

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## 21st BROCKLEY SOCIETY MIDSUMMER FAYRE



Summer Fun for all

**M**idsummer madness hits Hilly Fields again on Saturday 24th June from 12 noon till 5pm.

This well known local event has grown from strength to strength and offers something to do for everyone.

### Games and competitions

For the sporty types we have a coconut shy, tug of war competition, archery and a sprite sprint for the tiny tots.

New this year is a fancy dress competition "Miss Brockley Jack and Jill".

There are 2 age groups, 0-5 yrs and 6-8 yrs. Prizes donated by the Brockley Jack pub.

Due to popular demand the Miss Brockley competition returns again. Open to all 8-12 year olds.

For the men we challenge you to bare all... in our Knobbly Knees competition - and the winner gets his knees face-painted!!

The winners of the Brockley Front Garden and Window Box Competition will have their prizes presented on the day at 1.30pm by the Mayor of Lewisham.

At 4.30pm we will pick the winners out of the hat for the Programme Prize Draw. There are lots of prizes to be won, many of which have been kindly donated by local shops and businesses.

### Other attractions

The fun fair returns with the popular House of Fun, and swing boats, not to mention the inflatable slide.

There will also be street performers, face painters and buskers to keep you entertained after visiting the stalls offering clothes, bric a brac, arts, crafts and home made cakes.

### Going hungry?

You will not feel hungry if you eat this lot! - teas, cakes, doughnuts, ice-creams, Caribbean food, Chinese food, and the famous BrocSoc barbecue, selling burgers, bangers and soft drinks. Teas and cakes can be found in the marquee, other stalls outside.

### BAKE A CAKE

Demand for home-made cakes at the tea stall is always greater than supply - we desperately need more! Please ring Olwen on **0181 692 8512** if you can help.



Anyone for cakes?

### WANT TO PERFORM?

Any performers, buskers, or street entertainers are welcome on the day. Phone Rebecca on **0181-692 8422** for details.

### FANCY HELPING?

We desperately need lots of helpful hands to help run our stalls, set up the Fayre and pack away at the end of the day. Any volunteers please ring Rebecca on: **0181-692 8422**

### BOOK A STALL NOW

£10 outside  
£15 in the Marquee  
Ring **0181-691 3548**

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY MEETINGS

Venue: St. Peter's Centre, Cranfield Rd. Tel: 081-693 2030 Time: 8.00pm

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE 1995

WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST 1995

Please contact an officer from the list below if there is an issue which you would like to be raised, or come to one of the meetings, which are open to everyone.

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The Brockley Society welcomes all - regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or physical disability

## HILLY FIELDS CENTENARY PROJECT

A recent site meeting of interested local residents, organised by the environment team, was held on Hilly Fields. An area immediately to the north of the existing play ground was identified as the best site for a secure and dog-free picnic and play area.

The plan is to install fencing of the type already used around the play area and to equip the roughly triangular site with tables and benches. This project will also include the restoration of the play area itself which is beginning to show its age and has suffered from vandalism in recent months.

The Brockley Society will be talking to Lewisham Green Services about improving the maintenance of existing facilities and will explore with Prendergast School, the Leatherseller's Company and other bodies historically connected with Hilly Fields, the possibilities of funding this centenary project.



## FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION



Are you proud of your front garden, or your window boxes? Brockley has many green fingered residents, as the view over many back gardens reveals; however many of us are not so good with our front gardens.

Well tended front gardens and attractive window boxes are a pleasure to pass, and in mid-June the Brockley Society will ask a horticultural expert to make his judgement. The winners will be notified and announced at 1.30pm at the Fayre. The competition is sponsored by: **House and Garden Centre, Brockley Rise.**



1993 Window box Competition Winners

## GRAFFITI

It seems that Brockley is the battle ground between taggers and other spray equipped nuisances from surrounding districts, quite apart from our home grown variety. The police are largely powerless unless the artists are caught in the act and the Council is in a difficult position where graffiti affects private property. **Observation and a determination to clean up so regularly that the taggers get bored before we do, are two lines of attack.**

At the same time some graffiti shows real skill and deserves a more proper outlet than other people's and public property. BrocSoc is looking at the experiences of other areas in channelling energy into more decorative pur-



The Council is particularly responsive when it comes to reports of litter in the streets or in public open spaces. If the mess is in the street, contact the cleansing department (Tel: 0181-690 4366); if it is on a larger grass area (such as St Margaret's Square), Green Services are the people to speak to. A telephone call really does make a difference.

