



BROCKLEY MIDSUMMER FAYRE 1984

Of course, anyone who is anybody will remember "the event" of 1983, namely, **The Brockley Midsummer Fayre!**

To become a somebody this year, have pens poised and pristine diaries open, ready and eager to enter the date and time of the 1984 event of the year:

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1984

Last year's was the best ever, this year's promises to be even better! To make the Fayre a success we need tangible help from local people. So if you are prepared to make cakes, sweets or jam; donate a tin or gift for the Tombola prizes; help to man the Inflatable for a short time; Steward for half an hour; help to prepare the stalls; man a stall for the afternoon or just sell programmes. **Any help** at all will be welcome so let Chrissi Webb have your name - and February is not too early to let her know what you are prepared to do. Just phone 692-1478 or contact any member of the 1984 Brockley Midsummer Fayre Committee **Now!**

Crissi Webb (Stalls) 692-1478 Malcolm Ryan (Events) 691-7769
Gill Heywood (Publicity) 692-6977 Frances Mills (Broc. Soc. Stalls)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Following the Public Meeting that was held at St. Peter's Hall on 27th September, 1983 it was decided that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme would be launched to include Drake Road, Darling Road, Avon Road and parts of Tressillian Road and Tyrwhitt Road. Tremaine Close was also included. This area was chosen with a view to reducing the high incidence of residential burglaries and motor vehicle offences.

Since that date the co-ordinators have been given property marking kits and many residents have taken the opportunity to mark their personal property. However on this point of property marking it does seem that there are some residents who have marked their property but are for some reason not displaying the 'Property-Marked' sticker. This obviously defeats the object of the scheme. The would-be thief must be made aware that the property in the home can be identified. So please let us see those stickers displayed.

From a Crime Prevention aspect I see this scheme as a success. I know that it is early days and we must not become complacent but there are signs of a decrease in the crimes mentioned. It is important that the interest is kept alive in the scheme, otherwise, we will be back to where we started. It is always difficult to give precise reasons for a decrease in the crime figures but I think it would be fair to say that some of it is due to the people living in the area being more aware. Not only are there signs of this awareness, but it is resulting in more information being passed to Police either by way of the

'Emergency System' or through P.C. Derek McCaig, the Home Beat Officer. This information has resulted in some arrests and this must mean less crime.

There were requests from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme residents for security surveys to be carried out on forty-one homes. Most of these have been completed but there has been difficulty in contacting some residents. People who have asked for a visit, please contact us on 853-8369 or 853-8307.

There are still a few residents who have not yet become part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: there is strength in numbers so we hope that the co-ordinators will encourage those few to join in.

P.C. McCaig feels the scheme is working and is gratified to see the Police/Public relationship improving, by both parties becoming more involved in the community.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes elsewhere in Lewisham; the following roads have started or are contemplating starting schemes. (1) Embleton Road, Lewisham SE13. (2) Guyscliffe Road, Lewisham SE13 (3) Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham SE13. We would like to see more roads within the Brockley Society's area start thinking about the idea. If you are interested in helping to start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme contact your Officer for the area:

South of railway (Hilly Fields side) — P.C. Derek McCaig
North of railway (Lewisham Way side) — P.C. Gary Arthur
Telephone: 853-8369 or 853-8307.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS



33 Wickham Road

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A Planning Application has been received from Social Services for use of this house as a day centre for counselling on child abuse cases.

Note: This house has one of the largest gardens in the area. What will it be used for - if anything. This property was compulsorily purchased by the Council some years ago and is one of the local council properties which are derelict and waiting action.

48 Adelaide Avenue

We have heard that an application has been made for the use of this property (which lies behind the green, opposite St. Margaret's Road) as a home for alcoholics - apparently with no Warden.

SECURITY

P.C. George Spurling, Crime Prevention Officer will be pleased to visit you and suggest security ideas for your home. Contact him to arrange a suitable time. Tel: 853-8369
If you already have a security alarm fitted to your house, please tell the Police and arrange with them how they can help you.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in St. Peter's Hall on Thursday, 20th October. The following Officers were elected:

Chairman	Mrs. G. Heywood	Fayre Committee	Mrs. F. Mills
Vice-Chairman	A.J. Porter		M. Ryan
Treasurer	W. Webb		Mrs. G. Heywood
Secretary	Mrs. G. Jaques		Miss Roberts
			Mrs C. Webb

The Treasurer reported a very satisfactory financial standing of the Society. The Fayre profit amounted to £290. Donations were agreed as follows:

£50 to St. Peter's Centre.

