

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## ENLARGE OUR CONSERVATION AREA?

What Do You Think?, Coulgate Street has the oldest remaining buildings in Brockley. The row of shops facing the station entrance, numbers 1-3a Coulgate Street was once a group of six small houses, built between 1820 and 1840 to face the canal which ran in front of them.

We have asked that they be Listed as a protection - they are becoming very dilapidated - but they have been so changed that they do not merit this. However, English Heritage has recommended that they be included in our Conservation Area, a move which will stop demolition and should encourage the owner to improve them. To include this row of cottages in our Conservation Area means re-drawing the boundary between the railway bridge and the Sorting Office in Brockley Road.

### New boundary for Conservation Area



■ ■ ■ Proposed New Boundary  
- - - Existing Boundary

Where should the new boundaries be?. We need **YOUR** views on this.

In 1989 we requested that Hilly Fields be included in our area, but this was put in abeyance by the Council. Now that Hilly Fields School is a Grade II\* Listed Building the suggestion is to include the whole of Hilly Fields, and Adelaide Avenue as far as the School Science Block. The map shows the old boundary and a suggested new one, but we need your views to be able to tell the Council what the residents and shopkeepers want.

### PUBLIC MEETING

**Monday February 15th, at 8pm.**  
St Peter's Centre, Cranfield Road.  
Phone anytime, for more details and to tell us what you think. But come to the meeting - Your ideas count.  
Gillian. 692-6977

### SUMMER FAYRE - 1993

#### Spring into action

There will be fun and games aplenty and prizes to be won at the Brockley Society Summer Fayre on **Saturday 26th June**. We will be running lots of competitions in addition to our perennial favourites such as the tombola, raffle and knobbly knees contest!

There's a chance to show off your creative flair and dress up for the Fancy Dress Parade and the ever popular Miss Brockley competition.

And NOW's the time to get on your gardening gloves and get digging because we will be on the look-out for the most Attractive Front Garden which had 60 entrants last year. For the first time we shall also be hunting for the best Window Box display. There will be prizes for both categories; short - listed gardens and boxes will be photographed and shown at the Fayre.

More rich pickings for the green-fingered amongst you in the Flower, Fruit and Vegetable competitions. So whether you are a go-it-alone gardener or belong to garden clubs and classes or allotment associa-

tions do please bring along your prize petunias, your plumpsome potatoes or your prickly pears!

Remember, there will be lots to enter on the day so do turn up and try your luck.

Nicky.

### 1993 - A GOOD YEAR FOR THE BROCKLEY SOCIETY

1993 looks set to be one of the most encouraging in recent years. The AGM in October has brought many new faces both to the committee and sub committees and with it has come both enthusiasm and optimism. The Society has a new Chairman, Nicole Livingstone-Smith, who works as a management consultant, and a new Treasurer, Margaret Blackwood, who previously ran her own insurance company. Roger Vincent stays on as Secretary and Celene Hawkins, our previous energetic and successful chairman, moves to the role of Vice Chair, as her job as a School Governor and mother of an ever increasing family becomes even more demanding.

Muriel Kibblewaite and Jack Heywood the retiring Vice chair and Treasurer respectively, deserve a big vote of thanks for all the work they have done for the Brockley Society over the years. **THANK YOU**, from all of us in Brockley.

I also want to say thank you to Celene for all her hard work as Chairman over the past 2 years. Some of the projects she has initiated and presided over include the painting of the mural in Brockley Road, the.....

I will update you with our future plans in the May edition of the Brockley Society. If you have any suggestions please call 469-3975 to discuss your ideas.

Nicole Livingstone-Smith  
Chair of the Brockley Society

### New Officers for 1992-3

Chairman:	469-3975
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Secretary:	692-2763
Transport:	691-8057
Planning:	692-6977
Fayre:	691-4133
Newsletter:	692-9175
Police Liaison:	692-4487
Social Events:	692-4776

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

**Corner Wickham Road** and Glensdale Road. Erection of a free standing postal pouch.

**1-16 St. Peter's Court, Wickham Road.** Erection of a pitched roof.

**15 Crescent Way.** Extension of existing conservatory.

**40 Tyrwhitt Road.** Kitchen in cellar, & new window in flank wall of back extension.

**Brockley Sorting Office.** Alterations to facade in conjunction with the partial closure of parcels office.

**3,3a & 5 Harefield Road.** Erection of a single storey rear extension.

**63b Loampit Hill.** Formation of a covered display area fronting Tyrwhitt Road.

**SELTC.** Junction Tressillian Road & Lewisham Way. Erection of 2 payphones

**246 Malpas/166 Upper Brockley Road.** Use for electrical and electronic services.

**54 Adelaide Ave.** Erection of a s.s. rear extension and a garden shed.

**64a Tyrwhitt Road.** Revised drawings for conservatory at rear.

**R/o 8 Tyrwhitt Rd.** Erection of a 2-storey 2-bed house, a garden & a car space.

**Stone House, 281 Lewisham Way.** Reconstruction of lantern light and parapet wall on roof, 2 new windows in the east elevation and 2.3m high boundary fencing.

