

BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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All change for the Brockley Society

The society in which we live is currently undergoing one of the biggest changes since the 2nd World War, and these changes are affecting all areas of our lives, including education, employment, technology and housing, as well as social and family structures. The Brockley Society, now 18 years old, is I believe, now needed more than ever.

With declining council resources and reduction in government spending, we are likely to see a degeneration in urban areas, with services we have come to expect being reduced, and in some cases perhaps withdrawn completely. Continuing recession and increased unemployment will also affect local businesses and residents.

I believe we have 2 choices. To standby and watch our standards of living decline, or to reshape the existing asset this area already has - The Brockley Society - into an organisation that can actively work with the council and local businesses to promote and maintain resources within the area.

A small group of us are proposing the following structural changes to try and ensure that Broc Soc more efficiently meets the real needs of the community. We also believe the responsibility and involvement should be spread amongst a broader cross section of Brockley's community.

The Committee should be structured as follows:

Chair
Vice Chair (to be filled by the retiring chair)
Secretary
Treasurer
4 Executives

- The 4 Executives should be elected to the committee at each AGM, this year on 19th October 1992, and open to everyone. Each post is for the period of one year.

- Each Executive will have responsibility for the organisation and management of a team of helpers in one of four areas:

PR and Publicity
Fundraising
Planning
Environment and campaigns

- Committee meetings will be held every month and attended by members of the committee and by invitation.
- The forthcoming agenda will be published in the newsletter along with a summary from the previous meeting. Residents wishing to comment should contact the elected Executive directly. Your comments will be presented to the committee at the meeting and a reply given to you personally.



Miss Brockley 1992 - see p.2

At the AGM this year we will expand on the proposal and explain in more detail the roles and responsibilities of each Executive. Following an open debate and discussion, which is open to all we will ask for a vote on the proposal. If the proposed new structure is voted in, we will ask for nominations for the Executive posts and a vote will be taken at the AGM.

We need your input. Please attend the AGM this year and tell us what you think.

We also need nominations for all 8 posts. Are you a good manager and do you have the skills and experience we are looking for? We also need team members, people who don't mind actively doing something, however small that contribution may seem to be. We already have a team of people who regularly help, if you are not one of them then why not? There are more and more people at home in the daytime. Many of you do not realise that there is no need to feel isolated, but that there are lots of things that you could do, and meet other people in the area at the same time. This creates a good community spirit and everyone gains by it. All of us have something to contribute.

THANKS TO KEVIN

We need a new person to layout our newsletter as Kevin and Paula left London in August. Thank you Kevin for producing our newsletter for the last few years, and good luck in your new home.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on October
19th at 8pm in St. Peter's
Centre, Cranfield Road.
Wine and Cheese.

Car Boot Sale

Lewisham College Car Park

November 1st

Cars £6 - Vans £8

for information call

081 692 6977

SUMMER FAYRE 1992

WOW! what a bumper year! The Summer Fayre managed to buck all recessionary trends to produce a healthy profit for the Broc Soc coffers.

A wonderful sunny day certainly helped and attendance was at record levels, with 5-6,000 people enjoying the fun. The bouncy castles, super slide, coconut shy, and mini-motorbikes were busy all day and many other stall holders also reported record trade.

Our Miss Brockley competition had an enormous number of entrants, but the judges final choice for Miss Brockley 1992 was Claudia Davies, of Harefield Road. The fancy dress was won by the Queen of Hearts, Isobel Davies.

The plant show, kindly sponsored by Phoebe's Garden Centre, had many entrants and the selection of winners was difficult, the winning plant being a large flowering *Datura Innoxia*.

The first prize in the raffle, Dinner for Two at Cafe Ninucci, was won by Clarissa & David of Tyrwhitt Road, who we hope enjoyed their meal.

However a day like this doesn't just happen the Fayre Team, Celene, Lindsey, Gillian, Sheila and I had been hard at work all year. I thank all of them and everyone who helped on the day especially Muriel Kibblewhite who did such a splendid job escorting the deputy Mayor and Mayoress. I wish I could write and thank you all personally, especially as some of you kindly wrote and said thank you to us - those letters have been framed!!!

We are already planning next year's event but I would very much like some new faces to join the team. If you'd like to help please ring 081-469-3975

N.Livingstone-Smith
Chairman, Fayre Committee.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all the business who helped the Fayre do so well this year. We hope that we give credit to you all, but if we have missed you out, sorry.

Our thanks to:
BROCKLEY ROAD
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Cafe Ninucci, Tanner's Hill
Gaslights Restaurant, Lewisham Road
and the Green Services of Lewisham Council.