## MEMORIAL GARDENS LEWISHAM WAY

The raised flowerbed in the centre of the memorial gardens is to be filled with V.E. Day theme planting to commemorate V.E. Day and in recognition that the gardens are a memorial to the two world wars. This would not have been achieved without Gillian Heywood talking to Green Services on our behalf.

## WICKHAM MEWS

Wickham Mews runs between Manor Avenue and Wickham Road.

At the Brockley Society meeting held on 5th April, the recurring problem of rubbish being dumped in the mews was raised by some residents. The mews are technically owned by the residents that back onto them, and therefore as an unadopted road the Council will not take responsibility for rubbish removal.

The residents of Manor Avenue got together a couple of years ago to organise a big rubbish clear up, and whilst this was successful and the mews remained clear for a while, inevitably the problem has returned.

It was suggested at this meeting that a gate or barrier should be installed at both ends of the mews. These gates would be open during the day to allow businesses trading in the mews easy access, but they would be locked at night, with residents having a key. This would stop lorries and cars driving up the mews to dump.

Dan Joseph has agreed to lead the project, provided it has the support of a sufficient number of residents, some of whom may be required to help if necessary. BrocSoc has also agreed to help fund the project.

Do not let the opportunity to do something concrete pass by. If you are a resident or business backing on to Wickham Mews, ring Dan now on **0181-691 8481.**

## STREET FURNITURE



The Council has important duties to ensure that streets are properly lit and surfaced. If we do not ensure that lamp post replacement, street signage and paving are carried out to a consistent style and standard we will see the distinct character of our streets fragment.

BrocSoc will try to ensure that the Council is alert to its responsibilities within the conservation area. This is something, like litter clearing, where individual residents can have a major impact. If your lamppost, your pavement or street sign has been damaged or insensitively replaced let us know by all means, but let the Council know as well.

Contact Geoffrey Thompson  
**0181-691 3096.**



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS



MARCH TO MAY 1995

**Deptford Library, Lewisham Way**  
Display of a vertical banner to advertise exhibitions for the Art House.

**77 Harefield Road**  
Retention of a satellite dish aerial on the roof.

**48 Wickham Road**  
Installation of velux windows in the side and rear roof slopes, renovation of existing dormer windows.

**173 Brockley Road**  
Continuation of opening hours as existing. (Gulan Kebab shop).

**r/o 97 Manor Avenue**  
Continued use for car engine tuning.

**15 Tressillian Road**  
Conversion to two 1-bed and one 2-bed units.

**46 Breakspears Road**  
Change of use to a children's home.

**Stone House, 281 Lewisham Way**  
Provision of a hard standing at the front.

**33 Wickham Road**  
Continued use as a family counselling and assessment centre.

**64a Tyrwhitt Road**  
Erection of a conservatory at the rear.

**9 Upper Brockley Road**  
Increase in height of the roof of the rear addition and installation of replacement windows at front and rear.

**83 Upper Brockley Road**  
Details of ground floor front elevation in connection with changing from a shop to a dwelling house.

**182b Tressillian Road**  
Erection of a metal external staircase to first floor level at rear.

**173a Brockley Road**  
Alteration and conversion to one 1-bed and one 3-bed unit.

**14 Wickham Road**  
Display of a free-standing sign board at the front.

**136 Breakspears Road** *contd...*

Alterations to the rear addition including demolition of chimney stacks.

**283-285 Brockley Road**  
Conversion of the upper floors to 4 self contained units with 3 car spaces at the rear.

## TREES



92, 94, 101 Manor Avenue  
18c Tressillian Road  
Lewisham College/ 2 Breakspears Road  
35 Chalsey Road

## WHAT'S ON

### ST PETER'S CENTRE Cranfield Road

Mondays 7.00 - 8.00pm Step Class for beginners.  
Mondays 8.00-9.00pm Step Class for experienced steppers.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.00-8.00pm Body toning.  
Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm Dog training  
Wednesdays 8.00 - 10.00pm Ki Aikido class (use side entrance).  
Thursdays 4.00 - 5.00pm Art Club for 6-10 years (Committee Room).  
Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30pm Badminton.  
Saturdays 2.00 - 4.00pm Yoga.  
**St Peter's Church Jumble Sale.**  
Saturday 23rd September at 2 pm.

