



Brockley Midsummer Fayre 1984

You will, of course, have looked in your diaries since the January edition of the News Sheet when you were reminded that "anyone who was anybody" should record the fact that the event of 1983 was to be repeated (possibly bettered!) on:

Saturday, June 23rd from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

on Hilly Fields. Surely, you haven't forgotten? Well, you were given sufficient warning — can we of the Committee be blamed if you miss out on the weather, the attractions, the fun, the prizes, the bargains!

Seriously, fellow Brocklians, the 1984 Midsummer Fayre promises to be a great day out for all the family . . . the more people who come, the greater the fun!

If you want to help make the day a success as well as enjoying it, give a member of the Fayre Committee a ring now — we'll be more than happy to hear from you. See you all at 2.00 p.m. on Hilly Fields for the 1984 Midsummer Fayre.

Crissi Webb 692-1478 Malcolm Ryan: 691-7769
Gill Heywood: 692-6977 Frances Mills: 20 Hilly Fields Cres.

These are the people to contact with your offer of cakes, toys, bric-a-brac and help on the day.

Planning Applications

February to April 1984

61 Breakspears Road

Continued use as a Group Home for unsupported mothers.

48 Breakspears Road

Use as a residential home for the elderly.

45 Tyrwhitt Road

Use as a Group Home for 10 people (London & Quadrant Housing Trust).

78 Tyrwhitt Road

Continued use as a Group Home for up to 9 people with ground floor self-contained flat.

12 Tressillian Crescent

Use as shared home for 10 people (London & Quadrant Housing Trust).

Conversions

131 Tressillian Rd — 2 flats.

91 Wickham Rd - 1 flat, 1 maisonette.

1 St. Margaret's Road - 3 flats and garage.

11 St. Margaret's Road - 3 flats.

86 Upper Brockley Rd - 2 maisonettes.

90 Upper Brockley Road - 2 flats, 1 maisonette.

112 Manor Av. - 1 flat, 1 maisonette.

7 Rokeby Rd - 1 flat, 1 maisonette.

39 Tressillian Rd - 4 flats, 1 maisonette and demolition and rebuilding of coach house.

Use

71 Tressillian Rd - part use pre-school play group.

New Building

Site at rear of Rokeby Rd - approval of bricks and roof tiles.

115 Upper Brockley Rd - 3 storey extension with external rear staircase.

10 Friendly Street - in St. John's Conservation Area, demolition of property and of the buildings to the rear, workshops, former stables, garages and all other buildings in Friendly Street Mews. Temporary gates 2m high. Discussions have taken place with local residents over the building of new houses here.

Trees

18 Somerset Gardens - remove 2 Bay trees and 2 Acer Negundo trees in front garden. (These trees, besides the front door, give character to the district. Recommendation: thin/prune trees)

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

As you probably know certain roads in our Brockley Conservation area have been participating in the **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** for the past seven months. This scheme really means that the residents who are members want to keep our homes and environment free from robberies, burglaries, muggings etc., and our roads safe to walk in.

If you are not already in this scheme, why not make enquiries about it. We really do need **everyone** to take part in this — to ensure its complete success. Once we have a good percentage in the area with the N.W. stickers on their doors we will be able to have street signs showing that we in this area are N.W. members — which means we are all watching!!

It does not take long to mark your possessions, which means that should they unfortunately be stolen (cars included!) they can be traced back to you and hopefully returned.

We will be manning a stall at the Midsummer Fayre — why not come along and talk to us about it.

In the seven months we have been operating, all crimes have substantially decreased. So do help us and get your neighbours to join us.

If then, you would like to set up a "watch" in your area, get together with 3 or 4 neighbours and contact **Brockley Police Station** who will gladly give all the help necessary to get you started.

Phone Nos: 853-8307
853-8369

THIS PLAN shows the Mews which the Brockley Society is trying to get cleaned up. The Borough Council has agreed to help with money for skip hire and the actual shovelling and clearing is to be done by volunteers. Once clear and possibly lighted, these eyesores might become a thing of the past.

