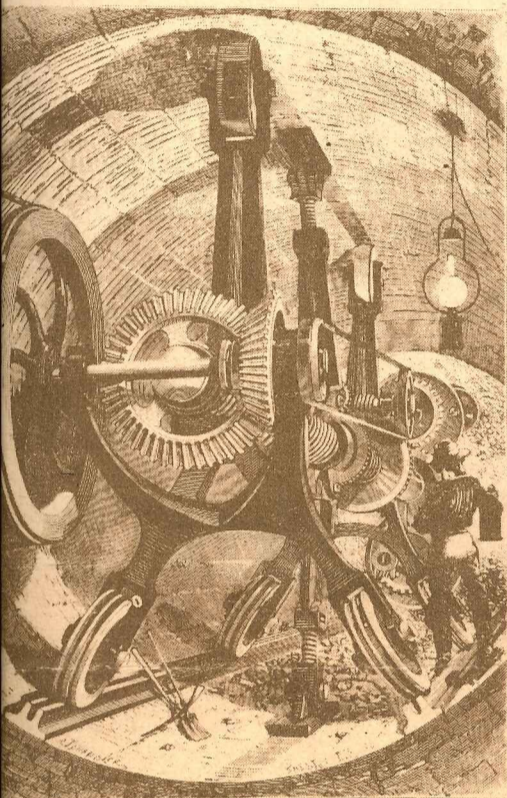


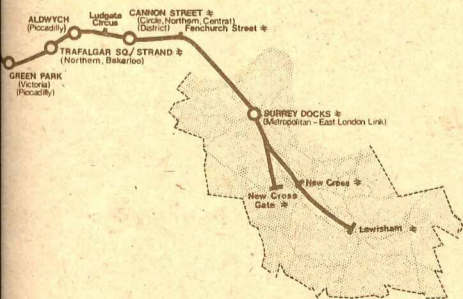
FLEET LINE PETITION



Lewisham Council is organising a petition from residents of South East London calling for the urgent extension of the Fleet Line Underground to Lewisham and beyond.

This move follows a meeting organised by the Council at the end of last month when representatives of many organisations in the area agreed that the Fleet Line extension was an urgent priority.

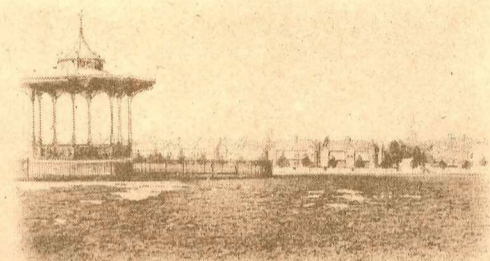
The petition argues "that the Fleet Line Underground Railway is a vital element in the plans for a much needed and long awaited improvement in the public transport system of South East London and will have a profound impact upon such problems as traffic congestion and employment opportunities. We believe the Fleet Line is an essential priority to help improve the quality of life in South East London".



Every road rep has a copy of the petition, if you have not been contacted and you wish to sign please go and bang on your road reps door or phone 01-692 4564.

SEATS ... "to provide bench seats throughout the area, especially mid-way along Tyrwhitt, Tressillian, Wickham, etc. ... A request has been sent to British Rail enquiring whether they sell off old-style platform benches ...

"bring back the Hilly Fields Bandstand ... !" Requests have been sent to various councils and societies which might have or know of any redundant Victorian bandstands ... if you happen to know of anyone who has an old Victorian cast-iron bandstand lying around the place, please ring 01-691 1141.



How to spend the money

IDEAS FROM THE AGM ON HOW THE MONEY FROM THE WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS SHOULD BE USED

Donate money to Task Force and Age Concern to help local elderly people with the repair and decoration of their homes and also the upkeep of their gardens. If you would like to help out in a garden or want help please contact Su Dickson, 49 Wickham Road. 01-692 5891.

TASK FORCE: Chris Long, 74 Deptford High Street (01-691 0938). **AGE CONCERN:** Graham Hiscock, 20 Brownhill Road, Catford (01-697 4919).

"Have a Brockley 'Street Festival' next summer ... " problem is people to organise it. Are you interested in forming a working group, if so 'phone John Moreland on 01-691 1141.



A Neighbourhood Council for Brockley?

Should there be more community spirit in Brockley? Could there be?

Some people are worried that there's not as much community spirit in Brockley as in some other parts of London.

