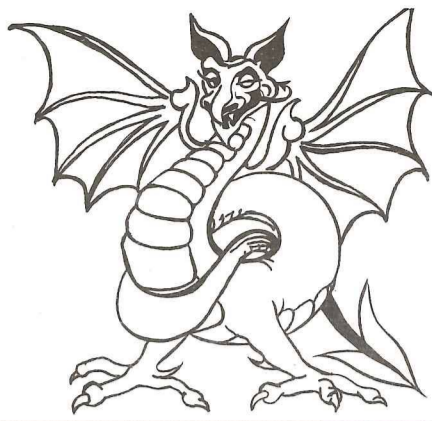


BROCKLEY



SOCIETY

NEWS SHEET No. 20 DELIVERED FREE TO OVER 3,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE BROCKLEY CONSERVATION AREA July August 1979

🌿🌿🌿 The Midsummer Fayre 🌿🌿🌿

FOR THE FIFTH BROCKLEY SUMMER FAYRE, the park trees were draped in bunting, and after a week of rain the sun shone out. We raised £365 for the Society funds and - more important - people enjoyed themselves.

We had two disappointments: the Steel Band cancelled at the last moment, and we were short of entries for the Gymkana.

However, we had some extremely good displays by the second troupe of the Lewisham Majorettes and Pipe Band, and by the Scottish dancers, who are based at the Lewisham Play Centre in Ladywell Road. Many thanks to Mrs Mary Bennett for bringing the performers and working so hard.

We also had one of our local schools - Myatt Garden - showing us some country dancing which fitted in well with the sunshine and the crowds. Thanks are due to the teacher and the girls for this popular attraction.

The London Fire Brigade attended with a fire engine and caused great excitement when they were called out in the middle of the afternoon, returning later to allow more youngsters to investigate their machines.

Ray Cornwell and his family once again arranged a fine display of Show Jumping.

Pauline Armstrong capably organised all the BrocSoc stalls which included lucky dip, tombola, books, plants, cakes, crafts, etc. Clair and Julian Oliver and helpers dispensed dozens of hot dogs and hamburgers. A number of outside Societies provided stalls, helping their own funds and making a contribution to BrocSoc. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the Fortune Teller could not attend this time!

Thanks to William Webb for taking on the job of Fayre organiser, and the Committee - John House, Gill Heywood, Pauline Armstrong, John Park, Keith & Maureen Mayers, Ethel Palmer, Julian Oliver and Kathleen Turner. Also to the many others who helped before and on the day, including Juliet Johnson for posters, Ian Middleton and Ron Kilsby for transport, Clara Cole for running the raffle, Mr & Mrs Bassom in the Park Kiosk, and Freda Porter, Mary Warman, Irene Reynolds, Susie Beckett, Rita Bennett & family, Mary Kay, Mrs Collet & family, Mrs Perkins, Rosemary Williams, Diane & Julian Paul, Juliet House, Steve Thorpe, and others.....

We must record our appreciation of the co-operation of the many local traders who were once again very generous with donations, gifts and vouchers for the various competitions and raffles:-

Donations of £10 from

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Upper Brockley Rd

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 59 Manor Ave - 2 flats
- 29 Manor Ave - 2 maisonettes
- 96 Tressillian Rd - 2-storey house in rear garden
- 62 Tressillian RD -3 flats
- 84 Uppr Brockl Rd -extension
- 17 Beverley Ct -room in roof
- 41 Cranfield Rd- replacement extension with staircase
- 77/79 Tressillian Rd -3 flats (Beaver Housing Soc)
- 111 Tressillian Rd - 3 flats
- 1-3 Ashby Rd rear -continuing use light engineering

TREES:

- 24 trees corner Adelaide Ave
- 88 Tressillian RD -rear: fell poplar, prune others
- 3 Crescent Way -rear: fell one

● WASTEPAPER ● COLLECTION

The May collection raised £17.10
The June collection was classified as 'Mixed' and we got only £4.60 -we are querying this. But you can see that the operation is not worthwhile with petrol at 1.18 pg

But we will collect on Saturday

SEPTEMBER 1st

NEWSPAPERS ONLY PLEASE - SAVE ALL YOU CAN



GREAT IMPROVEMENT No. 11 236/238 Lewisham Way (Beaver Housing Association)

**PARTY WALL PROCEDURE
IN LONDON**

Who owns the wall behind the wallpaper ??

The London Building Acts* require that anyone carrying out work to a party wall or structure should notify in writing any adjoining owner in advance of doing the work in order that mutual agreement can be established as to the extent and precise nature of the work. This requirement is frequently overlooked by neighbours and builders alike in spite of the fact that the needs to serve a Party Wall Notice and to come to an agreement are statutory obligations. In certain instances, some unscrupulous owners deliberately neglect to observe the 'Party Wall Procedure' in order to exploit the ignorance of adjoining owners. The message therefore is that if building work is being undertaken to a party wall adjoining your property and you haven't been approached by the builder or the owner, you should not be fooled - it is your right in Inner London (including Lewisham) to be kept informed of what is happening next door. After all, this work could affect your property and you may need some form of redress if damage occurs. This is what the Party Wall Procedure permits.

