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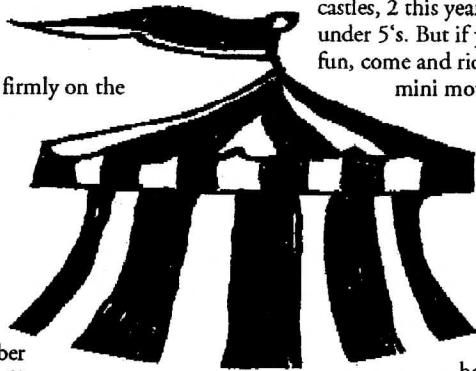
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Summer Fayre Fun Time

Are you bored in your bedsit, fed up in your flat, or hungry at home - but above all in search of *fun*? well the venue is:

The Brockley Society Summer Fayre
Saturday 20th June
12-5pm
Hilly Fields SE4

The events and attractions for the Fayre are rapidly coming into focus, as all these months of planning start to become a reality. Our main drive this year is to make the Fayre bigger and better than ever, putting the Brockley Society Summer Fayre firmly on the local map. The increased spend on advertising and publicity, has left my phone steaming, as more and more of you ring up to book a stall. 081 469 3975, for any of you that don't already know the number off by heart! Stalls cost £9 outside and £15 in the marquee, if you don't want to gamble with the weather. Teas and cakes will also be located in the marquee, so a high traffic flow is guaranteed. So what have we cooked up for you this year?



The Fayre will be opened by our celebrity at 12 noon which will then be followed by a display by the St Norberts Majorettes.

At 12:45pm we have the fancy dress parade and then the judging and prize giving for the plant show, which is kindly being sponsored by Phoebes Garden Centre in Catford. Bring your biggest plant, best arrangement, most unusual plant, vegetable or flower or anything else you want to enter to the marquee by:
1pm latest.

1.30pm sees a judo display, by novice and experienced judoka. All the instructors are Japanese trained and the club is one of the best in the country. There will also be a display of Samurai sword fighting.

At 2.30pm we have the judging of the Miss Brockley competition. To enter come dressed in your best, give us a tour of the Arena, chat to our friendly DJ, pose for our photographer Roy Fenton, and the winner will receive a cup and a first prize of a free photo session at Roy's studio. The competition is open to all those 12 years and under.

At 3:45pm we have the knobbly knees contest, a sight not to be missed... and then at 3.30pm

the Teddy Bear's picnic. Come with your teddy and his tea, what ever your age, and picnic on the field. The best teddy will be awarded a prize.

At 4.30 we will draw the programme prize draw and raffle.

Events

Out of the Arena there is a lot going on too, we've unrideable bikes, stilts, coconut shy, crazy bikes, unicycles and donkey rides. Back by popular demand are the bouncy castles, 2 this year, including one for the under 5's. But if you really want some fun, come and ride a "Mini-Mote" - 6 mini motor bikes, powered and ready to go! All rides are supervised by trained and experienced instructors.

The Council will bring its "Green Trailer" with information about how it and you can help our environment. It will provide banks for cans, glass and paper, so bring your rubbish for recycling. Dont come empty handed - come as laden as you mean to go home!

Don't forget our Broc Soc notice board, kindly made and donated by Barry of Axiom furniture makers, Lewisham Way. You can advertise anything you want to sell, or buy or swap, or services you offer, from gardening to baby sitting - for only £1. (pens and paper provided) The notice board will be located by the marquee entrance.

Focus on Food

As the Fayre starts at 12 noon, why not come and lunch with us. We've the reknowned Broc Soc bangers and burgers, pancakes, jacket potatoes, caribbean food, kebabs, icecream, cakes, teas, organic food and more yet to be confirmed.

Stalls

We've a wide variety of stalls this year from arts and crafts to bric a brac. There are home-made cakes, jewellery, decorated hats as well as charity stalls in aid of relief to Romania, the Positive Place (Aids Support), the Cat Protection League etc. As usual we have our raffle, which will be drawn at 4.30pm. All the prizes are donated by local traders and as times are tough, we really appreciate their support. First prize for the raffle is a voucher worth £20 for a meal for 2 at Cafe Ninucci in Tanners

Hill - Thankyou Jackie!

