

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## Brockley Calendar

BROCKLEY SOCIETY meetings take place in St Peter's Centre, Cranfield Road at 8 p.m. on the dates given below. Everyone is welcome. Each meeting has a topic or speaker and also discusses business items. The committee meets in between.

BROCKLEY FESTIVAL takes place in St Peter's Church, corner Cranfield and Wickham Roads. The free concerts start at 7p.m.

### NEXT BROCSOC MEETING:

Wed 14 March, 8pm *Street leaders*

Thu 15 March, 7.30pm Brockley Cross Action Group meeting, Duke of Edinburgh pub, Malpas Road

Wed 18 April, 7pm Brockley Festival

Wed 25 April, 7pm Brockley Festival

Tues 1 May, 7.30pm Hilly Fields Park Users' Group meeting

Wed 2 May, 7pm Brockley Festival

Wed 9 May 7pm Brockley Festival

Wed 9 May, 8pm Broc Soc meeting: *Trees*

Sat 23 June, 12-4pm SUMMER FAYRE Hilly Fields

7, 8, 9, July Brockley Artists Open Studios  
Tel: 8692 6981 for information

Wed 11 July 8pm BrocSoc meeting: - 484 bus

Wed 5 Sept Brockley Festival

Wed 12 Sept 8pm BrocSoc meeting:

Tue 13 Nov 8pm BrocSoc Annual General Meeting

Sat 24 Nov Xmas Craft Fayre Art House

Sat 9 Dec Xmas Children's Party

•BrocSoc was delighted to congratulate Florrie Graham, one of Brockley's oldest residents, with a bunch of flowers on her 90th birthday - see her story on page 3

•Brockley Cross Action Group update - see page 5

## •BrocSoc goes to Peru



Jayne Confino, BrocSoc's social secretary, went trekking in Peru last year to raise funds for the Children's Society - see page 5

## PARKING METERS FOR BROCKLEY - NEXT ROUND

### Controlled Parking will only push the problem up the road

The council plans to establish a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the lower part of Breakspears and Tressillian Roads based on a mere 15 residents in Breakspears and 12 in Tressillian in favour.

Taking the area as a whole a clear majority, over 60 people, were AGAINST in the council's second survey (see below), following the article in the last issue of our newsletter.

If you do not live in the proposed CPZ you will not have been asked for your views.

Are you going to be affected? Yes!

The parking problem at the Lewisham Way end related to Lewisham College is going to be shunted up the road as people - both students and residents - go further afield looking for parking spaces.

The plan is for a few parking meters in each

road near Lewisham Way. But the lower end of Tyrwhitt Road, for example, has more residents' cars than the space available and there is very little commuter parking. If people pay £25 for the residents' permit and still cannot park within 100 yards of home, they will be understandably angry.

### COUNCIL SURVEY

The council's second survey divided the area.

Breakspears Road and Tressillian Road (from Lewisham Way to the railway) were asked: "Do you want the council to go ahead with the CPZ? Yes or no?"

Darling Road and Tyrwhitt Road were asked: "If a CPZ is supported in Breakspears Road and Tressillian Road, would you like your street to be included in the CPZ? Yes or no?" Wickham Road was not surveyed.

This is how the council described the results: Breakspears Road and Tressillian Road:

53% For, 47% Against.

Darling Road and Tyrwhitt Road:

2% For, 98% Against.

So the intention is to proceed with the CPZ in Tressillian Road and Breakspears Road only.

When we asked for a more detailed analysis of the results of the survey we were told:

	For	Against	No Reply	Total
Breakspears Rd.	15	11	68	94
Tressillian Rd.	12	13	57	82
Reply %	15%	14%	71%	100%

This means that overall Tressillian Road voted "No" but the Council has seen fit to lump the two roads together, perhaps as they are either side of Lewisham College. It can be argued that Wickham Road *continued on p2*

## Richer sounds for Brockley Festival

Building on last year's successes - highlights included the Caractacus string quartet's dazzling performance of Beethoven's C major 'Razumovsky' quartet and the show tunes finale to the summer series - the Brockley festival kicked into gear again with its spring programme.



Julian Jacobson talks about overhauling the piano at the fund-raising recital

Wigmore Hall regular Julian Jacobson opened proceedings on 21 February with a 45-minute recital to raise money for an overhaul of the church piano. The concert began with a piece by local composer Philip Cashian, moving to Beethoven's most popular sonata, the 'Moonlight', before ending with the virtuoso fireworks of Balakirev. Philip talked about the improvements we hope to be able to make to the church piano.

