

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## BROCKLEY SOCIETY 1993 - A YEAR OF CHANGE

### A YEAR OF PLANS - 1994

In anticipation of the forthcoming AGM on October 26th, I have been reflecting on my first year as Chairman of the Brockley Society.

In the past year we have made changes to the structure of the Society and implemented new ways of working. Responsibility has been given to sub-committees to allow people to focus on specific areas of interest. At each bi-monthly meeting we have seen new faces, and with them have come new ideas.

For the first time in many years the number of people actively involved in the Society and working on projects to improve the area and the life of residents within it, has increased considerably. More people means a broader perspective, which supports one of the fundamental aims of the Brockley Society, to reflect the needs and wants of all sectors of the community.

We also believe communication is important and our policy has resulted in a bigger newsletter telling you more about what is going on in the area, and what other local groups are doing. Posters are positioned in key sites to advertise Brockley Society events and meetings and notice boards will soon be appearing in most streets.

The projects I would like to see the Brockley Society achieve in 1994 are outlined below. I will expand on these ideas at the AGM.

### PROJECTS FOR THE BROCKLEY SOCIETY IN 1994

Society structure

The establishing of 6 new sub-committees (see details overleaf)

Local events  
London Forum  
Public relations and publicity  
Future plans  
Environment  
Local history

### Addressing the following environmental issues

Dog fouling on pavements and open areas including Hillyfields and Luxmore Gardens  
Trimming of trees overhanging pavements  
Prevention of flytipping  
Maintenance and improvement of the mews  
Employment of a local handyman to do small repairs and liaise with the Council on rubbish clearance and larger projects

### Transport projects

Continue with traffic control and calming  
Ensure the preservation of the bus and train service

### Design

Feasibility study and possible design competition for local street furniture, benches, bins, lighting, fencing and noticeboards

### Communication

Continue the policy of improving communication in the area.  
Maintain publication of larger newsletter  
Local "what's on" noticeboards  
Closer liaison with the Council  
Possibility of making a film on Brockley  
Publication of a booklet on the area to go to exhibitions and to be given to estate agents for all people moving to the area.  
Publication of pamphlets on Eating out in the area  
DIY specialist suppliers and shops in the area  
Other services and shopping facilities  
Childcare provision.

We will obviously also work hard to continue with all the existing sub-committees and projects.

I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has worked with the Brockley Society during the last year. I hope that I will be given the opportunity to

continue steering the Society through this exciting period and, I look forward to seeing you all at the

### Annual General Meeting

26th October 1993 - 8 p.m.  
St. Peters Centre, Cranfield Road  
Brockley, SE4

We are particularly keen to involve as many people as possible. We hope that some of the projects mentioned are of interest to you and that you will come to the AGM to find out more.

Nicole Livingstone-Smith  
Chairman Brockley Society

### BROCKLEY SOCIETY MEETINGS

Wednesday 1st December 1993  
Wednesday 1st February 1994  
Wednesday 6th April 1994

Meetings start at 8p.m. at:  
St. Peters Centre, Cranfield Road, SE4  
Please contact an officer (see below) if there is an issue you would like raised during the meetings.

### OFFICERS FOR 1992-1993

Chair	Nicole	081-469-3975
V/Chair	Celene	081-692-8795
Secretary	Roger	081-692-2763
Treasurer	Margaret	081-691-3548
Transport	Lindsay	081-692-7869
Planning	Gillian	081-692-6977
Newsletter	Sheila	081-692-9175
Police Liaison	Jo	071-635-6969
Soc. Events	Noella	081-691-9433
Fayre	Nicky	081-469-0957

Urgently required: Nominations for a London Forum Representative and Environment Watchdogs.

Nominations and elections of new officers for 1993-1994 will take place at the AGM at St. Peter's Centre on Tuesday 26th October at 8pm.

**ALL WELCOME.**

## **BROCKLEY SOCIETY SUB-COMMITTEES**

The subcommittees focus on particular areas, and we would like to start up an additional 6 this year.

Each sub-committee is made up of a group of local residents who share a common interest and anyone living or working in Brockley is welcome to come along and get involved. The sub-committees are free to decide their own agenda and structure themselves as they wish, though a representative must attend the bi-monthly meeting to report on the sub-committee's plans and achievements and report back to members on main committee decisions.

