

## GREETINGS!

from your  
NEW CHAIRMAN

It was in September 1973 that Brockley was declared a Conservation Area, and shortly after that a number of interested residents led by John Moreland formed The Brockley Society. The general aims of the Society are simple: to try to ensure that houses capable of being renovated are not allowed to become derelict; to press for improvements to the amenities in the area.

The Society is informed in advance by the Local Authority of all proposals concerning external changes to property in the area, and is also represented at planning meetings where these proposals are discussed. Many houses threatened by demolition and replacement by blocks of flats have been refused planning consent by the local Authority and have been renovated instead.

This News Sheet gives details of the Society's activities and you are invited to help in any way you can. You will find news of St. Peter's Centre which we hope will provide a much-needed centre of social activity right in the middle of the Conservation Area. The Society is pressing for a pedestrian crossing across Brockley Road near the end of Wickham Road. Following the very successful Midsummer Fayres we

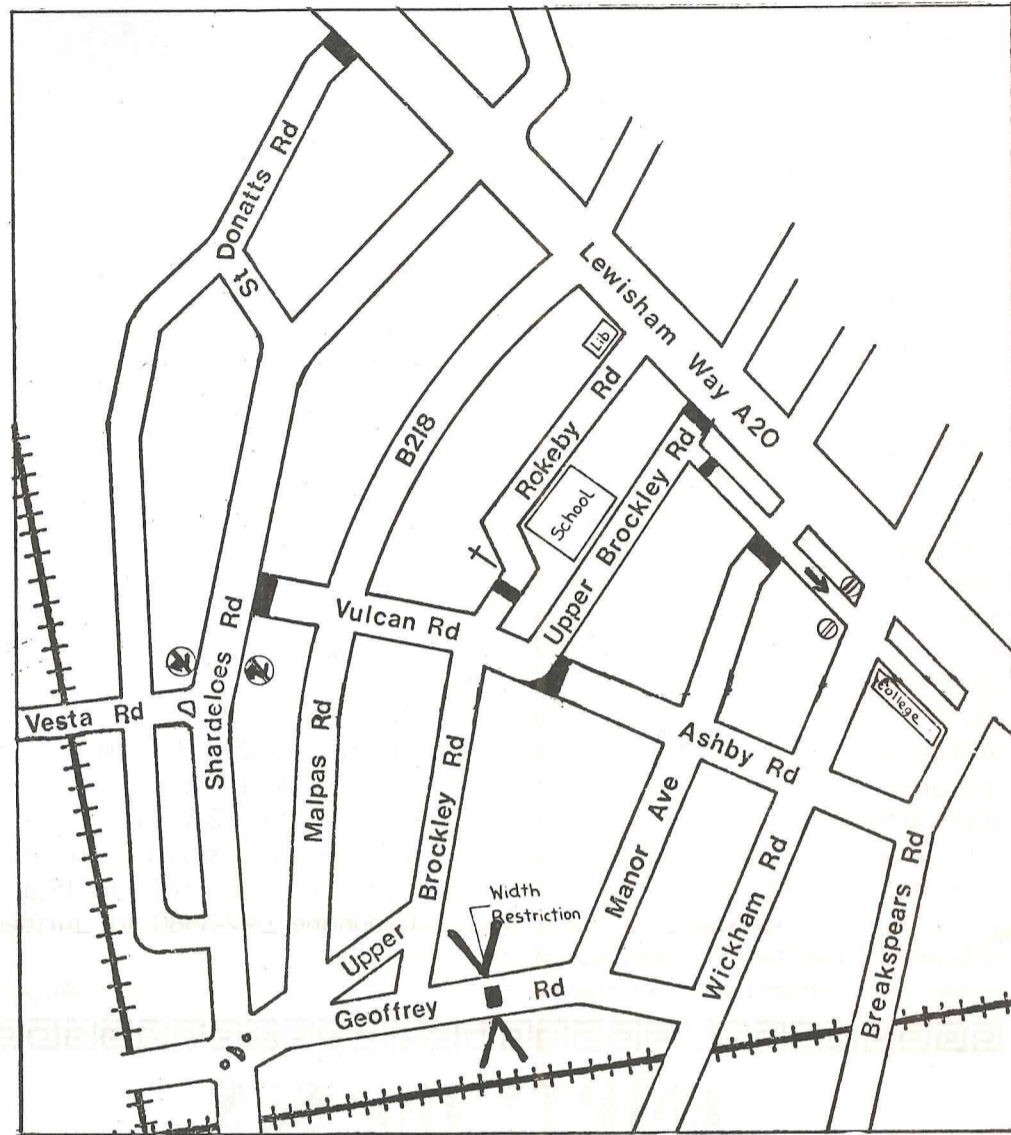
held in 1975 and 76, we hope to organise a very special event on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee this year — here we really do need plenty of help with ideas and organisation so please rally round.