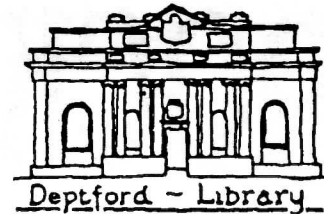
HILLY FIELDS SCHOOL

The sixth form centre in the old Brockley County School on Hilly Fields closed for the last time in July. There are some very fine murals on the walls of the main hall which were painted in the thirties by students of the Royal College of Art. They were considered to be "the best conceived since Madox Brown's wall paintings at Manchester", in the opinion of the then principal of the college, Sir William Rothenstein. Because of these murals the school has recently been made a Grade II listed building.

The council had intended to board it up until a new use could be found for the building, or until it is sold. Through efforts of members of both the Brockley Society and the Ladywell Village Society we have convinced the Council that it is far better to have the building used than spend vast sums on boarding up, when, however well it is done, vandals will get in and cause untold damage, especially in so isolated a spot. The building is now occupied by a group of 60 artists working as painters, sculptors, in textiles, jewellery and ceramics under the name THE LEWISHAM ART HOUSE. The Council is due to make a decision on the future of the building in early October, but if the Council allows them to stay there, the ART HOUSE hope to provide classes for all, starting with "Hullabaloo" running children's workshops on Sunday afternoons. Further details from Richard Langford at the school - 690 0118. We have been invited to see the murals and the artists at work, afternoon, evening or weekend. If you would like to make up a party please phone Gill on 692-6977.

LIBRARY STOP PRESS

YOU and your friends can help NOW by writing in support of the Visual Arts Centre, asking the Council to reconsider the decision to sell the building. Letters have to be received before 13th October. Please write to: Cllr. Moran, Cllr. Bullock, Cllr. Mallory, Cllr. Barry, Cllr. Adefirayne and Cllr. Parmar. Every letter counts. S.M.



Friends of Deptford Library Update - September 1992

A committee has now been formed out of interested members of the Friends who are able to commit time to run this project.

Thanks to the early campaign, presentations to Joan Ruddock MP and Local Councillors, presentations at ward meetings and lobbying of all Councillors and the collection of the petition, the project is now on the agenda for the Leisure Services Committee meeting on OCTOBER 14TH.

We are now applying for grants to complete a feasibility study which will

- assess the potential for the project and the community benefits,
- review the building in terms of refurbishment possibilities
- review the funding options
- prepare a business plan.

With this study we then will be able to approach other Foundations and Trusts with credibility, to get agreements for funding for the implementation and longer term running of the project.

We are applying for feasibility money to the RIBA Community Projects Fund, The Arts Council and the DOE Urban Programme Service Development Block, which is allocated to individual Boroughs. We hope to know in October if we have been successful in our grant applications. If so we expect the study to be complete by December and then in January '93, establish the funding for the centre and plan the work necessary prior to opening.

We are grateful to all those who have given their support, attended meetings and made donations. We will be regularly updating all the Friends as we know more. If you would like to make a donation and/or become a Friend please call- 081 690 6180 or 081 692 1553.

Sue Manley.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Lewisham College. Erection of glazed screens to the Tressillian building entrance and addition of railings around the whole site, gates & 2 gate kiosks.

25½ Wickham Road
Erection of a porch and W.C. at side.

112 Breakspears Rd.
Erection of a s.s. rear extension to provide a bedroom.

R/O 54-60 Adelaide Avenue.
Demolition of garages & approval of bricks for new buildings.

102 Tyrwhitt Road
Revised drawings for conversion, incl. new front door.

Ashby Mews, r/o 112 Manor Avenue.
Use for car body repairs and respraying workshop.

Unit 5 Ashby Mews
Use for metal engineering workshop and for storage of vehicles.

Farnham House 53 Wickham Road.
Conversion to 9 study rooms for 13 students with communal facilities.

23 Hilly Fields Crescent.
Erection of a s.s side extension as porch, kitchen & garage, & a fence above wall at side.

Planning permission approved:

Lewisham College
25½ Wickham Road
Unit 1 Ashby Mews
127 Breakspears Road
St Andrews Church, Brockley Road
Ashby Mews, r/o 94-96 Manor Ave
46 Wickham Road
102 Tyrwhitt Road.

Refused permission:

18 Breakspears Road - House in the back garden, fronting Ashby Mews.
Ashby Mews, r/o 112 Manor Avenue.

Tree works at:

251 Lewisham Way
22 Hilly Fields Crescent.
69 Harefield Road.
60 Tyrwhitt Road.
265 Lewisham Way.

Gillian. Planning & Conservation.

ST. PETER'S CENTRE

The centre is at present on the market for a lease of up to 25 years. Bookings are being taken until the end of June 1993. The bookings officer is Theresa Anscombe on 081 693 8030. There is now a daytime counselling group and a keep fit club. The users' committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Juliet 692 1553.