The sub-committees proposed for 1994 are:

### **Police liaison team:**

Communicating with the police on local issues and finding out police policy for the area

### **Planning and conservation:**

Close liaison with the council on planning applications, including all proposed new developments. Includes trees, housing and new developments. Also involved in planning policy decisions and ensuring the conservation area is maintained and enhanced.

### **Transport:**

Liaising with and advising the council on bus and road schemes for the area, including parking and traffic calming.

### **Newsletter:**

Writing, publishing and distributing the Brockley Society Newsletter. We particularly need someone who can help with the typing and we also need an editor.

### **Summer Fayre:**

Organising the Summer Fayre. Our main money raiser of the year, without which the Brockley Society could not function.

### **London Forum:**

Putting Brockley's point of view on the future plans for London

### **PR and publicity:**

Increasing the awareness of Brockley and the Brockley Society within and outside the area. This involves liaising with the council, local papers and producing posters and publicity material to support local events.

### **Future plans team:**

A research team to investigate and develop proposed new ideas for the area. Projects may vary from obtaining costings to finding contacts, or doing feasibility studies and business plans.

### **Environment team:**

Parks, pavements, trees, graffiti, rubbish, dog fouling, pollution, gardens, recycling.

### **Local History team:**

To promote local knowledge of the area and record information of interest.

If you wish to be involved in a sub-committee please come to the AGM for more information or ring 081 469-3975 and leave a message. At the AGM the officers for the main committee for 1994 will be elected. The posts to be filled are:

**Chairman**  
**Vice-Chairman**  
**Treasurer**  
**Secretary**

If you wish to nominate someone for election please contact the secretary on 081 692-2763. Potential candidates for the post of Chairman or Vice-Chairman will be asked to present their proposals at the AGM. The Treasurer will be asked to present a brief resume of relevant experience. A vote will then be taken.

## **HELP IMPROVE YOUR LOCAL AREA**

Join CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England). The newly formed South-East branch for Greenwich, Lewisham & Southwark are looking for new members to form what promises to be a lively, fun group.

Introductory cheese & wine party, Thursday 28 October, London Wildlife Centre, Marsden Road, Peckham, London SE15

Contact Nicky on: **469 0957** for further details.

## **YEARS FOR TEARS**

The High Speed Rail Link - Channel Tunnel to London - has, for various reasons, caused the Government and British Rail much thought over many years to decide a route and a London Terminal. 1987-88-89-90-91-92 and most of 1993 have come and gone. Will it be Waterloo or Kings Cross? No! It

will be St Pancras! Isn't it marvellous that we now have BR 'Union Railways' to get the High Speed Trains 68 miles from Folkestone to London, a possible journey time of 78 minutes - but not until after 1996 could it possibly run into the year 2000. Who knows?

## **LEWISHAM PEOPLE'S DAY**

Broc-Soc had a great and successful visit to Mountsfield Park for the Lewisham People's Day on Saturday, July 17th - a happy day when we met people from all parts of the Borough - we also did some good business with our Coconut Shy!

## **SOUTH EAST RAIL COMMUTERS**

Are we safe with British Rail? Cut backs in Thames link Commuter Train services are being made. Seventy thousand commuters will know the cuts but not the reasons why! Fewer trains in our area will harm employment prospects and increase unemployment in the South East. Railway stations around our Conservation Area will suffer from the staff cuts of 'unmanned' policies of BR. If you are shocked, write and tell your views to John MacGregor, MP, Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB.

## **SITUATIONS VACANT**

REQUIRED: A person who would enjoy providing occasional light refreshments (wine and nibbles) at the Society's social evenings, AGM etc. All expenses paid. Apply to the Chairman: Nicole 081-469 3975

REQUIRED: A qualified First-Aider who would be in attendance at occasional events. Apply to the Chairman: Nicole 081-469 3975

REQUIRED: Editorial assistant to help with the production of this newsletter. Must be willing to attend two editorial meetings 3-4 times per year. For details apply to Sheila 081 692 9175

The Brockley Society would like to thank everyone who has applied to fill posts advertised in the SITUATIONS VACANT column. There is always much to be done to improve and enhance our environment. If you have any suggestions and there is something you can do to help, please contact one of the officers listed on the front page.

