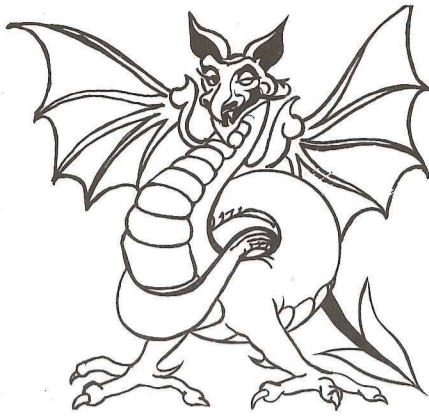


# BROCKLEY



# SOCIETY

NEWS SHEET No. 26

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April 1981

## DANCE music

### BROCSOC SPRING DANCE

Keep May 2 free to come to the Spring Dance in St. Peters centre. Licensed bar music, dancing, and a chance to get together with your neighbours. Do come along, bring the family, tell your friends. From 7.30 till 11. Music provided by the Smokey Bear Road Show, all musical tastes catered for, from ragtime to Reggae, from the tango to the pogo. Morris Men also, come and join them in the dance. Welcome the summer with a bang, have a good time. All this for a giveaway price of £1.00

Proceeds from this spring extravaganza will be partly for the Brocsoc, and partly for St. Peters Preservation fund. Tickets on the door, or ring 692-4894 evenings.

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## PLANNING

### APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been made:—

#### 60 Wickham Road, SE4

Erection of three-storey block of 9 self contained flats in rear garden and vehicular access into Cranfield Road.

#### 22 Hilly Fields Crescent SE4

Alterations and conversion to form 2 self-contained flats.

#### 26 St. Margarets Road.

Conversion to 2 self-contained flats.

#### 47 Wickham Road

Erection of a new three-storey house with integral garage.

### ANTIQUES WANTED

I wish to purchase any of the following pre 1930 items:

Wardrobes, Sideboards, Bookcases  
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Phone Ian Middleton 01 - 692 - 2845 or write 91 Tyrwhitt Road, London SE 4

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Bach comes to Brockley

On April 25th. the first Saturday after Easter, the church will resound to one of J.S.Bach's masterpieces — the Easter Oratorio which, though less widely performed than the Christmas Oratorio is no less rewarding for audiences and performers alike. The work has all the proportions of a Bach cantata, but is qualified as an oratorio by the fact that the solo voices represent specific characters (Mary the mother of James, Mary Magdalene, Peter and John) in a kind of dramatic setting.

Our programme will also include Bach's Concerto for 2 violins and String Orchestra, a justly famous work in three movements which hardly needs any further introduction. Conductor, soloists, choir and orchestra, with one exception are currently all studying music, whether full-time or part-time, at Goldsmiths College. The exception is Matthew Manning, the first Oboe — a special import from Surrey University! Do come along and bring your friends; the concert starts at 8 p.m.

The price of entry will be £1 to cover costs. any surplus left over, together with proceeds from a retiring collection will go towards the St. Peters Preservation Group.

## FAYRE

ROLL UP ROLL UP ROLL UP

As is now custom the Brockley Mid-summer Fayre will take off at 2.00 p.m. ON SATURDAY 20TH. JUNE for another session of fun and jollities. Races, fun fair, stalls selling, all kinds of desirable articles, barbecue, food and drinks and more will be there for your edification and delight.

If you are interested in helping:—

- running a stall for the Society or for another charity of your own choice.
- helping on a stall.
- providing home made cakes and sweets etc.
- providing bottles and tins of foods, toys etc. for prizes.
- providing books for the book stall (new or secondhand)

We need people, young, old or inbetween, to help on the day.

If you are able to assist with any of the above please ring John Park on 692-1361 or William Webb on 692-6363

We hope you come and have a good time — we will!

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## Happy Birthday Myatt Garden

Myatt Garden School has just celebrated their tenth Anniversary. During their 'Anniversary Week' many activities were enjoyed including dancing, an exhibition, films, talks and demonstrations.

On Wednesday 8th. April there was a Family Evening when their guest celebrity Mr. Ian Wallace handed over a cheque for £350 to the Mayor of Lewishams' charity. Everyone in the school was involved in helping to raise money for the charity 'Hombury Dene' — a home for the mentally handicapped. They sold apples, T-shirts, badges, held raffles, had a nearly new sale and sold tickets for the Parent-Teachers' Charity Dance.

Our congratulations to all at Myatt Garden School!  
Picture by Daniel Taylor class 4S Myatt Garden School.



## marathon



Brockley's own marathon man

For those residents of the conservation area who live near Hilly Fields the solitary running figure of Dr. Jack Heywood of Darling Road, is a familiar sight. Jack has been running for so many years with the Herne Hill Harriers club one of the oldest and best established in London. Jogging has not been the matter of the latest fad for Jack, his performance in the London marathon on March 29 bears witness. Jack finished in a time of 2 hours 42 minutes 13 seconds, making him 478th. to arrive out of a field of five and a half thousand. Our warmest congratulations.