What can we do to get it?

One idea would be to bring together all the groups of people in Brockley; scouts, playgroups, tenants associations, old peoples clubs, youth clubs, societies and churches, etc.

Some people say that Brockley is short of facilities for groups like these and that there is a need for ordinary people in Brockley to have a say in what their area needs and how it is run.

A neighbourhood council could bring together people who are already doing things in Brockley, it could also help people get together and start things that are needed.

Do we need playspace for our kids, a legal advice centre, more help for old people...?

A neighbourhood council could not only get people together but it could get things going and help Brockley people to help themselves.

It's been done in other parts of London in

Lambeth, Hammersmith and of course at Telegraph Hill.

Why not in Brockley?

If you are running any sort of group in Brockley, sports club, tenants association, play group, etc. and would like to have a part in making a **BROCKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL**, contact Councillor Ed Bickley, 46 Manor Avenue, 01-692 2410.

ST. JOHN'S STATION

Following a request at the AGM a letter was sent to British Railways for a statement on the future of St. John's Station. We received this reply dated 21st November:

Thank you for your letter of 31 October which has been passed to me for attention as I am the Officer responsible for services and facilities on the South Eastern Division.

It is very much regretted that the removal of the two fast line platforms from St. John's Station has in any way caused concern regarding the station's future. The work being carried out at St. John's at the present is in connection with the London Bridge Resignalling scheme, and you may have my assurance that we have no intention of removing the remaining platforms or closing the station.

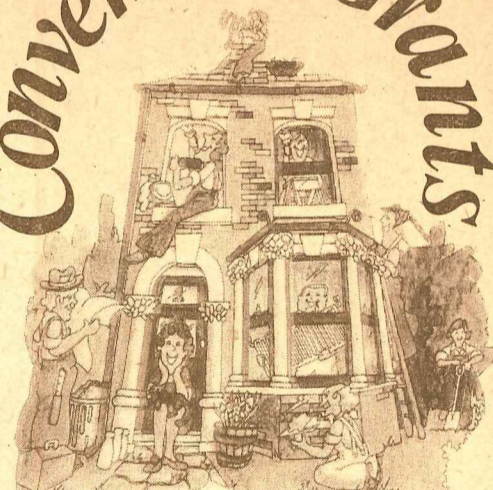
Yours faithfully
M. J. SOUTHGATE
Divisional Manager

STOP PRESS

Owing to the interest shown in the exhibition the Society hopes to produce an illustrated booklet on the history of Brockley.

If you have any more material contact
JILL HEYWOOD 01-692 6977

Conversion Grants



If you require information on how to obtain Improvement Grants/Planning Applications/or general guidance on design standards within the Conservation Area contact either Chris Johnson (01-692 1553) of the planning group or the following council departments:

Improvement Grants, Environmental Health Dept., 185 Lewisham High Street, 01-852 9121.

Planning Applications, Planning Dept., Town Hall, Catford, 01-690 4343.

Design Guidance, Conservation Dept., 9 Bromley Road, S.E.6. 01-690 4343, Extension 369.

RECOMMENDED BUILDERS

The Council can provide a comprehensive list of recommended builders operating in the Borough. For further information phone Environmental Health Dept., 01-852 9121.

NEW LAW CURBS DEVELOPERS

An Act of Parliament has come into force which gives more protection to buildings and trees in conservation areas. The TOWN AND COUNTRY AMENITIES ACT means that no building in the Brockley conservation area can be demolished without permission from the Council. (Walls, fences and small buildings such as sheds are excluded).

Any application for permission to knock down a building must be advertised in a local paper and by a notice on the site — then there are 21 days for people to comment to the Council. There is protection for trees too. Someone intending to cut down, top or lop a tree will have to give notice to the Council. Then, the Council may allow the work to be done or it may serve a tree preservation order which would mean that in the future the tree can only be cut down or pruned with consent from the Council. The fine for contravening this part of the Act is up to £400! (Trees under 3-inches in diameter are excluded).

The idea of a conservation area is not only that it is preserved but also that it is improved. The new Act puts a duty on Councils to draw up and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas. The proposals

must be put to a public meeting. In fact, the Department of the Environment has told local authorities that 'public interest and participation is essential for success in conservation' and that they should 'seek the advice and views of local residents and amenity groups'.