We should all be able to enjoy the richer sound of the newly repaired piano when the spring series begins on 18 April. This season we welcome back Mark J Chambers, who will sing Vaughan Williams, Sara Egan, who will sing Arne and Roussel and Lucy Dallas, who will perform Rossini's Regata Veneziana.

To find out more about the festival, visit the festival website at:

[www.brockleyfestival.org.uk](http://www.brockleyfestival.org.uk) or join our email updates list. If you email the festival at [list@brockleyfestival.org.uk](mailto:list@brockleyfestival.org.uk) we will add your email address to our secure database and email concert details direct to you. **Richard**

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY

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

# Awards for BrocSoc publications

We are delighted that two of our publications have been awarded Commendations in the Walter Bor Media Awards from the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies.

These awards commemorate the contribution of the Forum's Founder President, Walter Bor.

An impressive panel of four judges – Paul Finch (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment), Elizabeth Leyland (Dean of Graphic Design, London College of Printing), Sara McConnell (Evening Standard) and George Parish (Associate Editor, News Forum) – chose the winners.

The 40 entries came from 28 London societies, reflecting the huge amount of activity and specialist local knowledge in the member societies, of which Brockley Society is one.

Our newsletter won a Commendation in Category A: Newsletters and Annual Reports. The judges' reasons were that they liked the newsletter's 'liveliness and clarity of presentation and the punchiness of its narrow-column, newspaper-style format'.

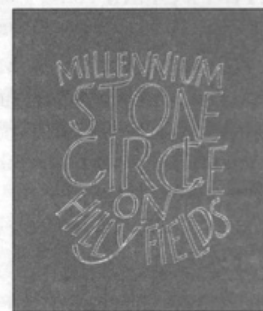
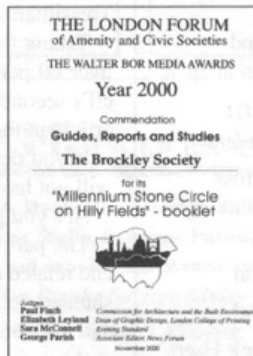
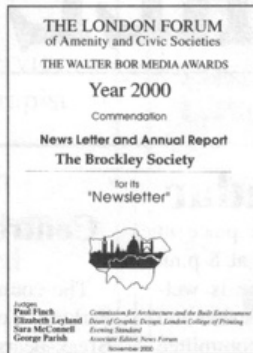
The winning Award in this category went to Hackney Society's publication *Spaces*, about Hackney's built environment, which 'used a simple, low-cost A4 format to excellent effect,

with clear, intelligent layout and effective use of pictures'. The Pinner Association was also commended for *The Villager: News and Views of Pinner*.

In Category C: Guides, Reports and Studies, our pamphlet *Millennium Stone Circle on Hilly Fields* also won a commendation as 'a well produced little booklet recording its imaginative millennium project for a stone circle on its 104-year-old open space. A lively read, it was also praised by the judges for the way in which photos are set into and assist the text, and its effective use of sub-headings. This is in contrast to the point made repeatedly by the judges that large slabs of text unrelieved by headings make indigestible reading – a lesson learned long ago by professional journalists.'

Entries in Category C were impressive, so the judges awarded two full Awards, to the Bedford Park Society's *Guide to Bedford Park* . . . in the form of two walks and to Hackney Society's *Twentieth century buildings in Hackney*.

• The 20-page full-colour booklet *Millennium Stone Circle on Hilly Fields* is available at Sunrise Ceramics, 218 Algernon Road, SE13; Spalding & Sparrow Newsagents, 61 Loampit



Hill (bottom of Tyrwhitt Road); John's corner shop, 158 Lewisham Way (by the War Memorial);

Mr Lawrence Wine Bar, 389 Brockley Road, SE4. Or order by post. Cheques to: Brockley Society, 17 Tressillian Crescent, London SE4 1QJ. £2.50 inc. postage.

• Polly Ionides (tel: 8692 1939) thanks the artists who took Stone Circle booklets to sell at the Open Studios. Please return any unsold booklets plus money from sales to her.

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suffers more than Tressillian Road, but those residents were not surveyed. We questioned the validity of a decision made on so few returns and decided to do our own survey, actually knocking on doors to get the answers.

(Our survey gave a total of 57 households in Tressillian Road)

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY SURVEY

	For	Against	No Reply	Total
Breakspears Road	11	40	43	94
Tressillian Road	12	25	20	57
Reply %	15%	43%	42%	100%

("No Reply" indicates empty properties, or no one at home for three visits.)

Signed statements, with reasons, were sent to the council within the time limit for objections and we now await the outcome.