There is no membership fee as the Brockley Society is open to all living in the area, but the more support the Society has, the greater its' influence in getting things done. If you have any ideas for improvements to the area, please contact your Road Representatives (see list), or better still, come along to one of the monthly meetings.

The Society is financed mainly by the monthly collection of Waste Paper so please save all your waste paper for our volunteer collectors on the first Saturday each month. If you can spare half an hour or so to help with the collection please contact Fred Huthwaite on 692-1608, or tell your Road Representative.

When you read this News Sheet you will see that the Society is going from strength to strength but YOUR interest and support is needed.

*Maureen Mayers*



 **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS**

The Greater London Council recently approved the application by the London Borough of Lewisham to implement for an experimental period the traffic scheme shown above. All residents are being informed and work started in the near future.

Celebration of  
**H.M. THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE**  
Plans for Street Party now being discussed

### STOP PRESS

We wish to thank the residents of Beverley Court for helping with the waste paper collection by allowing use of the garage area each month. Thank you !!

Mrs Percival thanks friends, relatives and residents of Chalsey Road for their help in collecting £18 for St. Peters Centre.

Moneys received for waste paper collected during 1976 amounted to

MAY - £49	SEPTEMBER - £26.16
JUNE - £29	OCTOBER - £21.86
JULY - £24.24	NOVEMBER - £25.20
AUGUST - £18.48	DECEMBER - £30

**FLAT WANTED TO RENT.** Professional man seeks flat furnished or not. Minimum- bedroom, living room, bathroom and kitchen. Good refs. Phone Michael Gray: day 01636 1655. Evening 01-691 2064.

## St. Peter's Centre

The Community Industry boys work daily at the Centre under their able supervisor. The walls of the Main Hall are being prepared for re-decoration, and the toilets are to be improved. The front of the building is ready for re-pointing and the leaded-light windows in the front are to be restored. The Treasurer of the SPC Management Committee would be

pleased to receive any donations for this particular part of the project.

If you have any item that might be of use in the renovation please let the Secretary know (we need paint, cement and other similar items — and require a piano before long!).

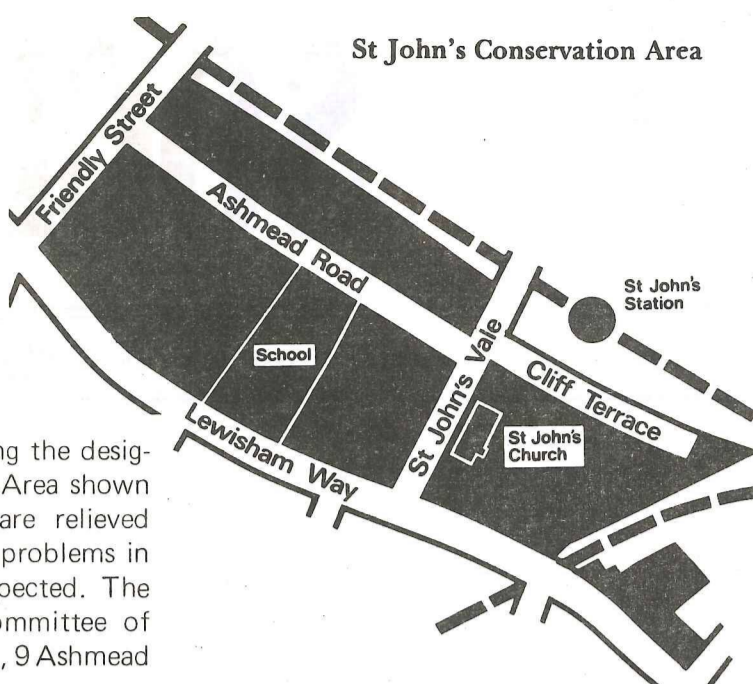
The Xmas Cards and note paper for funds for the Centre have sold very well and some notepaper is still available (5p for card and envelope). More fund raising activities soon.