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY FAYRE

The Brockley Society Midsummer Fayre on 26 June was opened under bright skies and with sunny smiles by Mayor Sinna Mani and local celebrity, Mary Millar ('Rose' from BBC's Keeping Up Appearances). Both had found slots in their hectic timetables to join us for the afternoon and spent much time chatting to visitors and stall holders, and presenting prizes for, amongst other events, the Children's Fancy Dress competition which was won by Chloe Hayes, Sian Griffiths, Charlotte Bush and Stubbs Heywood for their 'Farmer, Farmer's Wife, Cat and Dog' entry, and the ever-popular Miss Brockley competition was won by Sarah Hadfield. Each won Beatrix Potter books and goodies kindly donated by publishers Frederick Warne & Co in this the centenary year of Peter Rabbit.

Fayre visitors were treated to a varied show throughout the afternoon including sets by the dynamic Karen Hall Dance Troupe and the energetic local group the Kings Kids Singers. It was a beano time for bargain hunters as well with plenty of traditional and more alternative crafts, bric-a-brac and activity stalls. Many will have been surprised at the number of charities in the Borough, who were out in force working hard to improve local services and the environment.



Photograph by David Porter

This brilliant day was, however, overshadowed by the theft of two generators which had been hired to inflate the children's Bouncy Castles and Ball Pond and which had been so popular during the day. As a result, the Brockley Society have had to pay the hire company £1500 to replace the generators, effectively wiping out all the proceeds from the day which we had hoped to reinvest in several community projects. Many thanks to all those who have generously donated money following local press coverage. Any more would be gratefully received. Donations may be sent to: The Brockley Society, 42 Tyrwhitt Road, London SE4.

Amazingly, preparations will soon be underway once more for next year's Fayre. We hope this will be better than ever; the organisation will be a mammoth task. If you would like to be 'in at the start' to assist with arrangements and have bags of enthusiasm and just a couple of hours to spare each month, your help would be most welcome. Please telephone Nicky on 081 469 0957 for a chat. We also welcome any ideas or suggestions for next year's big event.

## WHAT'S ON

**1ST BROCKLEY CROSS SCOUTS**  
691 8373.

Jumble Sale - 16th October. 2.30 p.m.  
at St. Peter's Centre, Cranfield Road.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH** 692-1553.  
Christmas Bazaar - 20th November at  
2 p.m. at St. Peter's Centre, Cranfield  
Road.

**LEWISHAM ART HOUSE** Hilly Fields,  
690-0118.

Weekly Exhibitions - Entrance free.  
**LEWISHAM ENVIRONMENT TRUST**  
081-764-6165

AGM 12th November. at 7.30 p.m. in  
the Civic Suite, Catford.

**PECKHAM SOCIETY** 693 4001  
Talk by Mary Boast "Discovering  
Camberwell" 21st October. 7.45 p.m.

Camberwell College of Art, Wilson Road  
Annexe, SE5

Talk "The Lost Rivers of London" 21st  
November. 3pm. St John's Vestry,  
Goose Green.

**SYDENHAM SOCIETY** 699-4491.

Talk by Patrick Phillips "Crystal Pal-  
ace Park - New Projects" 20th Octo-  
ber. 7.45 p.m. Venner Road Hall,  
Sydenham.

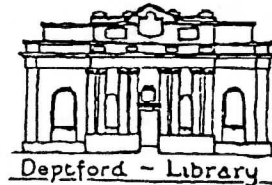
23rd October. Round Walk from  
Chislehurst to Scadbury Park.

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

Talk "Pepys and Evelyn Diarists Ex-  
traordinary" 29th October.