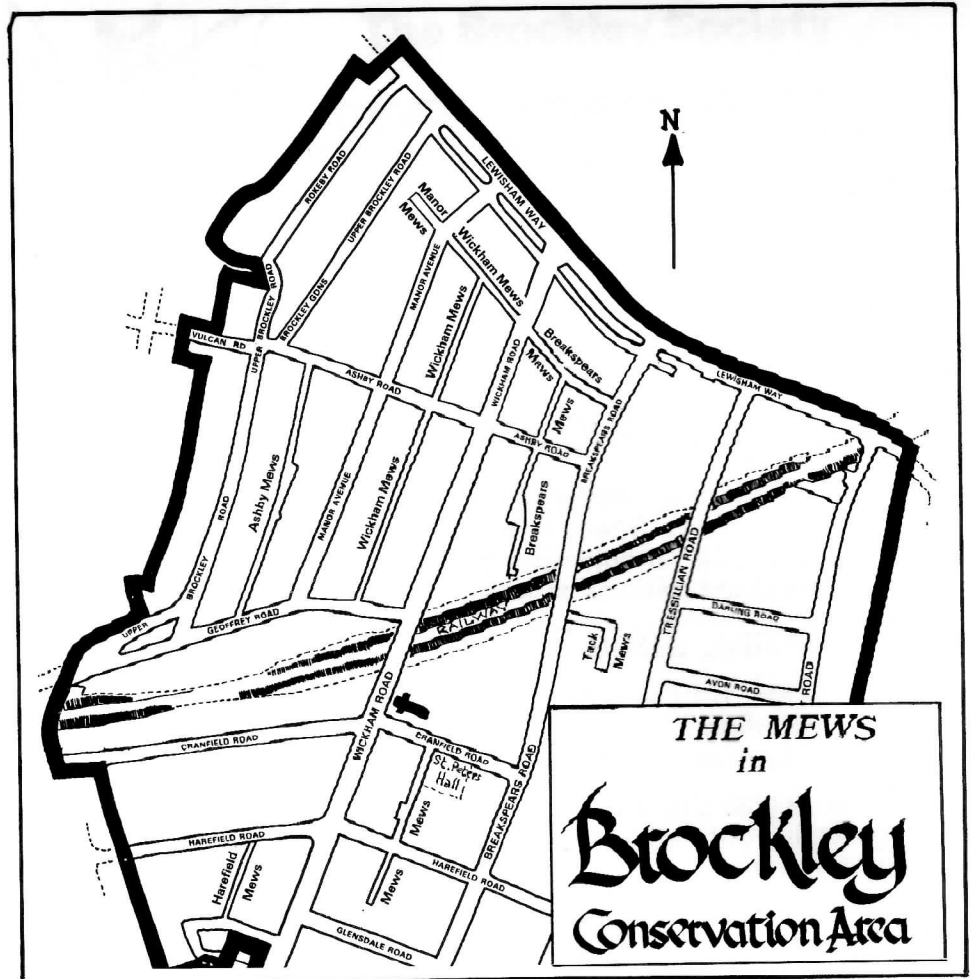
We have already hired four skips with the £150 given for use before April and cleared rubbish from Wickham Mews south and north of Ashby Road (behind Wickham Road and Manor Avenue) and in Ashby Mews (behind Upper Brockley Road) with help from neighbours and residents of the Housing Action Area.

There was a great improvement to the Mews though commercial rubbish still remained in Ashby Mews. Here, unfortunately, the skip was filled to overflowing with fridges and mattresses by some thoughtless residents who took advantage of our goodwill in providing the service to clear the eyesores which no one person could tackle alone.

These skips are intended for clearing the Mews not for residents's garden or household rubbish. This can be taken away free if you contact Deptford Town Hall on 692 1288.

The skip firm refused to take the overloaded skip and the Planning Department & Engineers helped us out but this must not happen again.

We are trying to **clear** rubbish, not collect it. The Mews in this area used to be quite countryfied and still are in some ways. A neighbour remembers Wickham Gardens Mews in the 1930's with grassy



verges and wild flowers. This is also described in Jennifer Wayne's book *"Brown Bread and Butter in the Basement"* about her childhood in the 1920's in Brockley.

More recently fly-tipping has been a menace and garage owners and businesses have put up with this for years, burning and clearing the rubbish.

Lights

The Brockley Society has bought lamp heads from the Council at £10 each and poles are now needed for about 4 lamps for each mews. Electricity supplies will be obtained from individual houses, costing about

£7 per light per year.

J.C.B. Digger

The Council has offered a further £300 which will be used mainly to hire a digger to clear



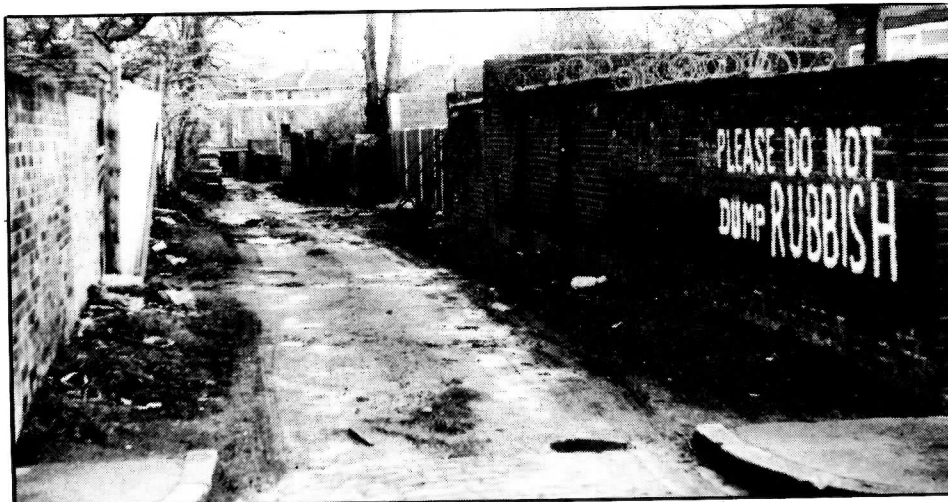
Ashby Mews

the old compacted heaps at the sides but sparing the wild vegetation as far as possible.