Local traders will also be there including the Brockley Bean, with whole foods for sale, Roy Fenton - photographer, who will be offering half price studio sessions to anyone who books on the day and Britannic Insurance. Phoebes Garden Centre, who are sponsoring the plant show, will also have a stall, with special offers on plants and containers. The team will also be on hand to provide advice and help on gardening queries.

So there is plenty to see, do and buy.

Come and join us.

If you can help, or if you have any queries please ring 081 469 3975.

We urgently need people to help on the day, bake cakes and help tidy up.

Can you help?



Solicitor Needed

Would you be prepared to give advice occasionally to the Society on property and other matters? If you feel you could help in this way we would be most grateful.

Please give us a call on
081 692 8795

Car Boot Sale

Lewisham College
Car Park
July 12th.

Cars £6 - Vans £8.

For information call

081 692 6977.



Deptford Library

A Visual Arts Centre

If the plans of the Friends of Deptford Library are successful the following facilities will be included in the new use for our library

- Meeting rooms for up to 80 people
- Permanent Community History Display with children's workshop facilities
- 2,400 square feet side lit multi purpose ground floor space with adjoining cafe
- 3,500 square feet top lit first floor multi purpose space divisible into two separate areas
- Space for rent to local artists and crafts people
- Bookshop
- Access for the disabled including lift to the first floor
- Toilets including facilities for the disabled
- Reception area with cloakroom facilities
- Temporary and permanent storage areas.

What we will not have are:

Parking facilities

- Facilities for amplified music.

We intend to provide, according to demand: Exhibitions, Demonstrations/workshops,

Classes, talks, lectures, Special interest fairs, Film production, Rehearsal or practice space, Video production.

As local residents and most affected by any future use of the building, what are your views? Would you use the building? Are there other things you want to see being done there? Is there anything you object to and why?

Now we need: £500,000 to buy and refurbish the building, Money to run the project, Views of local people and local groups on what they would like to see provided.

FODL want to hear your views. FODL would like your support.

FODL can give you more information.

Please phone 692-1553 or 692-6977

St. Peter's Centre.

Repairs and bookings continue for the next few months, whether the hall does or does not sell on a long lease (see March issue).

Role reversals - to show what can be done:

- The Judo Group have polished floors and held regional and national championships in the Hall.

- The Youth Group have decorated the Committee Room.

- The Management Team filled a skip and is about to start on kitchen improvements.

We still have no capital to improve lavatories even to Environmental Health requirements, let alone for Playgroup use or for sports showers. Hence the hard decision to offer the Hall on a long lease.

Weekly activities include:

Dog club: Mon & Wed evenings

Judo Tue & Fri evenings

Badminton Thursday evening

Youth Group, Brownies, Guides, Keep Fit, Drama etc.

For information about these activities just turn up, or phone the Bookings Officer, Theresa Anscombe, of the Judo Club. For booking the Hall, Theresa will also show people around on Tuesday or Friday evenings, 7:30-9:30 or phone 081-693-8030.

JJ.

Energy from Everyday Waste

Brockley Society's Social Secretary, John Langley introduced his guests, Malcolm Kendall and Richard Siggers to an audience at St. Peter's Centre, Cranfield Road on March 18th. These gentlemen gave us a stunning rundown about "Energy from Waste in South East London". Basically such waste is the contents of your wheelie bins collected each week. The disposal of household refuse is enormously expensive eating into local Council's budgets with little or no return for the three local Boroughs of Lewisham, Southwark and Greenwich who together presently dispose of 300,000 tonnes per year mostly carried away long distances to open landfill sites outside the boundaries of these Boroughs — Now South East London combined Heat and Power, SELCHP for short, are constructing a disposal plant which will incinerate 400,000 tonnes a year generating Power to heat six local authority housing estates serving 10,000 homes. Power generation of approx 30 megawatts electricity to be sold to the London Electricity Board. And all from this 'renewable' non-fossil source - our wheelie bins - MAGIC. This wonder plant is being built on a commercial site situated between two sets of B.R. railway lines at Landmann Way Deptford. The plant will be fully enclosed to contain noise, refuse, odours, and gasses. Traffic will be controlled to and from the Plant, most at non-peak times. Emphasis is placed on minimum upset, and a self supporting economy of the Plant's life for at least 30 years. Commercial operations start January 1993.



