



## Midsummer Fayre 1986

This year the Fayre, arranged by the Brockley Society, was held actually on Midsummer's Day. The afternoon was hot and sunny, there was a large range of exhibits and stalls, including lots in support of local organisations so that there was something for everybody and a good time was had by all.

The Fayre was officially opened by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bradley, although people had already started enjoying themselves, unable to wait!

Amongst the larger displays were Majorettes, a Dance Troupe from Grove Park, a Fancy Dress Parade, the Wizard of Oz, the Army Shooting Gallery and Police on Crime Prevention.

Under the new BrocSoc banner were Tombola, bookstall, cakestall and games. Gallons of tea were served and a new venture for us, Jason Chesterman and Stephen Huthwaite slaved over a hot stove popping corn till they ran out at 5pm. Well done, boys!

Two things spoil an otherwise perfect day . . . The park keepers had not been officially notified of the Fayre till that morning so 5-a-side pitches were not available. So many teams entered that it was not possible to finish the competition. There is obviously a lot of interest in this sport, so we promise next year it will work properly.

The other complaint was the loud music and commentary which drowned our own excellent address system. The group did not reduce the sound level when requested. We had been offered a 'band' by Lewisham Council Leisure Services to play in intervals between events in the arena and we did not expect the sound system which turned up.

BrocSoc and the Chair of the Council's Leisure Services Committee apologise to residents of roads round Hilly fields — it will not happen again.

Although the tug-of-war between local pubs did not have all our usual teams because of midsummer annual outings to the seaside — those who were there enjoyed themselves with prizes of beer welcome on a hot day.

The programme draw had more prizes than ever and the Tombola was well supplied thanks to local traders and residents.

Our thanks to the organising committee and especially 3 week old Mark and new mum Chrissie Webb who did such a difficult job cheerfully, also to the announcer who did a difficult job so efficiently. Because of these and many other willing volunteers the Fayre was probably the most successful ever.  
*Jack Heywood*

**THANK YOU** once again to the many local shops who so generously gave prizes or donations or vouchers for the Fayre. Each year we have been helped by our local traders to make the **Midsummer Fayre** an annual local fun event where money has been raised for charities and for the Society to continue its work.

Our thanks to:-

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Smiths, Butcher and Simmonds,  
Greengrocer at Crofton Park.*



## Postcards of old Brockley

We have had printed for sale to interested residents, 5 postcards showing Loampit Hill and Lewisham Way in 1906, delivery traps belonging to Well-beloved's Butcher standing in Harefield Road, St. Peter's Church in 1893 and Brockley Lane Station which was closed in 1917. These are of great local historical interest.

Price 20p each or 80p for the set of 5 can be obtained from Wickham Framing, Upper Brockley Road or Gill Heywood 692-6977 or Post Office, 254 Brockley Road or St. Peter's Church.

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY Annual General Meeting

This will be held on:

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st**  
at 8 p.m. in  
**ST. PETER'S CENTRE**

We are serving wine and cheese at this our thirteenth A.G.M. which is open to all residents.

If you have anything to say about this area, please come to the meeting. We want the Society to be truly representative of the 3000 families who live here.

### CAN YOU HELP?

The Brockley Society is in need of a Secretary. Typing ability is not necessary but helpful. The work is not arduous, in fact it is very interesting and worthwhile. If you are interested in taking a more active role in this area's Conservation Society please get in touch with Gill Heywood 692-6977 to find out all about it.

### WILL YOU HELP?

# YOUR VIEWS ON THE MEWS

At last, after four years of trying, we have persuaded the Council that you, the residents of Brockley, should be consulted about developments allowed in the Mews. Despite all our protests at the time, houses were allowed in Cranfield Mews. The planning department of the Council have stated that as there are now two mews houses in existence, the principle of development has been established, and because of this, if a new development were refused permission on grounds of 'no development' and an appeal were made to the Department of the Environment by the applicant, then it is likely that the D.O.E. Inspector would uphold the appeal and allow development to go ahead.

**In these circumstances the local Council would have no control over what is built, and entirely inappropriate buildings could be allowed.**

So it seems that further development is inevitable. We now need a means of stopping all undesirable building and only allowing small-scale development of architectural merit which will improve the area. Unrestrained development could result in spec-built rabbit hutches!

