme.

**Street representatives** (25 in 2017) consult with local residents to promote the scheme, distribute flyers, canvas for support, raise funds, keep records, manage local tree watering, and represent the street in cases of multiple planting and sponsorship.



Trees have been planted on both sides of the tracks at Brockley Station

Telegraph Hill  
festival

10-25 March 2018.

[telegraphhillfestival.org.uk](http://telegraphhillfestival.org.uk)

### "State of the Nation" - Brockley 2018

This fruitful event on 24 January led to plans for the year ahead.



## Breakspears Mews Community Garden

### Senior Gardening Club

Starts again on **Thursday 12 April 2018** and will run for 8 weeks every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm

Come to some sessions or all  
Everyone is welcome, no gardening experience required and no need to book

Please wear appropriate footwear, as it might be muddy and slippery. Bring some protection for your hands, if you can. We will provide gardening tools, seeds, tea, coffee and biscuits in case of heavy rain the session will be cancelled

Access: See Open Day, left contact:

[breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk)

**Breakspears Mews Community Garden**  
**An oasis of peace, quiet and togetherness**

**Sponsors** (194 recorded since 2012) contribute small or large sums to pay for street trees. **Tree guardians** (387 total appointed since 2012) water and keep an eye on individual street trees.

We need people to join us for tasks big and small. Contact us on [info@streettreesforliving.org](mailto:info@streettreesforliving.org) or visit [brockleystreettrees.blogspot.com](http://brockleystreettrees.blogspot.com)

### How to sponsor a tree

See sponsor details on

[brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk/](http://brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk/)

This winter we may impose a cap on the overall number of trees we plant. To avoid disappointment **please contact us asap** and anyway before 1st July.



### Annual General Meeting

Sunday 8th April, 4-6pm

Telegraph Hill Centre

Kitto Road, SE14 5TY

4pm: AGM, followed by

Simnel cake, wine and tea

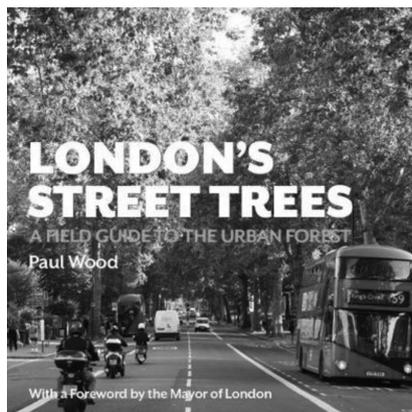
5pm: **Paul Wood**, author of *London's*

*Street Trees: A Field Guide to the*

*Urban Forest*

5.30pm: **Q&A, book signing.**

**Donations, not ticketed**



## Brockley's history in a handful of objects Brockley Society Open Meeting

Wednesday 18 April, 7.30pm

Brockley Social Club,

240 Brockley Road, SE4 2SU

*Brockley is home to folk who have lived here all their lives, and also those from every corner of the country - and the world! To celebrate this diversity, we invite you to bring an object, photo or recollection that helps tell the story of how you came to settle here, and (if you wish) to share that story with us.*

## Views of Brockley

A Community Photo Digitisation event.

St Peter's Church Open Day,

Saturday June 2nd.

### Why should Facebook have all the best images?

Lewisham Archives have very few old photos of Brockley, and our plan is to rectify this!

Why not dig out some old (pre-2000) photos or slides you have of Brockley, and bring them along to the event. We will scan them, take your details and information about the images, give you a copy, and add them to the Brockley Society's own collection. With your permission we will then also approach Lewisham Archives and offer them to add to their collection.

NB: you will retain complete copyright control of how the images can be used.

We would also love to see any old flyers and leaflets from businesses.