Talk "Hither Green, The Forgotten  
Hamlet" 26th November

To advertise your events in our  
January issue, phone 692 9175 Copy  
deadline 6th January, 1994



Deptford - Library

## Deptford Library

### Good news

Lewisham Council has not suc-  
ceeded in selling the library and, more  
importantly, the Borough Valuers have  
now been instructed by Councillors to  
seek short or long term uses for the  
building which will generate income  
for the Borough, or at least save the  
cost of the 24-hour security currently  
provided in the Lewisham Way build-  
ing. The sale may be indefinitely post-  
poned. In considering any proposed  
uses it will remain the Council's re-  
sponsibility to ensure that the historic  
fabric of the building is preserved.

The campaign by Friends of Deptford  
Library to keep the building for use by  
the local community was acknowl-  
edged when in July representatives  
were invited to a meeting with the  
Borough Valuers to discuss the future  
of the building. Short-term lets of the  
building to appropriate organisations  
will be considered by the Council,  
although the condition of the building  
is not safe enough at present to allow  
public access for community uses.

With the summer holidays over,  
Friends of Deptford Library will be  
discussing short-term uses of the  
building with local groups and renew-  
ing the campaign for funding to con-  
vert the building for use by local peo-  
ple. The large, first floor gallery and  
numerous smaller meeting rooms  
make the library ideal for use as a  
visual and community arts centre.  
Cuts in local and central government

arts funding mean that any such scheme may be slow to realise but Friends of Deptford Library welcome support and ideas from all quarters - to find out more about the Library telephone 081-692 1553 or 081-690

## BIRDS AND BEES

Hilly Fields now has its own Community Nature Area (behind Algiers Road and Veda Road). Plant life, birds and creepy crawlies enjoyed a well-earned Summer rest after English Nature put up a grant to make a graded path accessible to people with disabilities. A further £500 is being sought for all-weather surfacing. Lewisham Leisure Services provided money to repair the fence.

There will be opportunities for volunteer work in the woodland area. There are hopes too of creating a "meadow area" beside the nature area - grasshoppers and butterflies welcome here! These refreshing improvements will become part of the Hilly Fields Management Plan, which, hopefully, will involve dog-free areas as well as a greater level of residents consultation than hitherto has been customary in urban parks.

For further information contact the Conservation Officer: Jill Goddard 081-695 6000. Gavin



### Dear Editor

**Brockley's Radio Pioneers** - In the 1920s and 1930s radio was as important a part of people's lives as television is today. There was one important difference, however, and that was because the technicalities were still simple enough for people to be able to make their own sets. This also applied to the manufacturing field and hundreds of small firms sprang up, some making components and some complete sets. Brockley had its share of both amateur and professional constructors. My researches have revealed the following:

In the mid-twenties, J W Barber (call sign 6DD), 205 Brockley Road, SE4 and E J Newton (call sign 6DU), 1 Jerningham Road, New Cross had, and probably made, their own transmitters.

E J Galpin had a store at 16 Loampit Vale, selling ex-government radio equipment, and occasionally also advertised from 23 Tyrwhitt Road.

British General Manufacturing Company Co Ltd, Brockley Works, SE4, made components.

There was a Brockley and District Radio Association.

I am sure there is more to find out. If anyone can add anything or had any memories or mementoes of the above I would be grateful if you would get in touch with me.

Dave Adams, member of Lewisham Local History Society and of British Vintage Wireless Society, 69 Silver Lane, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 ORX, telephone: **081-776 1531**



Photograph by Marie O'Connell

BTVC (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) and local volunteers building steps at the Hilly Fields community nature area.

### A TREE FOR ALL SEASONS

The work on improving the "Gateway to Brockley" began some time ago when the murals of "Brockley Past" began opposite the station. The final one going up in the spring. Then came the landscaping around the station.

Now to round off the exciting project and to celebrate National Tree Week, a tree will be planted in the green in front of the station. We also have permission to put lights on the tree for Christmas, and hope you will agree that getting off your commuter train on cold December days will be a bit more cheerful by the twinkling of the lights! Like everything, the Society does, this is very much a community effort, so make a date on 4th December to come along with all the family plus forks and spades to plant the tree. Everyone is welcome, whether you want to dig, plant, decorate or just watch. Look out for our posters for the time.

### THE BROCKLEY MURAL

If you have not seen the mural at Brockley Station recently, then do yourself a big favour and pay a visit - perhaps you will recognise someone - even yourself!