Mrs. Gladys Rogerson  
Hon. Secretary



Hilly Fields Crescent Refurbished by the Council.

# The St. John's Residents Association



was set up recently following the designation of the Conservation Area shown above. St. John's people are relieved that some attention to the problems in their area can now be expected. The group is managed by a committee of 14 (Chairman - Mr. J. Moody, 9 Ashmead Road).

There are plenty of 'eyesores' in the area which was blighted by motorway plans until 1974, and consequently neglected, decayed and depressed. The Group has been working throughout the past year to attract the attention of the various authorities to their problems and met British Rail architects to view the rubbish in the station forecourt. The vacant site on the corner of Cliff Terrace and St. John's Vale is to be landscaped and a local traffic study is being carried out by the Council. Almost all the Council-owned houses in the area have been painted and this has given great encouragement to the people who have seen their area steadily decline over the past years.

Enthusiasm reached a peak in November when the resident's committee went

all out to try to persuade the Council to reverse the decision to demolish 12-24 Friendly Street. This small terrace of early 19th. century houses are of social as well as architectural interest and contribute to the character of St. John's. The Civic Trust indicated an interest and after a petition signed by over 200 people and numerous meetings at the Council meeting on December 15th. it was decided not to demolish these cottages.

Other items up for future discussion are the Lewisham Way shops, St. John's Vale development site and our local tree survey. Suggestion are always welcome and anyone can attend the regular meetings held in local houses. Telephone 692-3580 for further information.

Mrs Angela Bailey

## EMPTY HOUSES

In September we received a list from Councillor Nicholas Taylor giving details of the vacant council-owned properties in the Brockley Conservation Area, with a statement of the activity at that time:-

Breakspears Road	107	Repairs started	22 Nov.75
Chalsey Road	52	Improvements started	26 July 76
Cranfield Road	3/5	Conversion of two houses together started	26 April 76
	14	Repairs started	26 April 76
	73	Improvement started	16 August 76
	85	Scheme approved	7 July 76
Crescent Way	21	Conversion started	31 May 76
Geoffrey Road	30	Improvement tenders	6 August 76
	70	Conversion started	31 May 76
Harefield Road	13	Started	16 Dec 74. Contractor went into liquidation. Now moving again.
Hilly Fields Crescent	14	Improvement started	28 June 76

Manor Avenue	27	Conversion started	21 June 76
Montague Avenue	4	Conversion. Tenders approved	19 Sept. 76
Rokeby Road	18	Improvement started	8 Mar. 76.
St. Margarets Rd	30	Repairs started	17 May 76
	37/39	Improvement started	28 Jul. 76
Tressillian Rd.	26	Tenders due	14 Sept 76
	47	Scheme approved	25 Jun.76
	172	Scheme in preparation	
Tyrwhitt Rd.	68	Conversion started	20 April 76.
Upper Brockley Road	7	Tenders approved	
	43	Conversion started	16 Feb. 76.
	45	ditto	13 Oct 76
	47	ditto	17 May.76
	67	Tenders due	15 July 76
	107	Scheme in preparation	
Wickham Gdns.	15	Conversion started	31 Aug. 76
Wickham Road	58	ditto	31 Aug. 76

not look after. Brockley Neighbourhood Council has agreed to help in this scheme. If you have a garden needing attention or would like to dig in someone else's please contact Gordon Byrne on 692-7323 or Celia Jarratt at 62 Ashmead Road. All replies will be treated in confidence and your name will not be given to anyone else until you have explained to one of us the sort of arrangement you would like to have.

## DIG THIS!

In the Lewisham area there are over 500 people on the waiting list for allotments, and in the present difficult financial situation the Borough Council cannot do much to help. They have, however, encouraged local groups to see if those wanting allotments can be put in touch with those who have gardens they can-

## WHO OWNS 30,000 BOOKS ?

YOU DO - in your local Public Library!

The Brockley Branch Library is right next door to Crofton Park Station. And if you are nearer to Lewisham Way, there is the Deptford Branch awaiting you there, opposite the top of Tanners Hill. In both you will find thousands of books of all kinds available for loans - and not only books, but also gramophone records of popular music, jazz, classical, and poetry. . . . . and even pictures to hang on your walls.