**Help us build the definitive visual record of Brockley's streets, people and culture during the 20th Century!**



Brockley Bean food co-op on Coulgate St c1990 - from the Brockley Society collection

## St Peter's Church

Wickham Road, corner of

Cranfield Road, SE4 1LT

**OPEN AFTERNOON**

1pm to 5pm

Saturday 2nd June 2018

*Trips up the Tower*

*Teas and cakes*

*Children's quizzes*

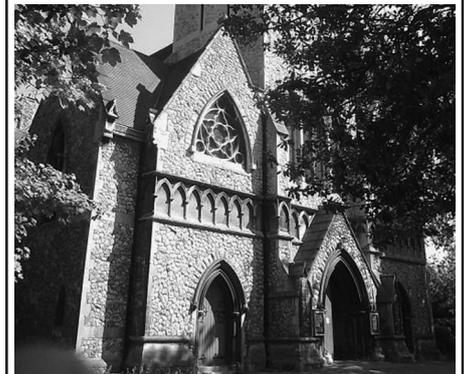
**Tours of this unusual Building:**

Brockley Cathedral with Italian Mosaics,

Stained glass, Solar panels,

Organ made by Hill in 1867, and a

'Treasure' of a Clock of 1891



## Lots of activity for Friends of Hilly Fields

We've had a busy start to the year, firstly with the RSPB Big Bird Watch on 28th January - you can check the Bird Champion Blog for the highlights here: <http://hillyfields.blogspot.co.uk/>

And secondly with the Orchard Wassail on 4 February when, despite the cold, people turned out in good numbers to share our



Orchard wassail on 4 February

warm wassail drink and to sing. Thanks to Sarah, Charlie, Phil, Dave and Nico for supplying us with fine music and to Rachel and Sally for making the alcoholic and non-alcoholic punches. Here's a recipe if you want to try making it: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/20577/wassail-punch>

Our apple and pear trees have been pruned and mulched for another year thanks to our trusty band of volunteers (young and mature), so we're expecting a fine harvest later this year!

### Other news

We're awaiting a final quote for our new park entrance signs and the new estate railing along Vicars Hill. We've also won a small grant for planting in these areas.

In March, over 400 tree saplings will be arriving to thicken the band of trees which backs on to Cliffview Road. Yes, the park is already full of trees but many are of a similar age and with tree diseases looming, we are keen to improve the diversity and age range of trees to ensure a legacy for future generations. We also want to screen the tower blocks and retain a more natural environment in the park.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13 March, in the cafe at 7.30**. This will also be our Annual General Meeting when we elect officials and committee members. If you



Proposed new park entrance sign

would like to get more involved and have a say in the Friends of Hilly Fields, then do come along.

The annual Dawn Chorus Walk will be on **Thursday 29 March at 6am**. This is a guided walk around the park, listening to the different bird songs and, with luck, seeing the sunrise. As in previous years, we hope to be able to extend the walk around the Brockley and Ladywell cemeteries.

We also plan to organise a talk on 'The Trees of Hilly Fields', date to be confirmed.

If you haven't already bought one, our fabulous tote bags are still on sale in the cafe. £5 each in a range of different colours.

Finally, a reminder that the **Farmers' Market is held on the second Saturday of each month**. Lots of fresh food on sale and the Friends get some funds from it, so please come along and buy!

## Sunflower Centre ~ Community Garden Workshops

Enjoy gardening, but don't have a garden? Want to learn about organic gardening & permaculture principles? Fancy socialising with your hands in the soil?

This winter a neglected patch of land adjacent to the centre has been transformed to create an exciting educational garden space. **Mindfulness in nature, growing and using herbs for your own use, the edible garden** will all feature in the evolving programme of events for **adults and children**.

The **Garden Project** will provide a chance for people to learn experientially through the seasons. Come and connect with others in your community, spend more time outdoors, get physically active, learn about growing plants.

Cat Flannery will be supporting the group (free workshop **Tuesday 20th March**), and will offer **Mindfulness in Nature for Kids** workshops in April. Cat is trained in **horticulture, permaculture**, is a **Living Medicine** charity worker and a mental health support worker.



If you'd like to learn, share and socialise in the great urban outdoors, come in for a chat or drop us a line for more details. To book a place with Cat email [catflannery@gmail.com](mailto:catflannery@gmail.com) or call 07786 266699.

**81 Tressillian Road SE4 | 020 8694 2714 | [www.thesunflowercentre.co.uk](http://www.thesunflowercentre.co.uk)**

## World Scout Jamboree 2019

An amazing event is happening: five scouts in Lewisham have been specially selected to attend the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in the USA. This is exciting because we were chosen out of over 130 applicants!