Congratulations also to ADRILOLWORTH of 124 Tressillian Road, who also ran the marathon, and finished in a very creditable time of 3 hours 32 minutes. Adril who had never taken on a marathon before, raised £61 for St. Mary's School

Well done also to any other runners from Brockley

Advertisements are always welcome — Personal column or trade. Please contact the Editor c/o Clare Oliver at 114 Tressillian Road, SE4 on 01-692-4894

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# TRAFFIC

Following the debates, public meetings and representations made by Brocsoc and others over the last 2 years, residents will be interested in the latest developments, noted below

At a meeting of the Highways Planning and development committees on the 24 March, Lewisham Borough Council approved priority ranking of the Hilly Fields Traffic proposals which do not require GLC approval. The GLC is still considering the road closures in Hilly Fields crescent and Harefield Road, and are likely to oppose the combination of closing both roads, but may accept closing either separately.

The proposed traffic signals at Brockley Road/Adelaide Avenue are supported by the Police and emergency services, but are still being assessed by the GLC.

The following list has been prepared as being those measures judged to give most benefit in reducing traffic speed, increasing safety and giving convenience to pedestrians. It is hoped to implement at least phase one during the coming year.

## Phase 1

- Shell Road/Brookbank Road - Junction Improvement
- Algernon Road/Ellerdale Street - Junction Improvement
- Tyrwhitt Road/Loampit Hill - Junction Improvement.

## Phase II

- Wickham Road - 4 prs islands
- Tressillian Road - 2 prs islands
- Algernon Road - 2 prs islands
- Adelaide Avenue - 4 prs islands
- Ladywell Road/Ivy Road - Junction Improvement.
- Tressillian Road/Drake Road - Junction Improvement.

## Phase III

- Chudleigh Road - 4 prs islands
- Breakspears Road - 3 prs islands
- Vicars Hill - 2 prs islands
- Shell Road - 2 prs islands
- Brockley Grove - 1 pr islands.

