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Delivered free to 3000 Households in the Brockley Conservation Area

Summer Fayre

What is the Summer Fayre?

An opportunity for you to spend an enjoyable Saturday afternoon on Hilly Fields.

The Summer Fayre had its first year in 1974 and has now become an important local event. The original aim of the Fayre was to provide an enjoyable day during which local residents could participate. It has helped develop a sense of community in the area.

The Summer Fayre aims to cater for all ages and interests and this year we are hoping to add some exciting new events to our traditional stalls and shows. Some of the new events will be:

- ★ A showing of classic cars including, Morris Minors.
- ★ A professional photographer to take photographs of children
- ★ Live music
- ★ "Sid Super Snake"; a competition for all primary school children in the area, to make the largest, brightest aluminium can snake. (Cans will go for recycling afterwards.)
- ★ Marcel Steiner and "The Smallest Theatre in the World"

★ A knobbly knees and slim ankles competition. Turn up on the day and enter, *if you dare.*

* 1990 Summer Fayre *



Saturday 23rd June, 2-5pm
* Hilly Fields *

Other stalls and events include; face painting, Dog Training Club, Majorettes, books, food, pony rides, Army, Police horses and bikes, plants, Tombola, coconut shy, fancy dress, Postman Pat, hoopla, luscious lollipops etc, etc.

Enter the children's Fancy Dress Parade or bring items of craft work for free entry into the Arts & Crafts

Competition, for sale, or display only.

The Fayre can also provide an opportunity for you to be involved and make money too. If you have something you want to sell, eg; plants, cakes or biscuits, baby clothes, jewellery, hand-painted pottery, art or pictures, then please ring 081 690 1787 or 081 692 6977. We can help find you a pitch, or a tent etc. The pitch will cost you £5 and the profit taken from anything you sell is yours. Successful stalls, games and sideshows can often take in excess of £100.

If you have any ideas about what you would like to do, then please ring 081-690 1787 or 081-692 6977. So if, for example, you want to run a Custard Pie Throwing Stall, we may be able to help. You could even help with a Brockley Society stall, Tombola, Drinks, Cakes, Flowers, Games, Bangers & Burgers, etc. Your help setting up in the morning or clearing up at the end would also be very much appreciated, please let us know.

Put the date in your diary, have your ideas, then ring us as soon as possible since we need time to organise things. Telephone 081 690 1787 or 081 692 6977

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Lewisham Wildlife

Want to help conserve wildlife in Lewisham? You don't need any expertise only willingness, a bit of time on Sunday, to be at the addresses at the times listed below.

Task days organised by the Lewisham group of the London Wildlife Trust in the next few months will be held between 10:30am and 4:00pm at:

- New Cross Gate Cuttings Nature Reserve, Vesta Road and Endwell Road junction, SE4 on August 12th.
- Ladywell Fields Nature Reserve, off Ladywell Road, Next to Ladywell Station, SE13, on August 26th.
- A walk and talk will be held at the New Cross site on Sunday 15th July at 4:30pm looking at the different plants

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Brockley Nursery

The Borough of Lewisham makes much of the word community on all its vehicles, and advertising.

But that community has little to say in what its Council decides. The recent local elections gave the community the chance to vote for a party of their choice but apart from that there is little opportunity for local people to tell the Council what they want—or what they don't want—in Brockley. That is why the fate of the Brockley nursery is of so much concern to local residents.

The nursery, at the rear of Upper Brockley Road, Vulcan and Malpas Roads was the place where flowers, plants, trees and shrubs were grown to be transplanted into all parts of the Borough of Lewisham for everyone to enjoy.

Now it is closed, and up for development. Many newcomers to leafy Brockley who had searches taken out on their properties (and undertaken by the council), were not informed of any development. But instead of looking out on a nursery they now have a view of a wasteland.

The nursery and the housing depot at one end was suddenly closed without a word to local people and now Brockley is left with a large derelict site.

No one wants to look out onto a glass-strewn wasteland but do we want housing instead, as has been proposed? We have not been given a chance to put over our views, or to tell the Council that there are at least six empty dwellings in the area that could go some of the way to solving some of the housing problems today.

Gladys Rogerson

Planning Applications

Applied for
Cranfield Rd.

No.22 Parking space in front garden.