In the reference section you will find almost anything you need in the way of phone directories, railway timetables, career guides, holiday guides, encyclopaedias and many other reference books. There is also a reading room where up-to-date newspapers and magazines are available for your attention.

You need not be a member to come in and read the papers, use the reference section or make enquiries from the staff (but remember that smoking and eating are not allowed on the premises). But if you wish to take a book away you must join the Library and get a Library Ticket. Anyone who lives, works or studies within the London Borough of Lewisham can join and there is no charge. If your name is on the register of electors you sign a form and can borrow a book or disc straight away - if you are not on the list we ask for evidence of your address in the Borough.

Up to three books plus three discs can be borrowed and kept for up to one month, or for a longer period if you renew by calling, writing or telephoning in time.

If you have not used the Library since your schooldays, now is the time to renew your acquaintance - everything changes and you might be agreeably surprised! If you have never visited a library, now is the time to start - you will be made very welcome.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

OCTOBER/DECEMBER 1976

**41 TRESSILLIAN ROAD**  
Conversion into four self-contained flats and demolition of a timber lean-to.

**45 TRESSILLIAN ROAD**  
Seeking approval of details regarding application on July 25/76 for conversion into three self-contained flats.

**4 MONTAGUE AVENUE**  
Conversion into one self-contained flat and one self-contained maisonette.

**15 UPPER BROCKLEY ROAD**  
Compulsory purchase order dated October 15/76.

**BROCKLEY BAPTISTS CHURCH**  
Refused permission to demolish.

**37 UPPER BROCKLEY ROAD**  
Conversion into two self-contained flats and one self-contained maisonette.

**WAREHOUSE IN ASHBY MEWS**  
For the use as light industrial premises (rear of 1 - 3 Ashby Road).

## WE NEED YOUR WASTE PAPER

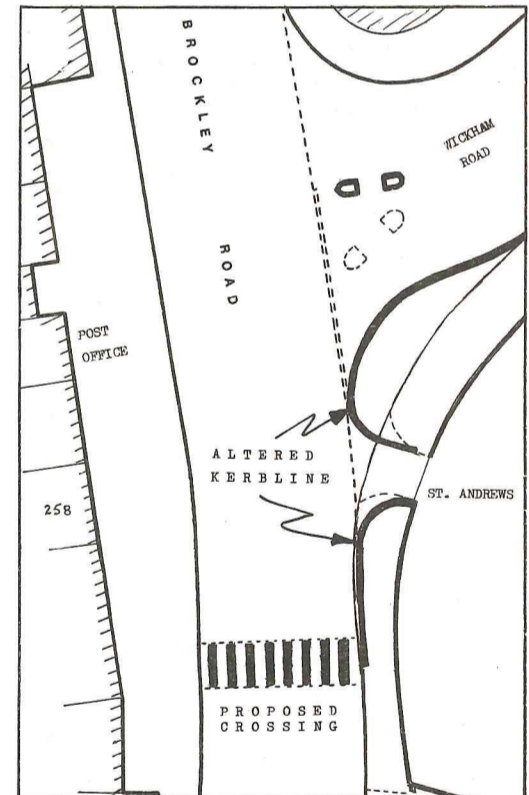
NEWSPAPER  
OLD MAGAZINES  
CARDBOARD  
OLD DIRECTORIES  
ETC., ETC., ETC.

will be collected on  
**Saturday 5 February**  
starting at 10 o'clock

Please put your bundles out EARLY WHERE THEY CAN BE SEEN FROM THE ROAD

If not collected by 6 o'clock please phone Fred Huthwaite 692 1608 or better still, bring round to the collecting point at 47 WICKHAM ROAD

**MARSHA PHOENIX MEMORIAL TRUST**  
The premises at 90 - 92 Tressillian Road have been formally leased to the Trust with effect from April 1, 1976. A scheme of adaptations has been prepared with tenders invited. It is hoped that the greater part of the work might be completed before March 31, 1977.



## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

After careful consideration the Council have proposed certain alterations to the kerbline at the end of Wickham Road with Brockley Road and a pedestrian crossing in the position shown. No time for completion has been stated but we hope it will not be too long.

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