The work on the mural depicting the "old" station is absolutely wonderful and we owe our local artist, Lindsay McFarlane, a debt in bringing back to life this beautiful old station, to a design by John Batten. The final panel of the mural is intended to show Coulgate street when it was a canal with views of St Pauls, Deptford and the skyline. If you would like to design or paint this final panel, or know some-

one who you think would be interested please telephone one of the committee members for more information.

### BAD DOGS OR BAD OWNERS?

The Brockley Society would like to thank the member of the public who wrote the article about dog fouling on Hilly Fields, for the last issue of the newsletter.

We have had response to the article from from our readers and we hope that those concerned people will support a long-term plan to make Hilly Fields and Luxmore Gardens a clean place for the public. Ed.



# Lewisham

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Flat 3, 82 Wickham Road** - Installation of a satellite dish on the flank wall.

**1 Garsington Mews** - Retention of s.s. summer house at the rear.

**14 Darling Road** - Construction of a lean-to at the side.

**92 Adelaide Avenue** - Demolition of garage & erection of garage with roof garden.

**104 Breakspears Road** - Alteration & conversion to 2 x 2-bed, 1 x 1-bed & a studio unit.

**R/o 71-77 Upper Brockley Road**

Demolition of workshop and store fronting Ashby Mews. Erection of a 2-storey terrace of 4 2-bed houses with integral carports.

**Lewisham College** - Erection of 13 different types of sign advertising the College.

**29 Cranfield Road** - Revised details of conversion to 1X1-bed & 2X2-bed sc. flats.

**Alder House, Breakspears Road** Use of land at side and rear for residential purposes.

**44 Breakspears Road** - Replacement dormer, a roof dome, velux lights in the rear roof, french doors and screen at rear and a replacement garage at the rear.

**2 Tressillian Crescent** - Erection of a detached garage.

## TREES

18c, 30, 69, 184 Tressillian Road  
55 Ivy Road

15 Wickham Gardens

47, 95, 106 Upper Brockley Road

28 Manor Avenue

3 Montague Avenue

73 Harefield Road

87 Tyrwhitt Road

Lewisham College

Myatt Garden School

68, 93 Breakspears Road

18 St. Margaret's Road

95 Cranfield Road

9 Tressillian Crescent

2 Glensdale Road

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

### SUB-COMMITTEE:

**283 Brockley Road**, Units 1-5,8,9,10-16,17-19 - Use as car workshops, refused.

**Site of former St. John's Station** Housing refused.

**R/o 100 Manor Avenue** - A garage and office, deferred.

**r/o 143 Upper Brockley Road** - Ice storage use, granted.

## APPEALS TO THE D.O.E.

**r/o 3 Tyrwhitt Road**, a house

**184 Brockley Road**, a poster panel on the flank wall of the Breakspears Arms

**Coulgate Street**, Flats on the railway embankment - Appeal refused  
Gillain

## PRETTIEST FRONT GARDEN & WINDOW BOX COMPETITION - 1993



Photograph by David Porter

From left to right:- Margaret Rooney, James Colliard & Florrie Graham

### FRONT GARDENS:-

1st Mrs Florrie Graham, Tyrwhitt Road

2nd Mrs Margaret Rooney, Beverley Court

3rd Mr James Colliard, Tyrwhitt Road

### WINDOW BOXES & PLANTERS:-

1st Mrs Parsonage, Beverley Court

2nd Mr Hywel Davies, Ms. Kate Morton & Ms. Pamela Beal, Rokeby Road

3rd Mrs Diana Cain & Ms Jackie Bellringer, Chalsey Road.

## WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS WHICH HELPED THE FAYRE TO BE SUCH A SUCCESS.

We apologise if we have forgotten anyone.

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PICTURE FRAMERS  
HAIRDRESSERS

CHEMIST  
NEWSAGENTS

### Tyrwhitt Road

### Tanners Hill

### Old Kent Road

### Ladywell Village

XPRESSIONS  
HARRY & SONS  
THE WICKHAM ARMS  
THE LORD WOLSELEY  
SPICE INDIAN TAKE AWAY

HAIRDRESSERS  
GREENGROCERS

### Upper Brockley Road

### Brockley Road

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