In December 1982 we asked the Council to control development so that it would cause as little impact on the area as possible.

In February 1985 a draft form of a Design Guide was produced, which has been revised and finally approved in June this year as a basis for public consultation.

We have worked very hard on your behalf to get things this far, and are now asking you to make your views known.

The Council has promised a letter and questionnaire to be delivered to your homes, and an exhibition and public meeting in the area.

At the time of going to press, we are very dissatisfied with the format of the COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE AND ARE HOPING TO INFLUENCE THEM INTO MAKING IT MORE PERTINENT. If we don't like the questionnaire as finally approved, we intend to publish our own, because this is such an important issue for the area that each aspect of the problem must be carefully considered. If you receive a Broc Soc question sheet, please fill it in. It will help us to represent the majority view more accurately.

The exhibition was originally intended as a one-day affair in Myatt Garden School, but we have persuaded the powers-that-be that more time is

needed, and now there is to be a week long show in Deptford Library. There will be lots of pictures, photographs of other mews development in London, plans, colour slides and commentary to help you to decide what you would like done.

Finally, there is to be a public meeting at which we will give a slide show with a commentary and there will be an opportunity for discussion with your Councillors and Council officials.

We are counting on you to pack the School Hall and show that you care about your area.

However, if we are still not satisfied with the content of the Council's consultation we intend to pursue the Ombudsman's complaint which was explained in our last Newsheet.

Phone 692-6977 if you would like transport to or from the meeting.

*Gill Heywood*

## MEWS DEVELOPMENT

A meeting will be held  
at  
**MYATT GARDEN SCHOOL**  
Rokeby Road, SE4  
on  
**TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER**  
at  
7.30 p.m.  
Come and show you care!  
Phone 692-6977 for transport.

**Mews Exhibition**  
will be at  
**Deptford Library**  
Lewisham Way  
October 6th-11th  
Mon + Sat 9.30 am - 5pm  
Tues to Fri 9.30 am - 8 pm

## CRANFIELD MEWS? OR?

The naming of the mews between Cranfield and Harefield Roads alongside St. Peter's Hall has not been officially decided.

Garsington Mews is the alternative under consideration now that Lewisham Council has inherited the job of street naming, etc. from the G.L.C.

## Brockley Mews Interim Design Guide

To help you to understand the implications of the Design Guide, here are some points relating to the summary of policies enclosed with this newsheet.

Principles of development

*Density.* Together with other Conservation Societies in the Borough, we would like the density to be lowered to a maximum of 70 habitable rooms per acre in Conservation Areas.

*Privacy.* 70 feet is the minimum acceptable distance between rear windows. Great emphasis should be made in the Design Guide to restrict overlooking between the new and old houses.

*Amenity Space.* The minimum length for rear gardens in existing properties to be 54 feet. This does not take into account that multi-occupation has increased the number of families using the gardens. This policy should be questioned.

*Uses.* Industry in the mews should not be discouraged.

*Car parking.* More emphasis should be on parking for the old house considering the congestion we already have.

*Tree preservation.* All mature trees should be kept in the mews and gardens.

*Building Design.* Where possible existing buildings (eg. stables and coach houses) should be retained and converted. Of our various mews, each has a character of its own, therefore the approach to scale and type of development should be different for each mews.

*Orientation and scale.* Each site should be considered in relation to neighbouring buildings.

*Services.* Refuse collection will have to be provided in each mews.

*Lighting.* There must be a comprehensive lighting policy for each mews, especially with the Council's concern for safety of women, children and the elderly.

*Sewerage.* It is essential that any further development of a mews must include a comprehensive drainage plan to ensure that existing overloaded sewers do not overflow! All except two of our mews have no sewers along them.



## ROAD NAMEBOARDS

The Council is aware of missing road signs in some places and has ordered new ones which will be erected when received from the manufacturers and labour is available.

## St. Peter's Centre

In spite of many difficulties, St. Peter's Centre continues to function. Repairs to the main hall ceiling, and now repairs to the roof, have depleted our funds this summer. This means that our plans to redecorate the main hall have to be postponed.

Meetings as follows:

- **Dog Training Club**  
Monday & Wednesday 7.30-9.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 8.00-9.30 p.m.  
*A very popular flourishing club*
- **Brownies.** Tuesday 6.00-7.30 p.m.
- **Badminton** Thursday 7.30-10 p.m.
- **Girl Guides** Friday 7.00-9.00 p.m.
- **Mrs. Wray's Fellowship**  
Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
- **A Youth Club** hopes to re-open in the near future.