Upper Brockley Rd.

No.130 Conversion to 1 one-bedroom flat and 1 two-bedroom maisonette with single storey extension at lower ground floor.

No.70 Erection of 2 storey building at rear of Vulcan Terrace.

Tressillian Rd.

No.99 Conversion to 1 three-bedroom and 1 two-bedroom maisonette with rear external metal staircase to first floor.

Hilly Fields Crescent.

No.9 Further details of side and rear extensions part of conversion to 7 flats and 2 maisonettes, additional parking with access from the Crescent.

No.16 Conversion of roof space to one-bedroom flat with new windows and internal alterations.

No.23 Demolition of rear garage. Erection of 3 storey extension with ground floor garage and 1 two-bedroom maisonette above. Conversion of main house to 2 two-bedroom flats.

Geoffrey Rd.

No.24 Conversion to 1 one-bedroom and 1 two-bedroom flats and 1 two-bedroom maisonette. Erection of a 2 storey rear extension.

Breakspears Rd.

No.70 Conversion of ground floor to 1 one-bedroom and 1 studio flat. Erection of rear extension.

Manor Av.

No.85 Conversion to 1 one-bedroom, 2 two-bedroom flats and 1 two-bedroom maisonette with dormer window in rear roof.

Applications Granted

No.64 Tressillian Rd.

No.5 Tressillian Rd.

No.48 Breakspears Rd.

No.39 Tyrwhitt Rd. for 3 units

Rokeby House— subject to conditions

No.25 St Margarets Rd.

Applications Refused

No.82 Breakspears Rd.

Applications Taken to DOE Appeal

No.63 Tressillian Rd.

No.37 Manor Avenue

Treeworks

96 & 103 Upper Brockley Rd.

41 Chalsey Rd.

98d & 117 Tressillian Rd.

14b Tyrwhitt Rd.

Boot Sale Story

A word of thanks to all those who helped out in the Mother's Day Boot Sale. The sales at the Lewisham College Car park have proved a great success. However, when it comes to clearing up afterwards, it is a slow job for the few who volunteer. Next time, please help us. The next boot sale will be held on November 4th

Brockley Nursery

Although last December we were promised a public meeting "in the near future", we are still waiting. We will ask our new councillors to set up a meeting soon and make sure it is well publicised. The Planning Dept. are in the process of rewriting the planning brief for consultation. This will now not include any reference to the long back gardens of numbers 136 to 148 Upper Brockley Road which they say were included in error.

If you have any suggestions for the use of the site, want to return the questionnaire or just want to discuss ideas then please ring 692 8803.

Letters to the Editor:

Please write to the editor with any comments you have about any points raised in the newsletter, or with anything you feel is of interest to the people of Brockley. The Editor reserves the right to edit and shorten any letters that are printed:

Newsletter Editor,
c/o 11c Tressillian Road,
Brockley,
SE4 1YG

Accident Black Spot

The corners of Harefield Road and Breakspears road have for many years been the site of wrecked cars that didn't make it over the junction. At last we have persuaded the Council that action is necessary. They have now agreed to widen the pavements of Breakspears road, 30 car lengths from the junction. With bollards installed this should deter parking at the junction and allow a clear view of the traffic coming over the brow of the hill. It remains to be seen whether this will reduce the number of accidents, or if further measures will be needed to slow down the Breakspears Road traffic. Please keep us informed.

AGH

Dogs Again

Dogs on Hilly Fields again. Parliament has voted the Registration of Dogs out. We still have many nuisance dogs in the Conservation Area, pavements are hazardous, and Hilly Fields is no place for children to play. The Brockley Dog Training Club works valiantly to make dogs fit to live with and some of their owners more responsible. But what is the borough doing to keep the area safe, clean, healthy and protected from the negative side of man's best friend?

There is a new "Pooper Scooter" service working in the area. It is a motorcycle fitted with equipment to remove dog dirt from parks, roads and pavements. The Scooters have a regular beat but will respond within one working day to deal with problems in a particular area. To notify the Pooper Scooter of a problem you think needs attention telephone the Council on 695 6000 Ext 5111, 5112, 5115, 5116, or the Refuse Hotline on 692 0316 between office hours, Monday to Friday.