Points of View

Where have all the horses gone?

Brockley is very proud to have a Riding Establishment tucked into it's very heart, caringly run by Mr & Mrs Rich. But where are horses meant to exercise? Do young, and some are as young as nine years old, enthusiastic horse lovers have to take their lives into their hands and brave the uncaring traffic. The piece of ground which was allocated to horses on Hillyfields was most unsuitable to both horse and rider alike. The corner of Hillyfields between Eastern Road and Vicars Hill would be ideal as it is tucked out of the way. Support our young riders and badger the Council to give them some space. All other sports are taken care of so why not them.

If you feel strongly about this or any other issue which affects you or the Community please feel free to contact the Chairman, Mrs Hawkins on 081 692 8795 and we will air your views here.

Police Liaison News

Muggings

The Stop Press item under this heading in the March Newsletter gave a figure of 20/30 a day for an epidemic of muggings in Brockley. This figure was far too high and should have been 2/3 a day. The total number of reported muggings for the whole of Lewisham in 1991 was 819. Bad enough indeed, but not so high as to cause the shivers the 20/30 figure must have given. The message is still "Stay Alert" but do not live in fear.

Other Crime Figures

The number of burglaries in Lewisham in 1991 was 2,800 - a decrease of 13% on 1990 and there was an increase in arrests. A very active burglar was arrested recently. He was a 22 year old youth into drugs - he admitted to 400 crimes.

Thefts of or from vehicles account for the highest number of crimes in Lewisham. There were 4,208 crimes in 1991 - an increase of 1.5% over 1990 but perhaps this high figure should be viewed against the background of an increase of 400% in the number of vehicles over the past 30 years.

Sector Policing

The introduction of Sector Policing has been put back to 26th October. This is now the date for both Catford and Lewisham and other divisions in the Metropolitan Police area. In the meantime Lewisham Police are continuing with initiatives aiming to reduce crimes and the fear of crime. They have introduced a School Watch system whereby crimes or suspicion of criminal activity are reported and relayed to other schools to alert them. A similar watch scheme for hospitals started in April.

Europe 1992

At a recent meeting of the Police/Community Liaison Group, a talk was given by a Chief Inspector from the Metropolitan Police International Unit about the European Community changes coming into effect on 1st January 1993. The abolition of borders on that date could have adverse effects on the drugs problem, terrorism, import of illicit goods, pests etc. For the present, the UK together with Eire, Denmark and Greece will continue to keep checks at their borders but checks by other members of the EC will cease.

Liaison

The liaison between the Police, the Council, the Social Services and other local agencies in this area is very worthwhile and they are all working together to improve the quality of life for us all. The police welcome help from any source in their difficult task.

J Janusz

The Brockley Mural

If you have not been past Brockley Station recently and seen the mural, well now is the time to do it.

Another panel has been completed, this time showing the Brockley Horse Bus and junction of Harcourt Road with its original horse trough. Also in the background is the Methodist church which was bombed during the war, which is where the P.O. Sorting Office now stands.

Very many thanks to Andy Lale for his excellent work. If you would like to contact Andy please telephone Mrs Hawkins on 081 692 8795.

Planning Applications

102 Tyrwhitt Road. Demolition of side extension & conservatory conversion to 2x2-bed & 2x1bed flats with 3 roof lights at side & rear & bin store at front.

53 St Margaret's Rd. Erection of a s.s. rear extension.

1/1a Harefield Road. Use as a West Indian take away hot food shop.