The World Scout Jamboree happens every four years and is a unique chance for Scouts from across the world to meet, experience new cultures and enjoy the diversity of Scouting. The Jamboree will be hosted in West Virginia with the USA, Canada, and Mexico as host nations. Tens of thousands of scouts are expected from over 150 different countries.

The jamboree has a wide range of activities, from zip-wire to learning about sustainability - and there will be an opportunity for UK Scouts to experience local life in either Washington or New York. The three-week trip will allow us to develop our leadership skills for when we return to the UK and volunteer in our local Scout Groups.

We are delighted to be taking part in the 2018 Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre, running our own stall with lots of fun activities to support our fundraising. We have to pay for the trip ourselves and so we have also set up a GoFundMe page. If you would like learn more and support our attendance at the jamboree go to [www.gofundme.com/5-go-on-a-USA-Jamboree](http://www.gofundme.com/5-go-on-a-USA-Jamboree).

Please look out for us at Hilly Fields Fayre - we would really appreciate all the support we can get!



Scouts: Ellen, Jacob, Lorcan, Malli and Tom.

**Pete's Parlour Friendship Cafe**  
1st & 3rd Friday of each month  
why not come along & enjoy a hot or cold drink and homemade cake  
£1.50 per person with drink refill at no extra cost  
**10.30am**  
**St Peter's Church**  
Wickham Road, Brockley SE4 1LT  
Funded by The London Borough of Lewisham

**At Made in Brockley** we find, make and sell the best in Brockley. Founded in 2015 by local product designer Francois Clerc, our goal is to create new opportunities for artists, makers and designers based in SE4. From our exclusive 'I Love Brockley' tote bag, to vegan superfood chocolate and our Brockley colouring book for kids, we offer the best in local design, food, fashion and art.  
**Please help support the local creative community: [www.madeinbrockley.co.uk](http://www.madeinbrockley.co.uk)**  
**Free Saturday delivery on our bicycle to SE4-ers.**

## An inclusive Festival of Ideas for Change

The second Brockley Festival of Ideas took place on Sunday 19th November 2017 at LeSoCo's Lewisham Way campus, with the college's generous support. The Festival tackled a range of issues facing our community, aiming to link local and global issues, bringing ideas for change at all levels into public awareness and open discussion.

A group of eight volunteers formed the organising committee and met 15 times between March and November to plan the day. Two themes emerged immediately from the 2016 feedback and the first planning meeting in January: **Lewisham and racism 40 years after the Battle of Lewisham; and Housing and Homelessness.**

Surveys of key issues for local people were carried out at the Hilly Fields Summer Fayre and Lewisham Peoples Day which led to two further themes: **Debt and Money, and Food and the Environment.**



Part of the attentive audience



Rosie Boycott (London Food Board): *The future of food.* Dr John Price (Goldsmiths College): *Marking 40 years of the Battle of Lewisham.*

The organising group added a fifth theme: **Ideas into Action**, as this was a Festival about change. Two features not included in the 2016 Festival were **break-out rooms** for continued discussion on each theme; and a **video and audio room** for material directly related to the themes.

The day was filled with lively and stimulating discussion around what can be done to improve our community and those farther away. Audio recordings of all the speeches will be available at [www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk) as soon as we can manage.

### Another Brockley Festival in 2018?

A meeting in February discussed whether there should be a third festival in 2018 and, if so, what form it should take. A new committee volunteered to develop terms of reference for what this year's festival could become. Watch this space!

To be involved email [chair@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:chair@brockleysociety.org.uk)

## Brockley Society's AGM

At the meeting before our AGM on 15 November 2017 we were shown the long list and three winners of the photo competition, **The people at the heart of Brockley's businesses.** The pictures are a proud record of businesses who serve our area.

Ruth Wong then gave a fascinating illustrated talk about **Edimental Gardening** - how to have an edible garden that is also beautiful. This took many of us by surprise: not only can this be achieved even in tiny spaces, but the plants can be beautiful, delicious and low-maintenance.