£50 for the maintenance of St. Peter's Church clock, see article on St. Peter's.

Gifts to Mrs C. Webb (in hospital) for her noble effort organising the Fayre and to Rae Crawford for assistance with tree lopping.

There was a discussion concerning the lighting of Wickham Mews, for which the Society agreed to make a grant of £100 for the purchase of old Council lamp standards.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs C. Webb and also to C. Johnson

who has served eight years as the Society's representative on the Conservation Advisory Panel of the Council.

An earlier offer of the Society to finance the erection of a traffic mirror at the corner of Tyrwhitt Road and Hilly Fields Crescent had not been agreed by the Council. The Hilly Fields Crescent traffic proposals are still awaiting approval by the GLC. The Society was advised by the Council to communicate with the GLC and the Metropolitan Police giving their reasons for the necessity of installing a mirror and this matter is in hand.

At the close of the meeting, members present continued their discussions, whilst partaking of cheese and biscuits and some liquid refreshment!



St. Peter's Clock and Tower

St. Peter's Church in Wickham Road is a central landmark of the Society's area. It was opened in 1867, the tower with its clock and chimes was completed in 1891. The tower is 120 ft from the ground, giving a fine view of the local area.

On the clock dial floor of the tower, rods connect the four dials to the clock works. Unfortunately the rod leading to the north (vicarage) side had to be removed because that side of the tower has sunk a few inches - that is why one face of the clock still stands at five to twelve.

The dials are 5 ft 6 in. in diameter with wrought iron circles and copper figures.

The Vicar tells us he desperately needs an "assistant clock winder" to attend twice a week. If you are interested in performing this public service, contact him on 692-4248.

If you are interested in climbing the tower in the Spring and seeing for yourself the fascinating interior and also the splendid view from the roof, contact Gillian Heywood on 692-6977 who will arrange a time and publish it in due course.



2-8 Chalsey Road

In July 1978, the Society was in contact with the Borough Council about these properties which were deteriorating, still partially tenanted, although the Council had bought them 4 years previously.

These were attractive maisonettes which could easily have been repaired and used for housing. After all this time, this is their condition, and apparently no plans are made for their rebuilding.

We understand that offers have been made by the builders who have developed Bridge House in Montague Avenue but the Council will not sell, although the Chalsey Road properties back onto the Bridge House development, which is an attractive one



16 Wickham Road

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A great improvement to this property by the South London Family Housing Association.



WATCH THE FLATS GO UP!

This is the present day scene between Rokeby Road and Malpas Road. Plans have been passed and work has started on 34 flats.

MEWS

Skips - The Lewisham Planning Committee have agreed a grant of £150 for the current financial year and £300 for first half 1984/5 to be used to hire skips and equipment for clearing the various mews.

Lights - Council lamp heads are offered at £10 each and Mike Webb is trying to obtain suitable poles - any sources welcome.

Fuller information about the Mews will be in the next Newsheet.

ROAD PLANNING

There are Council proposals for new road markings and an enlarged island at the corner of Breakspears/Wickham and Brockley Roads, to facilitate the turning of traffic from the main Brockley Road into Wickham Road.

DON'T DUMP RUBBISH THERE!

Up to six items of household lumber will be collected free of charge from outside your home. Write to Engineer & Surveyor's Department, Deptford Town Hall, New Cross Road, SE14 giving details about what you would like to be collected.

If you have transport you can take lumber and/or garden refuse to the official tip just outside the Borough at Churchfields Road, Beckenham or in Waldo Road, Bromley.

The Lewisham Borough Council is trying to find a suitable site in Deptford.

CONCERT NOTICE

A concert will be given in St. Cyprian's Hall, Brockley Road, by Bromley Concert Band during February - the date will be announced. This is a fund raising event for a children's ward of one of the London hospitals. Please try to come and boost the attendance. Ray Durrell, a local resident, plays with the band and is organising the event.