Party Structure Notice

This is a general notice and the Notes detail the sort of work which may need your agreement. Other notices can be served for more specialised works in respect of:-

- i Party Fences and Walls (with or without foundations).
- ii An intention to build within 20 feet of an adjoining owner's independent building.
- iii An intention to carry out work which could affect the foundations of an adjoining owner's property (e.g. by building within 10 feet and at a lower level than his property's foundations).

At the bottom of each notice can be seen a statement which requires an adjoining owner, served with the notice, to reply within 14 days. If he does not do so or wishes to dispute the nature of the works then the Act requires the appointment of a surveyor to act on his behalf in order to negotiate with the serving owner's surveyor and come to an agreement (called an Award). If these Surveyors fail to agree then a third independent Surveyor can be called in to arbitrate. His judgement is final.

This procedure may seem cumbersome, but in that the act supplements any commonlaw rights and is aimed at guaranteeing a means of sorting out disputes which do arise, it is nonetheless generally a fair method.

However, although one may criticise the procedure for providing Surveyors with guaranteed employment, it isn't always necessary to follow the formal Party Wall Procedure set out in the Act. As an alternative, it is open to adjoining owners to come to some agreement less formally, simply by an exchange of letters. This is probably more satisfactory and expedient, especially as this would be just as valid within the terms of the Acts. The important thing is to record any agreement in writing and to be aware of the implications.

Should you be confronted with this problem and feel that you need advice, please contact Juliet and Chris Johnson on 692 1553.

* London Building Act 1930 and London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939 (Part VI). These are operable within the City of London and the Inner London Boroughs.

ST. PETER'S CENTRE

The roofing work is well in hand - cost £3400 to date. Electrical work is more than half completed: this has had to include fire exit lights and emergency lighting in all parts of the building. G.L.C. fire regulations require fire doors opening both ways and extra doors behind the stage; the back staircase has to be boarded up, etc, etc., as well as the fire escape to the front of the building.

We have bought another 100 stacking chairs at a reasonable price.

The main Hall will be closed August 11th to 25th to enable the floor to be cleaned with wire wool and then sealed -- more hard work for Ron Kilsby & CO !!

ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL: Jumble Sale on July 13th raised £85.

There is a Dog Training Session on Monday evenings at 7.30. All dog owners should own trained dogs - if yours does not obey your every command, come and investigate the possibilities!

The Badminton Club is now running very successfully and also the Senior Citizens Wednesday afternoon Club 2 to 4.

We are hoping to start a Senior Citizens Snooker Club on Wednesday afternoons. Anyone interested should phone 692 5838 or call in on Wednesday afternoon & leave your name and address so that we can contact you if we get sufficient members.

Discussions are still going on re a Youth Club.

BOOK THIS DATE- Friday September 7th **AUTUMN SOCIAL** Tickets £1.25 with the usual 'eats' and licensed bar.

Plans for the **CENTENARY WEEK** are going ahead. All residents are invited to come to the Hall to participate in the events on November 19th to 24th to celebrate the fact that the Hall has stood for 100 years -- and has not been pulled down.

St Peter's Church
A JUMBLE SALE
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NATURE NOTES

The 'Good Life' in Brockley

It is hard to believe that but for the rumble of traffic and the not-infrequent whine of a police car, one could hear the clucking of hens in Malpas Road. Unexpected as it may be in an urban environment like London, there is the occasional brave spirit willing to bring a touch of the country (chicken-rearing) into our lives.

Mrs Margaret Fitch, a working grandmother, is such a person. From her home-built chicken house which has housed as many as 30 hens, she now keeps 13 which produce 6 to 8 eggs each day. In fact her family say they haven't bought an egg since Christmas!

The hens eat feed from a Deptford Pet Store and by 're-cycling' old cabbage leaves, bread and potato peelings it seems they are not extravagant birds. And they can be bought at Loampit Hill quite inexpensively. To keep rats away the sides of the henhouse are of galvanised steel more than a foot high.

Even a few hens give you freshly laid eggs and some gardens in Rokeby, Wickham and Upper Brockley Roads can boast one or two hens and as many will have heard - the occasional cockerel too! Someone nearby even keeps bees. So - hand in hand with the conserving of buildings and trees should we not also seek to preserve this rural spirit too?

We would like to give voice to all aspects of this - anything from gooseberries to goats, so please phone your ideas to 692 3539 or 692 1553

Linda & Michael Sharples
and Juliet Johnson

A RESPONSIBLE AFFECTIONATE person needed from October to care for two brothers age 4/7 at their home (St John's SE4) after school 3.30 until 5 pm three or four days a week during termtime. Good hourly pay. Phone 692 3580

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