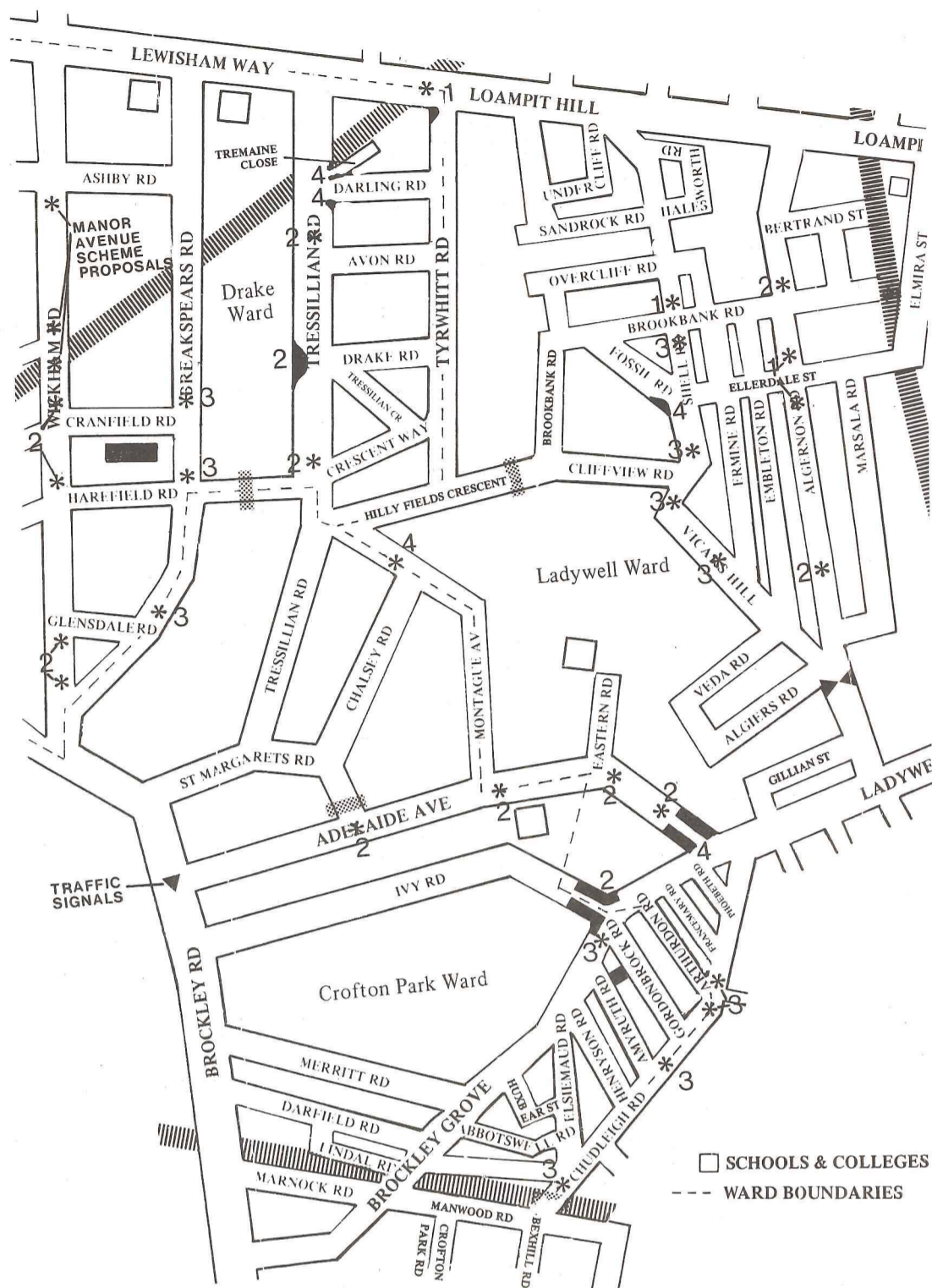
## Phase IV

- Montague Avenue - 1 pr islands
- Tressillian Road/Darby Road - Junction Improvement
- Tressillian Road/Tremaine Close - Junction Improvement
- Shell Road/Fossill Road - Junction Improvement
- Adelaide Avenue/Ladywell Road - Junction Improvement.

## ACTION REQUIRED

To note progress in this area.

To agree to rank the measures which do not require traffic orders as set out above for implementation over a period of several years as finance becomes available.



## Local History

Just as the market garden function was a product of the 18th. and early 19th. century growth of London, so the incorporation of Brockley as a suburb was the result of a regular railway, omnibus and later tram link with the town. Railways made the separation of working and living areas a possibility, even for the lowest paid with the introduction of cheap workman's tickets. The railways from the New Cross stations served both a wealthy and poor population; as late as 1910 there were three classes of ticket. A ticket from New Cross to London Bridge cost 6d, 4d. or 3½d single, or 10d, 8d or 6d return!

Brockley was essentially a suburb of London, being a product of the growth of London rather than of Deptford, but still attached to Deptford in some ways, for local services for example.

Between 1860 and 1880 the Brockley area began to be developed (the course of Wickham Rd, was laid out in 1856), and also the area east of Friendly Street. In Brockley the development seems to have been systematic, the land being developed in a north west, south easterly direction. This is probably because the plots corresponded with the old fields and tithe plots. By 1900 the whole of the area had become suburban, apart from the area known as Brockley Tips which was still partly occupied by a Brickmaking concern.

## ROAD REPS NEEDED

*The Brockley Society would like to recruit more Road Representatives. Road Representatives are the more active members of the Society, the more there are the better the Society functions as they contribute in a positive way to the bank of ideas, observations and administrative workload. The duties of a Road Representative need not be arduous. You give time when and if you are able to.*

*The main jobs of a Road Representative are to distribute this news sheet to say 30 households, attend the monthly meetings and keep a weather eye open in your street or part of street with a view to conserving or improving the physical fabric of the area.*

*These and the other functions and interests of the Society are contributed to by Road Representatives and others on a strictly voluntary basis. Any contribution, however limited, is always welcome.*

*Please contact Julian Oliver Tel: 692-4894 if you are interested.*

## Help Wanted

Gardener needed to redesign garden, laying new paths, fencing etc. Anybody interested in helping, please contact Mr. Pareas, 2 Upper Brockley Road, 692-1057

## St PETER'S CENTRE

Thursday evenings, childrens groups. Lots of activities, snooker, darts, games, knitting. Age 5 to 11; 5 - 7 p.m. Age 11 to 16 7-9 pm  
Wednesday afternoons 2-4, Senior citizens, again many activities, and billiards and snooker for those interested.

Anyone interested in starting a mother and toddler group? Inquiries to Clara Cole. Tel: 692 - 5838

Thursdays, BADMINTON IN THE MAIN HALL 7.30 p.m.

ST. PETERS CENTRE AGM

MONDAY May 11. Open to anyone in the area who is interested in the centre. Do come along with ideas as to how your centre can be used and enjoyed by you the residents.

St. Peter's Centre would like to run a Keep-Fit class, but have no instructor - anybody willing?

St. Peter's Centre Playgroup Meets Tuesday to Friday in the Hall 9.30 - 12 noon in term time. Come to Hall at these times for further details or ring 691-6945

## LITTER

One of the most disfiguring elements in our area must be litter. The council may be reafforesting Hilly Fields, they may try hard on rehabilitating houses, and we may be doing our best to enhance and improve the environment, but it is all set at nothing when the streets are knee deep in chip papers, sweet wrappings and coke cans, to say nothing of the dog mess.

The cut backs in local government are likely to lead to less street cleaning in the future, so the onus is upon us more than ever.

Please, please take your litter home, and you dog lovers, try to encourage your pets in more acceptable habits, after all, few of us walk in the gutter, but the pavements are at times a veritable obstacle course of unpleasant hazards.