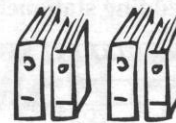
### BROCKLEY SCOUTS HQ 25 Breakspears Road

Book sales from 11am to 1pm on Saturday 22nd July and 19th August.

### IYENGAR YOGA INSTITUTE OF SOUTH LONDON

**470 New Cross Road**  
Daytime classes Monday - Friday 10.30am - 12.00 noon  
Evening classes Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
Thursday 7 - 8.30pm  
Saturdays 9.30 - 11am  
Sunday- by prior arrangement  
£3.50 per session. Concessions £2.50  
Beginners welcome.  
Children's classes Saturdays 11.30am - 12.30pm  
55+ class, Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.00pm  
For further details and information on changes to the programme contact Glenys:  
**0181 698 6198 / 694 0155**

## SERVICES DIRECTORY



Enclosed FREE with this copy of your newsletter is the Brockley Society Services Directory. This Directory has been compiled by Lindsey Beaton, on behalf of the Society, to let us all know the local solution, be it a home help, a plasterer or a doctor.

Our aim is to encourage Brockley residents to use local tradesmen and businesses, thereby helping keeping local people employed, and reducing the need for travel.

This list does not purport to be complete, and if you wish to be included free in the re-print, please call 0181-692 7869.

### *Green policies in action, initiated by the Brockley Society*

The Brockley Society has compiled this list from a variety of sources, including suggestions and recommendations made by local residents. The quality of the organisations, businesses and individuals listed in this directory has not been vetted or endorsed by the Society, which shall in no way be held responsible for any work undertaken by the aforementioned.

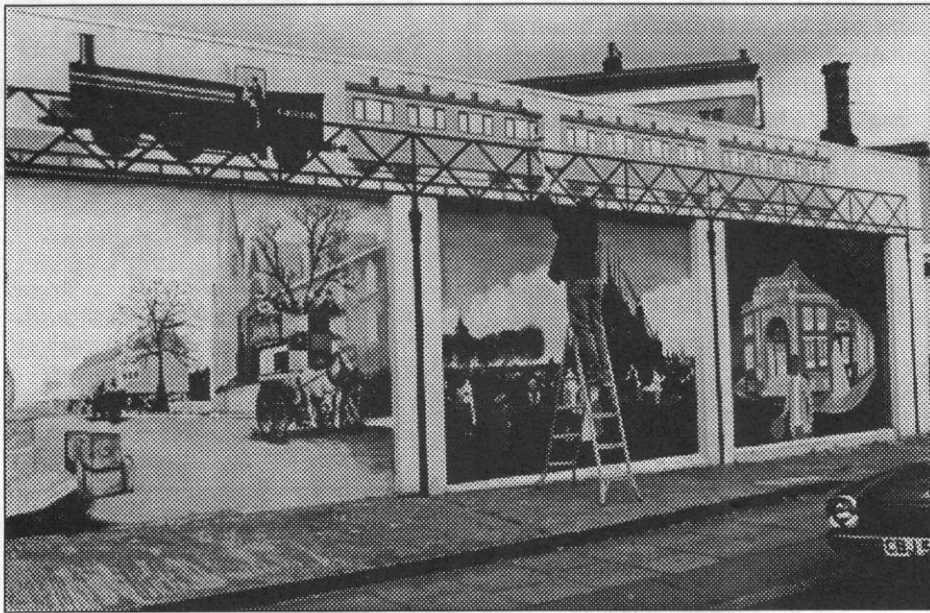
### BROCKLEY ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

Sunday July 2nd 12.00 - 6.00 pm  
Monday July 3rd 5.00 - 8.00 pm  
Saturday July 8th 12.00 - 6.00 pm  
Sunday July 9th 12.00 - 6.00pm

Come and visit the studios of your local artists. This year there are 20 of us exhibiting. Look out for the leaflets which will be distributed to your home giving further details of where to find us.

Tel: Ruth 0181 692 6981

## MURAL FINALLY FINISHED IN TIME FOR OFFICIAL BRIDGE OPENING



*The finished mural opposite Brockley Station*

**Community Service** volunteers organised by Gill Heywood will be tackling the graffiti on the Mural and restoring the original art work under the guidance of one of the artists, Lindsey McFarlane.

The work should be completed by June 9th for the official opening of the footbridge opposite the wall.

The completed work will be protected

with several layers of anti-graffiti paint, applied by **Mark Kiley**.

In support of this project which is of benefit to all the community, **Whites of Brockley Road** (Paint and Decorating Merchants) have kindly donated the decorating equipment. Thank you.