The Town and Country Amenities Act is good news for us because we believe that the special character of this Area should be protected.

Since the declaration of the Conservation Area, the area has managed to withstand threats of erosive piecemeal redevelopment, through the efforts of local residents and councillors. This new Act makes our task that much easier.

The Society hopes that Lewisham will make good use of the Act.

Tim Cantell

ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS: If you see someone cutting down or damaging a tree in any way, and feel they may not be aware of the Act please either approach the person concerned (you could save them a heavy fine, and save the tree) or ask your road rep. to contact them. Please do not contact the council unless all else has failed for this can create ill feelings, which works against the simple intention of protecting our trees.

exchange & MART

It was suggested at the A.G.M. that space should be provided in the News Sheet for anyone who wants to sell/buy/exchange/give away any article or provide a service such as babysitting, etc. The space is free if you wish to make use of it either contact your road rep. or phone 691 1141.

FOR SALE, hopefully finished breeding. A duck-egg blue Wilson pram with brown hood and apron, hand made Wedgewood plaques, detachable body, shopping tray and canopy, hardly used. Only one careful owner and 2 occupants Tel. 01-692 6977.

EXCHANGE garden plants. If you are interested in exchanging surplus garden plants for those of other varieties, contact Don Harris at 90 Breakspears Road, tel. 01-692 2892.



FURNITURE WANTED. Furniture donated by Lewisham people to help homeless families set up house in the borough is running low once again.

Heavy demands on the Council's existing stocks means that the amount being collected is barely keeping up with requirements. In particular, beds, tables, chairs and wardrobes are in short supply.

It is hoped that local people will respond as they have done to previous appeals by giving their secondhand furniture to the Homeless Families Unit at Frankham Street, Deptford. Any furniture to be donated will be collected free of charge from homes in Lewisham. But please remember that it is for someone else's home and should be in reasonable condition. Any offers of help should be directed to the Homeless Families Unit on 01-692 6691.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

58 WICKHAM ROAD

A CPO order was granted to Lewisham Council and work is now in hand to convert the property into four self-contained flats.

The Society supported the CPO order as the building had been left empty for over a year and had become very derelict. (NB the owner chose not to oppose the order at the public enquiry.)

55 LOAMPIT HILL 'THE OLD FIRM'

Permission for display of numerous advertisements on the front and side elevations and the party wall between 55 and 57 Loampit Hill.

The Borough Conservation Advisory Committee recommended that "all 'antique signs' should be allowed to stay..."

ST. VINCENT'S HOSTEL 21 BREAKSPEARS ROAD

Four-storey extension at the side to provide additional residential and staff accommodation.

25 CRESCENT WAY

Conversion: 3 self-contained flat and 1 self-contained maisonette and installation of dormer windows in the side and rear roof slopes.

11 CRESCENT WAY

Conversion: 1 self-contained flat and 1 self-contained maisonette.

94 TYRHITT ROAD

Conversion: 1 self-contained flat and 1 self-contained maisonette.

68 GEOFFREY ROAD

Conversion: 1 self-contained flat and 1 self-contained maisonette.

54 CRANFIELD ROAD

Conversion: 2 flats and 1 self-contained maisonette.

Society oppose GLC lights

Proposed Traffic Lights Junction Lewisham Way/ Wickham Road/Friendly St., SE4

We endorse the comment made by the Borough Conservation Advisory Committee, that the question of traffic signals should be considered in the context of the Manor Avenue Cell Study, and as this is very much at the formulative stage, any decision should be deferred.

We fully endorse the statement made by Buchanan in the recent SELTEP study: "Within a cohesive area environmental needs should come before everything else. Any road network should be between them not through them..." The area designated by the borough as the Brockley Conservation Area is a cohesive residential area, as is the area bounded by Lewisham Way/Brookmill Road and New Cross Road. Any provision that is likely to create a north/south route (via Wickham

Road and Friendly Street) will greatly increase the flow of traffic and will result in these two areas being split in half. It seems especially illogical in the overall planning context of the Friendly Street area *(see extract below) considering the proposals for Friendly Gardens and the newly built old people's home, both fronting onto what would become a major road.

We therefore directly oppose the provision of traffic lights if this will result in the increase flow of traffic along these two streets. Surely we have reached the point where the improvement of traffic flow for the convenience of the motorist and heavy transport must be given second priority to the convenience, health and safety of people within any residential area — especially as the traffic congestion occurs at two peak periods and is generated for the most part by commuter traffic. This is a situation that is quite

untenable in the present economic/energy crisis.