The Double Squeeze

Cars, cars everywhere and not a space to park— safely, cleanly or amicably. Drivers park their cars, vans or lorries, wherever a space offers itself. Each side of the street is being used with the result that moving traffic is forced to squeeze into ever narrowing space down the middle of the road.

Try turning out of side roads— nervously craning one's neck to get a sight round vans parked right up to the corners of the roads. Hearts turn to chilled stone as speeding "things" hurtle by one's front bumpers. Some of the longer, straighter roads are deadly places for pedestrians and children as some drivers, particularly in Tressillian Road, consider it OK to fly up or down at 50mph with their hand on the horn. What can be done about these non-safety factors for road users? Sleeping policemen, perhaps? Wide-awake policemen, in patrol cars, waiting for offenders, even. Send your views to the Editor. ■

I like Wheelibins

Have the bins passed the 'customer use' test? Perhaps we have grown to love them, time being the great healer, but can we please have a definite Bin Emptying Day: Tuesday, Thursday, Noday have been the recent week's bin emptying days. Pulling 'Wheeli' to the gate is becoming a put and take exercise, but we do love the bins!

✍ R.V.

I hate Wheelibins

They stand like rows of predatory Darleks outside every house, often with half chewed rubbish hanging out of their mouths. Some lean against the street wall others block the garden path, ready to pounce on the unwary. Never less than thirteen of them stand guard on the pavement in Tressillian Road, blocking the way, making the wary give them a wide berth, often making it impossible for all but the stout-hearted slim people to pass between them and the parked cars. The recent high winds have shown them to be unstable, they can fall over and empty their contents, as well, or better, than any old-type bin. These wheelibins SMELL. On a warm day you can walk along a street and smell what supper was last night. It is impossible to clean them. If you drop something in by mistake it is gone forever, unless you lay the bin on its side and pull everything out with a broom, to get to the things at the bottom. These bins are awkward to move often not rearing up on their wheels, but scraping along the ground and they won't go up steps- no wonder the bin-men don't return them but leave them on the pavement or in the road, advertising to burglars the absence of the occupier. I hate Wheelibins.

✍ G.H.

What do you think? Do you think they are the best things since elastoplasts? Join the debate, send your views to the Editor.

Local History

We hope this is the first of a series of articles tracing the history of this part of Brockley.

The name Brockley is of Saxon origin. It is a derivation of *Brucca Leah* meaning "field by a stream". In Kent the Saxon word *Brucca* meant "water meadow" and gives us the modern word "brook", but elsewhere the meaning was different. All of Brockley was in Kent. The Kent, Surrey boundary ran approximately North-South through a point at the top of Vesta Road, near Aske's Boy's School, still marked by a boundary stone.

A contour map of this area (see below) shows very clearly that the valley where both Brockley Road and the Croydon Railway Line run drops only a couple of feet between the *Brockley Jack* and Brockley Cross. On either side Blythe Hill, One Tree Hill, then our Hilly Fields and Telegraph Hill all drain into this valley, so it could well have been marshy water meadows.

Northwards from Brockley Cross the line of the stream can still be seen clearly on a large scale map and on the ground. The line of the back of the shops in Coulgate Street must be joined to the back garden of 230 Malpas Road. A feeder stream ran around the boundary of 158 Upper Brockley Road and 232 Malpas Road to join the main stream, and the gardens of 218 and 220 Malpas Road show where a tributary enters from Telegraph Hill. The Brockley Nursery still has a very uneven junction on the West with Malpas Road gardens, 184 and 186 have very short gardens where the stream meandered. It followed the line between Luxmore Gardens and Rokeby Road, then crossed under Lewisham Way. There is now a steep ramp down under the shop at number 130a. The stream ran through here to emerge between numbers 143 and 145 on the opposite side of the road. It ran parallel to Florence Mews and under the railway. The cutting becomes very shallow at this point, again showing the valley very clearly. Beyond the railway all traces of our stream have been lost through development in the last 30 years, until it crossed Tanners Hill. It then ran behind the old row of shops housing Wellbeloved and Witcombes stores, before it reached Deptford Creek near where the back of the Skill Centre is now.

So even today we can trace in our streets and boundaries the line of the brook or an ancient field line.