This part of the evening ended with a showing of the film **Brockley: Then&Now** - which recounts the preparations for the 2015 Mass Photo on Hilly Fields and its inspiration: a 1918 black-and-white photo of about 6,000 people marking the anniversary of the start of First World War. The film can be viewed on Brockley Society's website.

The AGM business took place at 8.30pm with reports on the last year's activities and elections.

**Brockley Society officers elected:** Chair: Clare Cowen. Joint Vice Chairs: Ruth Wong, Richard Freeston. Secretary: Charlotte Knowland. Treasurer: Eoghan Maginn. Committee members: Elisabetta Fumagalli, Lorna Jackson, Hon M Yip.

**Planning Committee:** Chris Johnson (chair), Rhymer Rigby, Carol Hooper, Clare Cowen, Eryka Isaak, Joe Marengi, Roger Williams, Lorna Jackson, Harriet Saddington, Verity Rowsell, Jens Cole, Shanni Graves-Elcock, Cat Mansuy, Nicholas Morss, Diego Core, Gillian Heywood (ex-officio).

People organising other project groups, such as the Hilly Fields Fayre were also identified. Breakspears Mews Community Garden and Street Trees for Living have their own project AGMs. (See page 3)

## Aladdin's Cave to Go

Sadly, the owners of this colourful site at 72 Loampit Hill wish to retire and plan to sell the site. Regrettably, the extremely dilapidated condition of the Booking Hall was found on close inspection to be beyond economic repair. Contrary to some views it is not listed, either nationally or locally.

The former Lewisham Road Station opened in 1871 on the line from Stockwell Street, Greenwich, to Blackfriars and shut in 1917 during the First World War.

The developers have discussed their plans with Brockley Society for a commercial space with flats above. A strip of land at the end will remain as a non-accessible natural garden, part of the green corridor. The front boundary brick wall and original railings will be retained and refurbished.

To reflect local demand, the dwelling mix will be eight flats: four 1 bed x 2 person; one 2 bed x 3 person; two 2 bed x 4 person; one 3 bed x 5 person.

The application's unusually detailed Heritage Statement describes the history of St John's and Somerset Gardens conservation areas. The area's development was driven by St John's church rather than the railway station, which was underused.

The Heritage and two-part Design and Access statement are worth looking at (on Lewisham website's planning section) for the fascinating photos showing the site's history



from a railway booking hall to a distribution centre for First World War potato rations (above), via a scout hut and Steward's green grocers until about 1964, to what it is today.

The house opposite, over the railway, was the stationmaster's house and matches that by the bridge at Brockley Cross.

A planning application has been approved for the conversion of adjacent 70 Loampit Hill and Coach House to two maisonettes and two flats. At Brockley Society's request, the applicant agreed to look at protecting trees on the site which were to be felled.



## Make Mee Studio

Sewing Lessons in Brockley

Weekly sessions available for adults & children. As well as one off courses evenings & weekends throughout the year.

Now Booking for Easter Holiday  
Childrens Sewing:  
9th - 13th April 9am - 12pm

Get in touch to find out more:  
[info@makemeestudio.co.uk](mailto:info@makemeestudio.co.uk)  
07789404913 / 07972881688  
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## Free Nazanin

As we go to press former Brockley resident Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe approaches the second anniversary of her arrest by Iran's Revolutionary Guards on 3 April 2016. She was detained on her way home to the UK following a visit to her parents. Hopes for her release before Christmas did not materialise. Her three-year-old daughter, Gabriella is stranded in Iran with her grandparents. Her husband Richard continues campaigning for her release. The petition [www.change.org/p/free-nazanin-ratcliffe](http://www.change.org/p/free-nazanin-ratcliffe) now has over 1.5 million signatures.