**4 Garsington Mews.** Erection of a conservatory at rear.

**Brockley Nursery Site.** Development of 32 flats, 16 houses and 27 car spaces.

### Trees

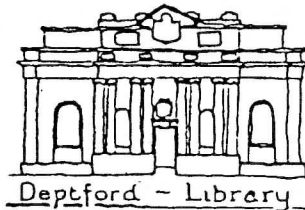
2 Harefield Road.  
8 Manor Avenue.  
19 Breakspears Road.  
14 Darling Road.  
166 Lewisham Way.  
55 Tressillian Road.  
Stone House, 281 Lewisham Way.  
Avalon House, 116, Manor Avenue.  
56b Tyrwhitt Road.

### Planning Committee decisions.

**229a Lewisham Way.** Workshop for decorative ironwork - approved.

**170 Lewisham Way.** Enforcement to remove fencing and sheds.

Site adjacent to Brockley Station  
Housing - Refused  
Gillian. Planning & Conservation.



It seems that we have lost the battle to save our library building in Lewisham Way for the use of all the people of Lewisham. Our attempts to find funding to buy and convert the building to a Community Arts Centre have been fraught with difficulties and the funding had not come through in time for the Council's meeting on December 17th., when they decided to whom it should be sold. The decision was taken to sell the building to become a Muslim Welfare Centre.

We are still pursuing the funding and will be waiting ready if the deal is not completed with the other party. We also think that, as we have done so much work towards a Visual Arts Centre and have found how desperate is the need, that we will still continue the project if a suitable alternative building can be found. There will never be a more suitable building than Deptford Library, with its elegance, grandeur and public appearance, but we might find a second best.

Susan Manley.

## THE BROCKLEY MURAL

We are all very disappointed that the work on the Mural has still not been completed. The run of bad weather has not helped.

The problem has always been that we want particular paintings on the panels, depicting "Old Brockley" and unfortunately most artists want to paint their "own thing". The wall certainly has not been forgotten even though it is becoming painfully slow! Are there any artists out there who would like to offer their expertise?

We will supply all the necessary paints and pay a commission for doing it. Get in touch if you feel you would like to get involved.

Ring 081-692 8795 anytime.

We are approaching the artists at the Hilly Fields Centre to ask them to help with the remaining two panels.



## TREES.

**Do you know** that planning permission is required for all tree works in a Conservation Area?

**Do you know** that the Council gives advice on tree pruning?

**Do you know** that this service is free?

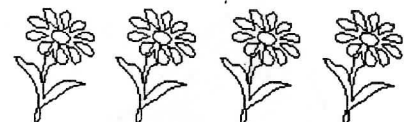
**Do you know** that unauthorised tree pruning or felling can be fined by up to £20,000.?

Why not phone Richard Weston on 695-6000 X 346? and find out everything?



## TRANSPORT REPORTS

We welcome in this issue of the Newsletter the five very interested girls who have taken on the difficult task of liaising with the Borough in the hope of taming local traffic - be it public or private, watching the condition of roads and pavements, reporting dumped vehicles also overhanging trees needing pruning. Yes five pairs of eyes will be very busy, they are Lindsey, Jill, Megan, Jax and Trottie.



## PLANTERS

At the moment the flower planters in St. Margaret's Road don't look too wonderful, however in the next few weeks we intend to fill them with flowers. We thought Berberis and Variegated ivy would be a good idea, the Berberis with its prickly stems would hopefully stop tiny hands from pulling it up and the beautiful foliage during the summer and bright red berries in the winter would help to obliterate the dreadful eyesore presented by the constantly full dustbins outside Sid's; the Ivy to cover that boring pebble dash surround.

There is always a danger that these plants could be destroyed by vandals but we think it better to look on the bright side and hope for the best.

## POLICE LIAISON NEWS

Sector policing began in Lewisham in October 1992. It will probably be at least a year before the results can be truly assessed, but you should see more police out and about. Brockley has benefited by now having at least double the number of officers formerly available to it. Inspector Worton is in charge of the Brockley Sector, he hopes to organise a sort of consumer group drawn from the local business and residential communities to act in liaison with the police to get the sort of service Brockley wants.

At the last meeting of 1992, the Lewisham Police/Community Consultative Group, the monthly statistics showed no significant change in crime or clear up rates. The annual figures when available, will give a better guide to progress. It was reported that one man arrested had admitted to over a thousand burglaries and a considerable amount of property was recovered. Much time and effort would be needed to connect the individual crimes related to the one arrest.

Lewisham police officers were involved in the big £160m. drug seizure featured in the press towards the end of last year.

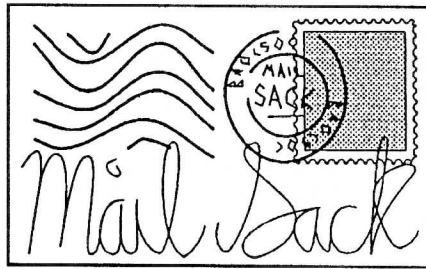
The police were disappointed that little publicity was given to police action in arresting people for racist chanting at the Millwall/Arsenal match in October. Such publicity would help to combat the misconceptions held that the police are not interested in taking action against racial harassment.