Accepting that the junction is dangerous, we would propose that (i) a panda-crossing be created on the existing pedestrian crossing; (ii) an island be created in the centre of Wickham Road; (iii) either a No-Entry sign be put up at the south end of Friendly Street, or Friendly Gardens be extended across to a paved area in front of the terrace of shops, so closing off the through traffic along Friendly Street.

CHAIRMAN

Extract from Highways and Public Works Committee 15.10.74.

Supplemental Report: Sect. 14, para. 3:

"If at a later date because of possible alterations to the road network in Thurston Road area, it becomes necessary to consider the use of FRIENDLY STREET as an alternative traffic distributor..."

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Decision on lights deferred until final plan of Manor Avenue Traffic Study completed.

BROCKLEY SOCIETY Free Tree Pruning SERVICE

Anyone requiring help or advice on the pruning of small or large trees



CONTACT
691 1141

N.B. Chainsaw available thanks to kind offer by Ray Cornwall Esq. Other equipment available includes extension ladders/ropes etc.

Road Representatives

Adelaide Avenue 34-60	Mr. & Mrs. James	No. 38	Lewisham Way	Mr. Charles Smith	No. 176a
Avon Road			160-186 and 228-238	Mrs. Jenny Varney	No. 166
Beverley Court	Mrs. Alloway	No. 2	Rokeby Road	Mr. & Mrs. Johnson	No. 25
	Beverley Court Residents Association			Miss Parish	No. 21
Breakspears Road	Miss M. Anderson	No. 44	St. Margarets Road	Mr. Davies	No. 31
	Mrs. Harris	No. 90		Mr. Chamberlain	No. 38
	Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Gray	No. 43	Tressillian Road	Miss A. Devereux	No. 81
	Mr. & Mrs. R. Cornwell	No. 35		Mr. & Mrs. Fisher	No. 104
Chalsey Road	Margaret Fulcher	No. 53	Tressillian Crescent	Mr. K. Mayers	No. 118
Cranfield Road	Mrs. Coral Collett	No. 38	Tremaine Close	Mr. J. G. Scott	No. 16a
	Mr. Alan Bennett	No. 36	Tyrwhitt Road	Mr. R. Crawford	No. 9
Crescent Way	Mr. Scott	16a Tressillian Crescent		Mr. Timothy Cantell	No. 62
Darling Road	Treasurer Mr. & Mrs. F. Huthwaite	No. 9		Mrs. L. Byrne	No. 86
	Mr. & Mrs. Heywood	No. 14		Mr. R. H. Brown	No. 91
Drake Road	Mr. Weller	76 Tyrwhitt Road		Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Wright	No. 10b
Geoffrey Road	Vice-Chairman			Vanessa Burke	No. 12
	Mr. D. Seymour	No. 108	Upper Brockley Road	Mr. McClenaghan	No. 61 Flat B
Glensdale Road	Mr. J. W. Park	No. 3		Mr. & Mrs. Paul	No. 121
Harefield Road	Mr. F. W. Stone	No. 45	Wickham Road	Chairman Mr. John Moreland	No. 47
	The Rev. M. Munns	No. 25		01-691 1141	
Hilly Fields Crescent	Mrs. M. Warman	12a Montague Ave.		Mrs. Margherita Colombo	No. 1a
Manor Avenue	Ms Viv Thom	No. 66		Mr. Sepp Ronay	No. 39
Montague Avenue	Secretary Mrs. M. Warman	No. 12a		Ann & Roger Brayshaw	No. 74
	Mrs. Pond	No. 14	Wickham Gardens	Mr. S. Thorpe	No. 11

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes
for the New Year

We still want your WASTE PAPER BUT...

owing to the Mills having to install new machinery to cope with the massive quantities of waste paper coming in from all parts of the U.K., they have been unable to clear the paper fast enough so the depots in our area have asked us to stop collecting until March.

It was felt we could not undertake to store our paper collections for the next two months because of the high fire risk.

Please don't give up the habit of saving waste paper for

OUR NEXT COLLECTION
SATURDAY
1st MARCH 1975

Two million tonnes of waste paper could be recycled every year in this country. This would save 34 million trees and £100 million in imports.