POLICE LIAISON NEWS

The last meeting of the Lewisham Police/Community Consultative Group was held in Downham as it is the practice of the LPCCG to hold meetings within different communities when invited. Naturally much of the discussion related specifically to Downham but the following figures were given about Lewisham for March 1992

No. of Cases		Clear up Rate
86	Violence against the person	47%
15	Sexual Offences	27%
73	Street Robbery	8%
340	Residential Burglary	9%
110	Non-residential burglary	5%
431	Thefts from or of vehicles	2%

These are, of course, reported crimes and it is recognised that not all crimes are reported. When one wrong-doer is arrested he may be responsible for many more cases than the one on which he is caught, so the clear up rate could be higher. Six men were arrested after gaining entry to homes posing as Water Board officials.

Sector Policing is still scheduled for introduction in Lewisham in October and we should then see more police on the streets and working within the community in Brockley.

Bike owners in Lewisham can now register their machines on a new computerised index system designed to reduce pedal cycle thefts. Phone Brockley Police Station on 697-9441 for full information.

J. Janutz
Police Liaison

BROCKLEY MURAL

Very many thanks to Colin Humphries for his outstanding work on the latest panel showing the Coronation Bonfire of 1911 on Hilly Fields. For those of you who have not yet seen the mural, do go along and have a look. We will soon be running a series of photographs to show how the wall progressed.

Celene

BROCKLEY'S FRONT GARDENS

Let us say at once how delighted we were with the results of 1992's Front Garden Competition.

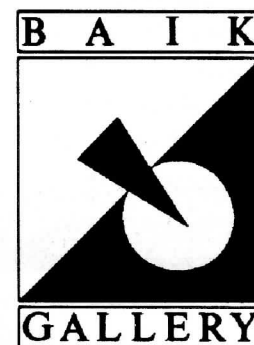
65 Gardens were seen by our Judges who were hard pressed to find the nine best - One of which was to be the Winner. The chosen garden was really outstanding showing a true love for beautiful plants displayed in their sharp edged surrounds. Our congratulations to all concerned, especially the winner, Anita, for her beautiful display at 56 Tyrwhitt Road.

We now look forward to the 1993 Gardens Competition when there will be a new category "Floral Window Boxes" for those with no front garden.
Roger.

LEWISHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The local history month runs from 23rd October to 28th November. Seventeen talks, walks and visits to places of interest throughout the borough. For a detailed list contact the Local History Centre on 852 5050.

Lewisham Local History Society are also contemplating a four day Cotswold Coach Tour in late summer next year. If you are interested please telephone Tom Sheppard on 852 0219.



BAIK GALLERY

An exciting new gallery has opened in Tanners Hill.
Opening times daily 10am - 6pm or telephone 691 5860 for more information.

JOHN'S SOCIAL DIARY

The well attended July talk by Mr J.C. Buttress from Greenwich Park was amply illustrated by slides of the plants and displays he has grown there for many years. Sadly he thinks that future displays will not be as good as in the past, due to changes in the way the park is managed. We all hope that he will be proved wrong.

Forthcoming events:

All at 7.30 pm in St. Peter's Centre.

November 18th 1992

The Rev. Andrew Hindley

Illustrated talk on the Holy Land.

20th January 1993

Gillian Heywood

"More Brockley History"

A sequel to her talk last year.

March 17th 1993

Philip Davies of English Heritage

"Buildings under Threat"

An illustrated talk concentrating on

SE London.

STOP PRESS

A petition has recently been circulated in Cranfield Road over concern with the traffic problems there. If you want to air your views on this or any other matter, come to the next meeting.

POINTS OF VIEW: TO MOW OR NOT TO MOW?!

A meeting took place on Hillyfields earlier this summer to discuss a proposal to allow parts of Hillyfields to go back to nature or grow wild as some would put it.

There were very conflicting opinions expressed during this meeting but basically the concerns were that "going back to nature" appeared to be nothing more than selecting a corner of Hillyfields and just not mowing it. The fears about this were that it would just appear unsightly, attract litter and be unusable due to dog messes. These

fears do seem to have a good basis from past experience. However if it was well planned, planted and given proper resources it could be a real benefit to young and old alike to see again some of those beautiful wild flowers and of course the butterflies and other wild-life it would attract.

Without wishing to be cynical I fear that the resources would not be sufficient especially in these days of recession and we would in fact be left with just an unmown patch. We will of course keep you up to date with information on the proposal and if you would like to express your opinion please ring 081-692-8795.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Broc Soc Newsletter deliverers required in:
Chalsey Road
Tressillian Road, high nos.
Breakspears Road, high nos.
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