Both halls are available for booking. The Booking Office is open Thursday 7.00-9.00 p.m..

The Management Committee meets in the Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. Visitors, especially those with good ideas, are welcome.

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### HOW INCONVENIENT!

The public conveniences at the junction of Breakspears Road/Lewisham Way are in poor condition and lightly used, according to a report to the Planning & Transport Committee. It is proposed to demolish them and not replace them, as they have reached the end of their useful life. The estimated cost is about £3000.

We hope football coaches and lorry drivers will notice these conveniences are no longer available and won't stop there hoping for relief.

## 2-8 Chalsey Road

This freehold property is owned by the City of London. Lewisham Council bought the remaining 13 years of the lease in 1978, and gradually re-housed the tenants: A viable scheme was prepared for repair to make the property suitable for housing homeless families.

However the regulations say that such repairs must give the property a useful life of 30 years: BUT the Council is not permitted to buy freeholds. Therefore nothing could be done — lease too short, freehold unobtainable.

The Council has 'sold' the lease to Hyde Housing for no payment. The City of London have agreed to sell the freehold to Hyde Housing at the market price. The Government's Housing Corporation will fund the money, possibly with help from the Council, to rehabilitate for homeless families.

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## The Marsha Phoenix Arts Centre

The hut in the garden at 90-92 Tressillian Road has been given planning permission with certain restrictions:

- Used only between 10 am and 4 pm. and not by the general public.
- Noise not to be heard outside.
- Windows fitted with obscured glass where overlooking flats or houses.
- Garden to be landscaped.
- If the Arts Project moves, the shed must be removed.

However, permission for the use of the house as a Community Arts project has been deferred pending further information as to the use of the ground floor rooms.

## Planning Applications

### CONVERSIONS

- 93 Upper Brockley Road** 1st and 2nd floor to 2 flats.
- 143 Upper Brockley Road** 3 two-roomed flats.
- 24 Tressillian Road** 3 two-roomed flats and 1 three-roomed maisonette.
- 107 Tressillian Road** 3 two-roomed flats.
- 137 Breakspears Road** Ground and 1st floors to 2 flats.
- 64 Wickham Road** Erection of 1st floor rear extension, conversion to provide 3 additional units.
- 87 Cranfield Road** 2 three-bedroomed self-contained cluster flats.
- 46 Manor Avenue** 4 flats.
- 22 Manor Avenue** 4 flats.
- 253 Lewisham Way** 6 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom flats. 4 parking spaces in rear and 2 at the front.

### NEW BUILDING

- Rear of **84/86 Manor Avenue.** Demolition of shed and erection of 3 two-storey houses, two with integral garages with access onto Ashby Mews.
- 100/102 Breakspears Road** Demolition of 2 garages and erection of 2 two-storey houses facing Glensdale Road.

### COMMERCIAL

- 103 Upper Brockley Road** Use of garage at rear, fronting Ashby Mews, for motor vehicle repairs.
- 97 Manor Avenue** Use of garage at rear for tuning, light vehicle repairs and servicing.
- 249 Lewisham Way** Use of upper floors for office purposes.
- 25 Lewisham Way** Use of lower ground, ground and first floors as offices.

### TREE APPLICATIONS

- 53 Upper Brockley Road** Prune lime tree at front.
- 45 Upper Brockley Road** Prune lime tree at front.
- 57 Upper Brockley Rd.** Prune lime tree at front.
- 113 Tyrwhitt Rd.** Prune lime tree at front.
- 8 Cranfield Road** Prune lime tree at front.
- 69 Manor Avenue** Prune 2 lime trees.
- 42 Manor Avenue** Remove lowest branch and thin sycamore at rear.
- 40 Manor Avenue** Crown lift and thin 1 ash and 2 sycamores at rear.
- 45 Manor Avenue** Prune 3 limes at front.
- 14 Darling Road** Prune holly tree at front.
- 3 Rokeby Road** Prune 1 plane at rear
- 104 Tressillian Road** Selective removal of yew trunks in front.
- 110 Tressillian Road** Crown lift and thin sycamore in front.
- 15 Montague Avenue** Fell 1 sycamore at rear
- 47 Wickham Road** Fell 1 sycamore at rear. B
- St. Peter's Vicarage** Fell 1 sycamore at front and prune cherry and willow at rear.
- Lilac House, Breakspears Road** Crown reduce by 8/10 feet 4 horse chestnuts at front.
- 8-10 Beverley Court** Thin 2 crab apple trees at front.