### Comedy night for Nazanin:

7.30pm 3 April, Conway Hall

Join the Free Nazanin campaign, Redress and Amnesty for a night of fantastic comedy on the second anniversary of her imprisonment. Although a sad day, laughter is a freedom and we want to remind Nazanin and her fellow political prisoners that in this world, there are still reasons to smile. Hosted by Shappi Khorsandi, we have a great line up including Al Murray, Sara Pascoe, Mark Steel, Lou Sanders, Tom Lucy and Luke Wright. Tickets are £15. Proceeds will go to Redress, Amnesty and other organisations working with the Free Nazanin Campaign. Tickets: [onenightoffreedom.eventbrite.co.uk](http://onenightoffreedom.eventbrite.co.uk)



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Before you start making decisions on any changes to your property, we strongly advise you to look at the Council's guidelines at: [www.lewisham.gov.uk](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk). Click through myservices / Planning/ Conservation and urban design / Conservation areas / Brockley. The Brockley Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Document describes what building modifications will be allowed. Under the Article 4 direction external changes visible from public viewpoints require

planning permission (doors, windows, roof, driveways, gates, walls, fences, painting the exterior).

You can view planning applications in the Planning section of the website, and then select 'Search and comment ...' You must log in to make a comment supporting or objecting to an application.

To get involved in preserving the character of Brockley or for further guidance on planning issues, contact [planning@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:planning@brockleysociety.org.uk)

**11 October 2017 — 14 February 2018**

### Pending

**165 Upper Brockley Road SE14.** Minor material amendment to allow increased massing of the building.

**14 Harefield Mews SE4.** Two storey extension at the rear.

**1A Pretoria Parade, Tyrwhitt Road SE4.** Single-storey rear replacement extension, change of use of ground floor to a 2 bedroom dwelling house (Use Class C3) new windows; alterations to shop front.

**Lewisham Way frontage of Ashmead Primary School Ashmead Road SE8.** Construction of 3-storey school building (use class D1) to facilitate an increase from 1 to 2 forms of entry; removal of existing front boundary wall, creation of new entrance from Lewisham Way and alterations to external play space.

**Land rear of 153-155 Upper Brockley Road SE4.** Demolition of garages & construction of 2, two storey plus basement houses

**7 Cranfield Road SE4.** Single storey rear extension.

**40 Wickham Road SE4.** Steel barrier railings and handrails to basement area, repair existing brick & boundary walls; new paving to the front garden.

**70 Rokeby Road SE4.** Single storey extension at the side

**72 Loampit Hill, SE13.** Demolition of existing structures; construction of a part 3, part 4 storey building to provide a commercial unit (Use Class B1a) on the ground floor and eight self-contained residential units (Use Class C3), together with 20 cycle spaces, a refuse store, a communal garden and a wildlife ecology garden to the rear of the site.

**64 Friendly Street, SE8.** Single storey infill and extension at first-floor level.

**23 Montague Avenue SE4.** Create a rear first floor terrace with balustraded balcony; replace first floor window with a door; install a ground floor window and bi-fold doors at rear.

**Flat 3, 55 Breakspears Road, SE4.** Replace timber sash windows with double-glazed timber sash windows.

**2 Breakspears Road SE4.** Replace felt roof coverings on bay windows; replace slate roof covering; replace skylight on flat roof slope.

**Francis Drake Bowls Club, Hilly Fields Crescent, SE4.** Installation of a timber clad wall, windows and doors to the north and east elevations to facilitate use as a polling station as well as retaining its function as a clubhouse; removal of a birch tree for provision of an access ramp with railings and steps up to the entrance; exterior bollards with lights.

**72 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4.** Single storey rear extension.

### Granted

**134 Breakspears Road SE4.** Single storey rear extension; dormer window in rear roof slope; roof

light in side roof slope; sun tube light into crown of roof; replacement timber framed windows. (Granted on appeal)

**33 Tyrwhitt Road SE4.** Single storey rear extension; replacement front wall, gate and dropped kerb.

**Flat A, 97 Tyrwhitt Road SE4.** Single storey rear extension.

**10 Wickham Gardens SE4.** Rooflight to rear roof slope; window to rear elevation; replacement grey slates to roof.

**34 Tyrwhitt Road SE4.** Replace existing cement roof tiles with Spanish slate roof tiles; construction of a first floor rear extension.

**36 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4.** First floor rear extension

**115 Breakspears Road SE4.** Replacement timber sash windows to front and side; retention of timber sash windows and door to front.

**101 Ashby Mews SE4** Change of use, alteration and extension to create a part single/part two storey live work unit (sui generis).