## TRAINS AROUND BROCKLEY

The new summer timetable offers much the same level of service for Brockley's stations but with a number of improvements.

- **Brockley** still has four trains per hour (Mon-Sat) with two an hour on Sundays.
- **St. John's** retains two trains per hour (Mon-Fri only).
- **New Cross** now has six trains per hour.
- **Ladywell** now has three trains per hour (Mon-Sat) with only one per hour on Sundays.
- **Crofton Park** is served by two trains per hour (Mon-Sat only).

THINK TWICE BEFORE USING THE CAR.



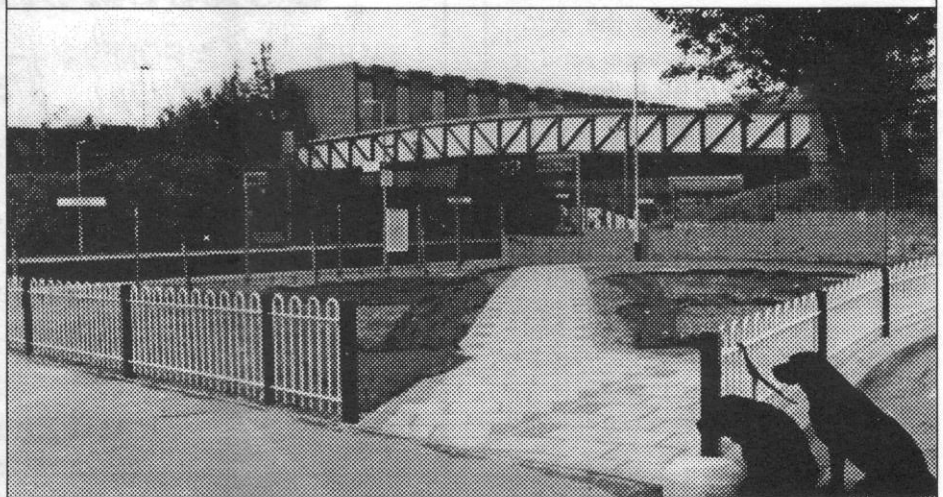
## HILLY FIELDS CENTENARY MAY 1996- A TEAM WANTED

Elsewhere you can read about the environment team's work in general. Now that ideas for next summer's centenary commemoration are coming together BrocSoc needs a committed bunch of people that will concentrate on the planning, preparation and fundraising needed.

If you're interested in creating a lasting monument to the achievements of our forebears and our own stewardship of Hilly Fields, contact:

**Geoffrey Thompson** on  
0181-691 3096

The new footbridge at Brockley Station is due to be opened by representatives of Hatcham Wood School on Friday 9th June 1995.



*The new footbridge at Brockley Station*

## ONE - WAY ON HILLY FIELDS CRESCENT

On Saturday 24th June, during the Brockley Society Summer Fayre on Hilly Fields, the police will be imposing a local traffic management scheme to help ease congestion in the

area. It is proposed to make Hilly Fields Crescent and Crescent Way one way from 8 am to 6 pm, we anticipate. Local diversions will be clearly signposted.





## HILLY FIELDS BOWLING CLUB

Since 1990, this club and green has been independent of the Council and desperately needs new members to ensure its continuation.

The cost of the upkeep of the green is about £5,000 p.a., so members are vital. The alternative is decline and closure and the loss of the facility, resulting in dereliction and another local eyesore.

If you would like to learn, or return to play, please contact Mr. A.R. Perry at the Green (top of Tyrwhitt Rd) or ring 0181-692 2903

### FROM THE EDITOR .....

We have had enquiries from residents in Brockley wishing to submit articles on points that may be of benefit to the community. If you have an article, recipes, puzzles, games etc that you would like to see published and are of interest to the community as whole, please send it to The Editor, c/o 30 Rokeby Rd, Brockley, London SE4.

### HOW TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE



If you would like to submit an article to the newsletter, please send the article on a disk that is readable by the Applemac (we have PC Exchange software) as well as a printout of the article. The disk will be returned to you.

Please help us to keep costs down by enclosing the appropriate postage for return. Many thanks.

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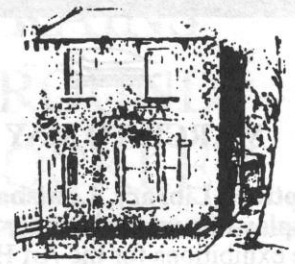
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