Deptford Old Library, Lewisham Way Change of use to a cultural centre, hosting exhibitions & displays of works of art, a dining club, a members lounge & a restaurant with live music & as a venue for wedding receptions at weekends, together with a staff flat and storage.

71-77 Upper Brockley Road. The retention of two Storage racks at rear.

46 Wickham Road. Revised drawings for 3X2-bed & 1 bedsit unit including a rear dormer & 2 garages fronting the mews.

70 Breakspears Rd. Revised floor layout as planning permission of 6.8.90 for conversion of g.floor to 1X1-bed & 1 studio flat.

Former Roundel Club, r/o 1-39 Adelaide Ave. Tree works & landscaping

1A & 1B Harefield Road. Use as a restaurant/cafe.

49 Tressillian Road. Conversion to 1X2-bed & 2X3-bed flats with alterations to the side elevation.

127 Breakspears Rd. Erection of a 2-storey extension at the rear.

Lewisham College. Revision of details of new security fences etc.

18 Breakspears Rd. Erection of a 2-storey 2-bed mews house in the rear garden with access to Ashby Road.

52 Tressillian Road. Erection of a garage at side.

5& 7 Avon Road. Erection of single storey rear extensions.

St. Peter's Court. Erection of a pitched hipped roof.

25½ Wickham Road. Details for new porch at side.

Brockley Station, Coulgate Street. 5 houses and a block of 6 flats with 13 car spaces, access to Coulgate Street.

Ashby Mews, r/o 94/96 Manor Avenue. Use for sheet metal & wrought iron fabricating.

St. Andrew's Church, Brockley Road. Erection of a steel shed for bicycle storage.

Granted Permission

99 Wickham Road. Vary the condition re reveals.

52 Manor Avenue. Garage in rear garden, fronting Ashby Road.

Refused Permission

74 Wickham Road. House and 8 garages on back garden.

1/1A Harefield Road. Use as a hot food take away shop.

246 Malpas Road & 166a Upper Brockley Road.

Use as a Courier's office.

1a & 1b Harefield Road. Use as a Restaurant.

Deptford Library, Lewisham Way. Use as an African Centre.

Tree works:

77 Cranfield Road, 58 Breakspears Road, 144 Breakspears Road, 87 Breakspears Road, St. Peter's Church, 11 Wickham Gardens, 91 Wickham Road, 21 Montague Avenue, 36 Cranfield Road, St. Peter's Vicarage, 45 Wickham Road, 38 Tyrwhitt Road, 60 Tyrwhitt Road.

John's Diary

Social Evenings

July 15 "Greenwich Park" by J.C. Buttress-Bailiff of the Royal Parks

Sept 16 "Buildings under Threat" by P. Davies & Delcia Keate of English Heritage

All events are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm., starting with refreshments, in the Small Hall at St. Peter's Centre, Cranfield Road.

Congratulations

Our Warm Congratulations to the Minister, the Reverend Andrew Hindley and his lively congregation at the Brockley Baptist Church in Upper Brockley Road which has just celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Church building during the weekend of 7th and 8th March 1992.

The Good Old Days?

Have you lived in the Brockley area for most of your life? Do your memories go back to before the war? If so John would like to hear from you. He is arranging an open forum of first hand experiences for the autumn. Don't be shy, come and reminisce about the good old days -or not- as the case may be, with other people who will remember. John says "either war will do"

Phone him on 692-4776.

32 years in Brockley.

Many of you must know George Spurling, who has been policing this area for many years. He is to retire later this month. Many thanks for all you have done for us - we wish you a long and happy retirement.

Where are you?

The Brockley Society is a registered charity. Each and every one of you who live within the conservation area is a member of the Society as laid down in the constitution. The Society's aims are to maintain and enhance the environment of the Conservation Area and to provide funding for much needed local community projects.