Surfacing

In Ashby Mews the Council are proposing concrete tracks to improve the surface. Elsewhere a local road construction firm, O'Rourke, has offered to fill pot holes and muddy patches for a small charge.

So with help from the Planning Dept. and money from the Council the local residents are trying to improve the area. If you can give time and can wield a shovel, contact Juliet Johnson who will give you details.



Wickham Mews (part of)

16A Tressillian Road

This large house was compulsorily purchased by the GLC in 1968 when it was proposed to run Ringway One beside the railway in a cutting. Since then the house was used briefly as a builder's store when the new building for the technical college was erected, and otherwise has stood derelict for 15 years.

This is an important house in the area as it can be seen not only from Tressillian Rd., but from Breakspears Rd. and is the focal point of the view as one walks east along Ashby Road. In the past we have asked about the fate of this building with no results, but since we raised it at the Conservation Advisory Committee in December 1982, Lewisham Council have badgered the GLC (who incidentally thought this was a flat with the number 16A) and at last some progress has been made.

The property is in the current year's rehabilitation programme, but the D.O.E. have rejected the scheme as too expensive, so application is being made for Section 10 grant aid for the historic buildings element.

The current scheme is to convert to 2 four-person flats and one six-person flat.

Our comment: *This is yet another example of the waste of public money which could have been prevented.*

St. Peter's Centre Cranfield Road

The Centre, a registered charity, operates St. Peter's Hall (in Cranfield Rd, opposite the Church) as a local community centre. A large hall, and rooms of various sizes, are currently used by many different organisations, and for many individual functions — for example, by the Guides and Brownies; by badminton, dog training, aerobic dancing and martial arts groups; and for church event, wedding receptions, discos, and jumble sales. Revenue obtained from bookings is used for expenses of upkeep and maintenance, and our next major bill is for renewal of the Hall's side fencing. Plenty of bookings are still available, and our Bookings Officer is on duty at the Hall every Thursday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Alternatively, application may be made to Mrs. Clara Cole on 692-5853. The Centre's Management Committee meets at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday in every month, and would welcome assistance from interested volunteers.



Bridge House, Montague Avenue

The new and converted buildings at Bridge House, Montague Avenue are now complete — an improvement to the area.

However, the adjoining property at the back in Chalsey Road is disgraceful. These maisonettes were originally featured in our News Sheet in 1978 before they were uninhabited. The backs of these can be seen from Adelaide Avenue.

The Council tell us that the Department of the Environment would not allow a re-habilitation scheme because of the short lease (10 years) from the City of London; nor would it approve the Council purchasing the freehold interest.

British Rail Property in Tressillian Road

We have been in contact with British Rail concerning clearance of rubbish from the railway bank beside 18 Tressillian Road. This has resulted in some of the rubbish being collected and burned but as it is a recurring problem the only solution appears to be the erection of a fence so high that rubbish cannot be thrown over! Once again this is a case of those who don't care about the appearance of the area spoiling it in spite of the efforts of those who do care.

Brockley Wholefoods Co-Op

New times of opening:

**Monday to Thursday inclusive:
5 - 7 p.m.**

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

The helpers are all volunteers with other commitments. More members are required to help in the shop so if you are interested in the venture, ask for information and the leaflet for prospective new members at the shop, soon to be known as 'The Brockley Bean' at 2 Coulgate St. near Brockley Station.

Cable Systems and Services Satellite receiving aerials

After discussion at the February meeting of the Brockley Society it was agreed that concern should be expressed to the Department of Environment in relation to the proposal that Satellite receiving aerials be installed without permission. The Secretary will write indicating the Society's opposition to any relaxation of the order.

Jubilee Restaurant (Licensed)

Did you know that the South East London College runs a first-class restaurant for training students in the Department of Hotel & Catering Studies?

In the Breakspears Building, Breakspears Rd, the restaurant is open Monday to Friday (during term time only) from 12 noon to 2 p.m.. There is a licensed bar and the food is always excellent.

Book your table early! Please telephone 692-0353 Ex. 364 or 691-3276 between 12 noon and 2 p.m. for table reservations.



56 Wickham Road

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The Brockley Society

The Brockley Society holds monthly meetings at St. Peter's Centre at 8 p.m. on the first Monday in the month.

Every resident in the Conservation Area is a member of the Society and is welcome to attend meetings and take an active part in discussions, etc.

33 Wickham Road

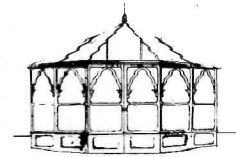
We hope to have a visit at one of our monthly meetings (the first Monday in the month at St. Peter's Centre) of Miss D. Cameron, Team Leader of Amersham Rd Family Centre to tell us what this house will be used for and to answer questions.

Greenwich Recycling Workshop

This is a scheme sponsored by Manpower Services Commission to help long term unemployed adults over 18, by providing temporary employment on a scheme of benefit to the community.

The Workshop needs unwanted household goods of all types except beds and gas appliances. They will collect free. If you have any unwanted or broken furniture or appliances, don't throw them out until you have contacted **Greenwich Recycling Workshop** on 317-1500 to find out if you can help them or they can help you.

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