CONSERVATION IN LADYWELL

Gordonbrock Junior School's Parents Association and some staff have begun work on a strip of land in Ladywell Fields beside the railway station (walk over the bridge & turn right to see the work in progress). It will be developed as an area where children can study grasses, plants, small animals, pond life, insects and trees in their natural habitat.

At the moment working parties of some parents and staff are making the site safe and clearing paths. If you would like to help, contact Mrs. M.J. Tatham at Gordonbrock School.

SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Referring to the previously published councils' list of hostels etc. We know that this was incomplete and should have included the following:

200 Tressillian Road
41 Tressillian Road
88 Wickham Road
66-68 Wickham Road
78 Tyrwhitt Road
Rokeby House, Rokeby Road

Possible additions:

48 Adelaide Avenue
33 Wickham Road

Do you know of any others?

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New Buildings: 53 St. Margaret's Road. 2 bungalows on land at rear with 2 parking places.

Conversions: 119 Upper Brockley Road. This property, which is dilapidated, to be converted to a family house with 3-storey extension at rear.

31 Rokeby Road: 1 flat and 1 maisonette.

77 Tyrwhitt Road: 2 flats for Brockley Tenants Co-op.

1A Manor Av: 4 flats for Solon Housing.

93 Tressillian Rd: 2 maisonettes for Solon Housing.

BROCKLEY WHOLE FOODS CO-OP

The article in the last news sheet has gained more customers for this shop opposite Brockley Station in Coulgate Street. The dried fruit and nuts are cheaper and better tasting than others I have had recently.

New members of the co-op to help run the shop would be welcome just ask at the shop if interested.

Opening times: Tues - Friday
4.30 - 7 p.m.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

St. PETER'S CENTRE Cranfield Road

The Centre Management Committee meet at the Hall on the second Tuesday in each month at 8.00 p.m. and are fully concerned that the Hall and all its facilities should be available for letting to the community. We are most fortunate in having such a large building as St. Peter's Centre and varied activities take place there:

Badminton on Thursday evenings, Brockley Dog Training Club on Monday evenings (Tel: 692 1611), Senior Citizens meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m.. Community Market on first Saturday in each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Play Group on Tuesday & Friday mornings 9.30 till noon.

Snooker is played on some afternoons especially appreciated by the young unemployed, but the green and a red ball have been stolen. Can anyone help with replacements? Hand them in at the Committee Room any Thursday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and players will be most grateful.

When finance permits, the Hall will be fenced from the adjacent mews and the area will be much tidier. A lot of rubbish is dumped in the mews for which the Hall is unjustly blamed. If you are interested in booking a hall or room for a group, club or private function, the Letting Officer is in attendance on Thursdays between 7 and 9 p.m. on the first floor.

ANTIQUES WANTED

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114-116 Manor Avenue

At last work has started on these houses which the Council has owned for some time. We hope the finished properties will retain their Victorian characteristics - including the iron railings on the roofs just visible on the left of the picture.

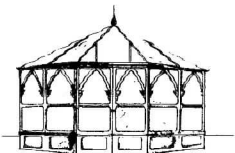
These houses are to be used as a home for mentally handicapped children.

SUCCESS

At the Public Meeting on February 21st, 1983, Mr Kirby brought to our notice the fact that council workmen had removed the pillar at the Wickham Garden end of the mews to allow access to the 'bungalow' offices at the rear of the 86 Wickham Road Housing Office. Since then we have been in contact with the planning department and lo and behold - a pillar has appeared at the entrance to the Mews, not as decorative as the original, but it should stop vehicles driving through this Mews - possibly to deposit rubbish?

Gardener required, part-time
Suit active pensioner able to grow fruit & flowers & mow the grass: *Contact the Editors.*

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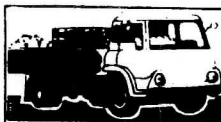
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Sirapite, 50 kilo.....£3.50		2x4.....23p	33p		1,000mmx600mm.....£36.95
Soft/Ballast, bag.....£1.00	BLOCKS	6x2.....33p			10'x2' Worktops.....£27.95
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Angle Bead, 8'.....75p	LINTELS AVAILABLE	CHIPBOARD			Plyflush Door.....£12.50
Artex, 25 kg.....£5.85	6"x6" W/Tiles (36).....£4.50	8x4x½.....£4.95			Insulation, 1.2mx36mx4"
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