These aims are pursued by liaising with the the Council, painting wall murals, writing and delivering to every household copies of the newsletter, organising social events, clearing up the Brockley Mews, fighting for the retention of St Peters' Centre for use by the community, fighting for the now closed Deptford Library for use as an art and cultural centre for the community, fighting British Rail over the issue of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, fighting detrimental road schemes, organising the annual Summer Fayre and much, much more.

It is only through the efforts of a small number of people who consistently devote a fraction of their time that these aims are achieved on your behalf. This isn't good enough. The Brockley Society needs more support from more of YOU. There is much to be done and not enough people to do it. It only requires attendance at meetings which are held once a month on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00 pm in St. Peters' Centre, and thereafter to volunteer a small amount of your time to get involved with some of the many and varied local issues that need to be tackled. Much of this is, actually, fun!

It is only possible to undertake the enormous tasks of dealing with the issues which affect the lives of us all if more of you would only come and help. Without your support, now, the Brockley Society may collapse. This will be to the detriment of us all.

We are a happy, friendly, pleasant group of people, young and old but we need fresh ideas, fresh enthusiasm, skills. Our meetings are informal though serious and our AGM in October, which is also a social event, will seek to elect new officers. We must have some serious response to this appeal. Don't sit back and think "Oh well, somebody else will." They haven't. If you feel you can spare a bit of time, effort and energy even for just one year PLEASE START COMING TO THE MEETINGS!

Local History

We are sorry that our Local History has not gone into print recently. Many people have expressed their regrets about this but we assure you that Gillian Heywood will be resuming this as soon as she is able.

1st Brockley Cross Scouts

Boot Sale

Lewisham College car park
Sunday August 16th
For more details phone Jack
081 692 6977

Our Library — Update. Promising Signs

When I visited the Lewisham Way library building last month, I was expecting to see some of the damage caused by the squatters repaired and the building looking better after the film company had hired it as a set for a horror film.

What I found appalled me and those with me. More of the architectural features are now missing. There are large graffiti on the walls, a lot of the beautiful oak shelving has been stained dark brown, the walls and ceilings of most, but not all of both main rooms and the main entrance have been coated with dark brown or black paint, plaster has been chipped from pillars and more of the curved glass is missing from the ceiling of the upstairs room. The parquet floor to the main library was relatively

unharmd by the squatters. It now needs completely sanding and repolishing as do all the other floors now. the film crew have removed light fittings and left a lot of scenery and debris, including food and drink refuse. Even though there is still a security guard there, there will be rats if this rubbish is not cleared soon. The roof is still leaking, some holes have never been mended. The value of this building is dropping daily as more work becomes necessary to restore it.

For those of us who want to be able to use the building in the future the good news is that on May 7th, the Council's planning committee refused permission for the African Centre on the grounds that it would create too many parking problems (an estimated 1/2 mile of parked cars) and that there should be an element of community use. This refusal will automatically rule out any other night club type use.

This has given us hope and we will be making our plans for the use of the building as a community art centre for the visual arts with renewed vigour. Local architects and surveyors have already drawn plans and costed them so that we know how much it will cost to renovate the building and bring it

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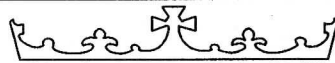
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An update of his views and book of the same title.
Venue: Ladywell Baths & Leisure Centre
261 Lewisham High Street, SE13
(Car park at rear.)

Advance notice: L.E.T. AGM on 30th October in the Civic Suite, Town Hall Catford.

up to modern standards with a new kitchen and toilets and disabled access to both floors. In this way we are pursuing funds from various foundations to finance the work, so that although what we intend to provide should be considered as a necessity in the borough, it will not be a drain on the Council's resources.

The number of Friends is increasing steadily. It seems that there is a lot of good will towards our proposals, perhaps fuelled by the anger felt by so many over the way that OUR building has been taken away from us and put up for sale, behind our backs. If you also want to support us then contact FRIENDS OF DEPTFORD LIBRARY by phoning 692 1553 or 692 6977 or come to our next meeting on 15th June at the Lewisham Way Centre next door to the Library.

G.H.