**35 Chalsey Road SE4** Replace 1 window, install an additional window opening on side elevation; replace French doors with folding door at the rear.

**70 Loampit Hill, SE13** and the Coach House Conversion to 3 self-contained flats and a studio unit and construction of single and double storey extensions to the rear.

**105A Breakspears Road SE4.** Replacement of existing windows and rear door.

**Flat 1, 135 Breakspears Road SE4.** Addition of rear door and alteration of rear window

**34 Harefield Road SE4.** Demolish single storey rear extension, construct a part one/part two storey rear extension; demolish rear chimney stack.

**21 Hilly Fields Crescent SE4.** Construct single storey rear extension; install additional front door; alter front elevation.

**FFF, 82 Upper Brockley Road SE4.** Replacement double glazed timber sash windows front and rear.

**Flat 2, 70 Wickham Road, SE4.** Replacement windows, doors and roof slates on front extension.

**19 Crescent Way SE4.** Single-storey rear extension; alterations to existing outbuilding.

**3A Wickham Gardens SE4.** Replacement windows on front, side and rear elevations.

**34 Manor Avenue SE4.** Single storey rear extension at lower ground level; formation of a patio area.

**9 Cliff Terrace London SE8.** Construction of a dormer window extension in the rear roof slope and two rooflights in the front roof slope.

**182 Tressillian Road SE4.** Replacement roof slates with fibre cement slates; removal of rear chimney stack.

**8B Darling Road SE4.** Replace double glazed timber sash windows; install 3 rooflights to the side roof slope.

**7 Tremaine Close SE4.** Single-storey rear extension.

**4 Wickham Road SE4.** Single storey rear extension to the basement flat.

**10 Harefield Road SE4.** Single storey rear extension.

**46C Tressillian Road SE4.** Rooflight in the rear roof slope,

**72 Tyrwhitt Road SE4.** Replacement natural slate and flat roof covering; replacement double-glazed timber windows in the front and rear; french doors and Juliet balcony in the rear elevation.

### Refused

**72 Manor Avenue SE4.** Excavate front light well; enlarge existing basement; construct two storey rear extension; replace existing uPVC windows and doors.

**36A Tressillian Road SE4.** Remove state roof over ground floor porch; balcony with metal balustrade at rear; double glazed timber door.

**28 Tressillian Road SE4.** Install an external electric intake cupboard on the front elevation.

**245 Lewisham Way SE4.** Retrospective consent for the installation of a kitchen extract on the rear elevation

**309 Brockley Road, SE4.** Prior approval for change of use of ground floor Use Class A1 (retail) to a Class A3 Dessert Parlour.

**196 Brockley Road, SE4.** Change of use from a van and car hire business (Sui Generis) to residential (Use Class C3).

**72 Tyrwhitt Road SE4.** Replacement brick wall, fence and entrance gates; ground treatment works and landscaping.

**1 Wickham Gardens SE4.** Prior approval for the construction of a single storey rear extension.

### Trees

**1 Somerset Gardens, SE4.** Horse chestnut: remove epicormic growth. Crown lift one sycamore.

**83 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4** Repollard front 5 limes; crown reduce rear ash.

**44 Breakspears Road, SE4.** Front: Prunus (T1) Crown thin by 20%; remove low hanging branch.

**17C Tressillian Crescent SE4.** Rear: fell lime tree.

**9 Manor Ave, SE4.** Crown reduce Bay tree.

**71 Tressillian Road.** Fell ash tree.

**141 & 143 Upper Brockley Road, SE4** Crown reduce one yew (hedge).

**47 Breakspears Road, SE4.** Crown reduce apple tree.

**60 Breakspears Road, SE4.** Treeworks to 3 lime trees, 2 London plane, fell Leylandii hedge.

**62 Breakspears Road, SE4.** Remove epicormic growth on 3 limes.

**72 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4.** Fell 1 pear and conifer.

Meredith Mews, Brockley Road. Fell 1 spruce.

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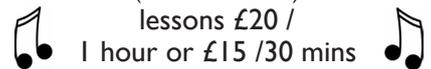
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