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### HEDGE CLIPPING REQUIRED

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Is your hedge in the front so overgrown that it causes obstruction to passers-by? It would be appreciated by mothers with toddlers and prams and by partially sighted or infirm people if you would get this cut back to the wall.

## DRAKE WARD COMMUNITY FORUM

This group has met during 1986 so that local groups and workers get to know each other and can work jointly over local problems if necessary. A steering committee has been formed consisting of representatives from:-

*Lewisham Social Services  
Age Concern*

*Lewisham way Community Centre  
Lewisham Council for Community  
Relations*

*Malpas HAA Residents' Association  
St. Andrew's, St. Peter's  
St. George's & St. James' Churches  
The Brockley Society  
Hyde Housing Association  
Local Police Officers*

*Nursing Services*

*Also active are Church Housing and  
the local S.D.P.*

Recent discussions have been on:-

Shortage of child minders in Brockley  
Work of Hyde Housing Association  
Repair costs of St. Peter's Centre  
Work of Malpas Housing Action Area  
Drugs on the Parade in Upper Brockley Road

Encouraging lettings in the Parade  
A Directory of Local Services  
Neighbourhood Watch

The meetings are open to the public. Anyone representing a group or interested individuals are welcome.

Next meeting is at St. James' Church on Friday, October 10th at 12.30 pm.

*Juliet Johnson*

*Secretary*

*12 Wickham Road, SE4*

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th  
at 2 p.m.

Come and buy your Christmas gifts  
Various stalls, Refreshments  
and Cakes

In St. Peter's Centre, Cranfield Rd.

## CUP OF TEA CLUB

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The 2nd TUESDAY in EACH MONTH there is a meeting of men and women, and sometimes children, in the Lounge of St. Peter's Church for anyone who would like to enjoy some company and a chat. You do not need to be a churchgoer to come to this meeting.

## Transport Report

Our transport representative reports that finance has been promised for extra Christmas bus services, but routes have yet to be finalized.

London Regional Transport are being asked to extend the 181 service in the venings and on Saturdays.

As from Saturday 25th October, L.R.T. propose driver only buses on the two following routes, Nos. 47 & 171 with no change in frequency.

Route 12A will on weekdays run from Forest Hill to Purley and on Sunday No. 12B to Chipstead Valley.

L.R.T. are being asked to provide more buses on routes 36 & 36B and to provide, in the evenings, all routes with conductors to improve safety conditions to crews and passengers.

Negotiations with British Rail and other London Boroughs continue concerning proposed rail link between Abbey Wood and Clapham Junction which would pass through the ward.

Concern has been expressed about poor lighting and security on suburban railway stations and a study will be undertaken.



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### HILLY FIELDS TRAFFIC SCHEME

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This has been publicised lately but we are informed that there is still no money available for the work involved, so we wait for definite news.

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\*\* DRUG LINE \*\* DRUG LINE \*\*  
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Now open at 9A Brockley Cross 9am - 5 pm weekdays. This is an advice centre on the subject of drugs and drug addiction to help users of various addictive drugs, and their families.

If you want help or advice ring 692-4975.

### ROCODELLS

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### St. PETER'S CENTRE Management Committee

**JUMBLE SALE**  
SATURDAY NOV. 29th  
at St. Peter's Centre, 2 p.m.  
Offers of jumble and help appreciated

## Protection of Trees

Once again we take this opportunity to tell you that felling and pruning of trees in the Conservation Area must have local council permission.

Ring the Planning Dept. at the Town Hall - 690-4343 and ask for the Tree Officer. He will arrange to call and tell you how to apply for the necessary permission.

The Brockley Society have a chain saw and two people to use it correctly. If you need work done phone Ray on 692-3283 or Stan 692-2313 for a quote.

There has been a spate of applications for tree work since our last newsheet.

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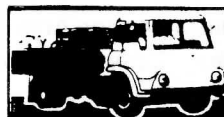


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