The police co-operated with many other organisations in holding a "Junior Citizens" fortnight with the object of teaching youngsters safe behaviour in potentially dangerous situations. Although all children cannot be accommodated those children that do attend benefit from this excellent scheme.

The report on the Drink/Drive campaign indicated that drivers seem at last to be recognising that drinking and driving is dangerous. It seems to be the older drivers who continue to resist the message.

There was a most interesting presentation on the new traffic lights camera system at work. It was shocking to see so many vehicles caught by the cameras crossing long after the lights had turned red.

Jean.



Dear Sir,

We were very entertained by the buskers who appeared from nowhere at last year's Fayre. They lay on the ground singing and playing and were a joy to hear. Please can you make sure that they come again this year.

Eddie. Tressillian Road.

*As one Ed to another - We are trying to find them.*  
Ed.

## St. Peter's Centre

### Up-date

The building is still on the market for a lease of up to 25 years.

A local group has expressed interest and discussions are planned for continuing shared use with the community. We will keep you informed.

The users' and interested people's committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm (first floor "Carpeted Room.!!). Any skilled and non-skilled person's welcome.

### The Centre continues to run with lively groups:

Judo	7:30 Tues. & Fri.
Keep Fit	8:30 Tues.
Dog Club	7:30 Wed.
Badminton	8pm Thurs.

Brownies  
Day time counselling  
Meetings etc.

The Hall is ideal for daytime rehearsals etc. and an Aerobics class is being considered.

### Seminars

There is now a newly painted and carpeted "Committee Room" upstairs at the front and bookings for day or evening seminars, meetings etc. are welcome.

Such a large building needs 'Local Input' to continue such improvements such as practical help, design skills and encouragement of new lettings.

The Bookings Secretary is Theresa

Anscombe, who can show you around - please phone her on 081-693 8030. Bookings are being taken to the end of June and beyond.

J.J.

## BEST FRONT GARDEN - 93

African marigolds, Tagetes from Mexico, Salvias from Brazil - blazing colours of gold, orange and scarlet. Set among tingling silver grey cineraria. A few plants like these from the market flower stalls could make all the difference to your front garden and bring you the winner's cup at the Summer Fayre.

R.V.

## NEW! A WINDOWS BOX - 93

Your windowsill plant box will spring alive if crammed with cute Violas - look for "Johnny Jump Up" or old fashioned "Love in Idleness" - Shakespeare wrote - "A bolt from Cupid's Bow fell upon a western flower - purple with love's wound - maidens call it "Love in Idleness"". Who knows, your Window Box may be the Best of the Summer Fayre - 1993.

R.V.

## SID'S EYESORE

Following on from the article on the flower troughs in St. Margaret's Road. We mentioned the eyesore on the road due to Sid's bins being full all the time. It is only fair to mention that Sid's has now drawn up a plan to renew his extension which would incorporate a recessed bin store. This will certainly enhance the aspect at the end of St. Margaret's Road. We look forward to seeing this extension being completed soon.

## SATELLITE DISHES

Planning law says that satellite dishes are not allowed on the fronts of any buildings in Conservation Areas. The Council is now rigorously following up sightings of dishes and will be making sure that all the offending ones are removed.

If you intend to get a dish now or in the future, the Council planning department will advise you as to the best place to site it. Dont be misled by the contractor who may tell you it is allowable to fit a dish to the front of your house just because it is the easiest and cheapest for him. You will only have to move it later at your expense!

Ring 695-6000 X 3465.

G.H.

## JOHN'S SOCIAL DIARY



The next 2 Brockley Society events are:

- Mar. 17** Where Our Water Comes From, Where it Goes To.  
Thames Water
- May. 19** Royal Parks and Buildings.  
JC Buttress  
of Greenwich Park.

Both to be held at St. Peter's Centre at 7:30pm in the small hall. Free entrance. All welcome.

### OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Please phone for full details.

**1ST BROCKLEY X SCOUTS.** 691-8373.  
6th March. Jumble Sale at St Peter's Centre.

**PECKHAM SOCIETY.** 693 4001.

20th February. Joint meeting of the Peckham & Camberwell Societies.

26th April. Tram History of SE London.

**LEWISHAM LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY.**  
857-1819.

26th February. The Periwinkle Watermill Museum Project.

29th April. Do You Really Want a Museum?

27th May. The Story of Deptford Power Station.

**BROCKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

691-3926

24th April. Barn Dance & Supper, Church Anniversary weekend.

**LEWISHAM ART HOUSE** - Hilly Fields

690 0118 - March 8th - 14th Printmaking Exhibition

**ST PETER'S CHURCH.** 691-3334

20th March. Jumble Sale.

**LEWISHAM ENVIRONMENT TRUST.**

764-6165

23rd April. Lewisham 2000, have we seen the future?

**MARSHA PHOENIX HOUSE,**

90-92 Tressillian Road, 691-5911.

Rum punch evening with raffles & prizes!

## SITUATIONS VACANT

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