To look at the area in detail the following Ordnance Survey maps are recommended: For 1:10000 scale (6" to the mile), TQ3675NW TQ3675NE TQ3676SE TQ3676NE or 1:2500 Scale (less than 3" to the mile), TQ37NE.

✍ Gill Heywood

The onset of the hot weather, **Pump-up-the-volume?** noise coming through an as usual, means that everyone adjacent wall, floor etc. Also knows who has a hi-fi and who does not. Some of leafy Brockley's residents immediately fling open their windows and "pump up the volume", as the saying goes. I'm sure they don't realise that they are actually disturbing other residents who simply want to use their gardens and open windows for enjoying the fresh air, but in most cases they are annoying someone.

So, please try to be a considerate neighbour and respect those who want to enjoy some peace and quiet. After all, in a very densely populated area such as this, a court would expect to hear that residents had taken all reasonable precautions to avoid causing a nuisance to others.

The noise goes out of the window of the hi-fi owner and into their neighbours': This form of intrusive sound pollution is known as "flanking", as opposed to "conduction" which is

Brockley Station or Famous Railway Slums

The appalling state of Brockley Station and its surroundings may soon be coming to an end.

Newly elected Drake Ward Councillor Mike Barry is pledged to try to do something about it with the support of BrocSoc.

British rail have finally agreed to go into partnership with Lewisham Council in regard to refurbishing the station and its approaches. Work should commence in about 2 months.

If you have any ideas about what could be done please phone 692 2289 or write c/o the

Editor.

✍ Harold Shalet

The neighbour-
hood bobby has
been posting a
word of warning
through local

Victims

by Niki Chesworth

letterboxes following a high number of burglaries. In case you did not get a letter, these are the most vulnerable streets which currently have a high number of reported burglaries— Upper Brockley Road, Malpas Road, Geoffrey Road, Wickham Road, Breakspears and Tressillian Roads and Manor Avenue.

As a recent victim of burglary I share the Police's concern that more local residents do not spot these daylight thieves. So please co-operate and inform the Police if you see anything suspicious such as items being loaded into a car or van. (In my case the TV and Video were hidden in a washing basket whilst being carried out.) Remember, next time you could be the victim. Watch out for the rear of the house where 62% of thieves break in, followed by the front door

and windows, where 28% of break-ins occur.

If you have been robbed already, or know any other victims, then you or they will probably be contacted by the Victim Support Group. If not, they can be found at St. Laurence Centre, 37, Bromley Road, Catford, London, SE6 2TS. Telephone 081 698 4583.

They are there to offer comfort, practical support and guidance to those who have suffered as a result of crime.

And to make sure you are not next on the list, try to prevent a burglary. Crime Prevention leaflets are available from local libraries, and the local Crime Prevention Officer on 081 697 9411.

Meanwhile, you may spot more uniformed Bobbies patrolling the area. They are here to act as a deterrent but they say they cannot do it all by themselves. We must work as a team.

Chunnel Rail Link

The latest news is that British Rail and Trafalgar House are still waiting for a definite "yes" from the Government for £1 billion, yes billion, subsidy from the tax payer.

The Department of Transport wants it, but the Treasury doesn't because the Government is in all sorts of financial trouble.

The Channel Tunnel Act prohibits the spending of public money so a sleight of hand is required to get around it. It seems likely that this ploy will be challenged in the courts by opponents of the SE London route for the Link if it comes our way.

Just what route is planned will not now be announced until late May or June. If it goes ahead through here, however, then all existing groups from Kent to Kings Cross will have to fight it. This is where you can help:

Be prepared to campaign at least as hard as last year, if not, harder. Stratford is the proper route; the Government's position is weak, but united we can be strong.

by Harold Shalet,

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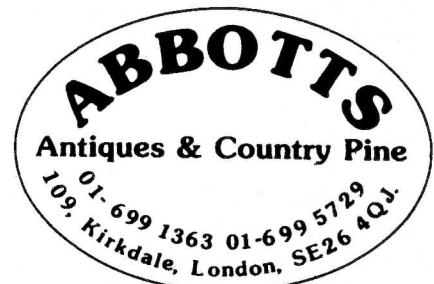


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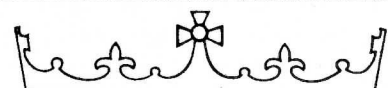
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