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY OBJECTIONS

Brockley Society has written in objection to the proposed CPZ on the grounds that:

- it does not reflect the true wishes of those who replied to the council survey, let alone the whole area;
- the results are not significant;
- the proposal discriminates against a person who needs a carer and has to pay £25 a year, whereas a disabled driver has a free permit;
- the problem caused by Lewisham College is for 4 days a week, 30 weeks of the year: one third of the year only.

We also asked again for the double yellow lines to be enforced, and for a public meeting so that BrocSoc, residents and the council can all hear each other's views.

We await a reply.

Gillian

## BrocSoc AGM

### – our cabinet reshuffle

The annual general meeting in November saw the end of Joseph Cullen's tenure as chair. He expressed his regret at needing to stand down after three years, as the arrival of his first child was imminent. He was warmly thanked for his tremendous efforts and should be wished many nights of undisturbed sleep. He has agreed, however, to continue as vice chair, replacing Daniel Confino, who nobly steps up to become chair.

The post of secretary remained unfilled last year and has now been split. Jayne Confino was elected social secretary, as a point of contact and coordination, and Kate will keep the minutes. Other changes were that Trottie Kirwan becomes Fayre coordinator (very warm thanks are due to Annette for her three years) and Peter Byrne joins the newsletter team.

After the business of the AGM, we heard from Inspector Wayne Chance, who had recently taken up his post at Brockley Police Station.

(See the 'noticeboard' which will now be a regular feature in the newsletter.)

## Hilly Fields Park Users' Group

The last meeting on 6 February (minutes may be read on the website at [www.brockley.com](http://www.brockley.com)) was very well attended in spite of the cold weather, showing how much locals care about the precious resource in our midst.

The common theme linking the agenda items was years of neglect and under-funding. Several representatives of local government and the law were kind enough to give their time to address us on issues of maintenance (Paul Foinette of Glendales), criminal or nuisance behaviour (Sgt. Chris Twigger of Brockley Police) and signposted cycling and walking routes (Brian Dalton of LB Lewisham).

In addition, we heard from volunteers who updated us on the Wildflower Meadow, the Woodland Nature Reserve and the seemingly endless saga of negotiations to restore the toilet block. Thank you to all of these.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 1 May at 7.30p.m. in St. Peter's Hall, Cranfield Rd.

If you wish to express ideas/ concerns, or gain an insight into how our oasis of greenery is run, why not come along? Andrew

# Ninety years young! – Florrie Graham

Brockley resident Florrie Graham celebrated her 90th birthday on 26 January.

Born in India, she told us in her Tyrwhitt Road home of 65 years how she came to live here.

Florrie's father was in the army, like his father, who had been a military band-master. 'Father moved about quite a bit, but we lived mainly in Quetta, on the plains of what is now Pakistan', she told us.

Her father and brother Harry spoke Hindi and her mother spoke a bit. 'But I was never in contact with the language as a boarder at a Catholic school in Karachi', said Florrie.

'Even during the fortnight holidays you stayed at school because it took three days each way to go home. The nuns had a house by the sea and we swam in red costumes to our ankles.'

After school she trained in India as a nursery teacher. One of her trainers was from Rachel Macmillan College in Deptford. As her parents planned to retire to England, Florrie came ahead to get English qualifications – her Indian ones were not recognised here.

Rachel Macmillan College was a natural choice, and that is how she came to Brockley. Apart from a brief spell after her marriage in Jerningham Road, New Cross, Florrie has lived in two roads all the time.

'When I first started work, I lived in digs in 9 Tyrwhitt Road. The landlady moved to 6

Tressillian Road and I moved with her. The house was later pulled down to make way for Lewisham College building.' In 1933 her mother and brother came to England, looking for somewhere to live with a room big enough for the huge carpet they had brought from India. Brockley, with its big houses, was a good starting point.

'Mother decided against 6 Tyrwhitt Road, the house with the pillars, because she didn't want to live next to a pub. It had an outside loo but that didn't worry her.'

'Looking through the window of this house,' Florrie continued, 'she saw the room would hold the carpet. So the carpet chose the house!' Later, when the middle flat became available, Florrie and her husband moved into the house where she has lived and brought up a family since 1935.

For Florrie's generation, the second world war was one of the most memorable experiences. 'I hated the bombing. Once we had incendiaries landing right down Tyrwhitt Road. One fell on our roof and it started burning, but my father was able to put it out. The house was destroyed by bombs at 87 Tyrwhitt Road, where there are now flats. We used to rush down to the cellar, but we thought we wouldn't get out, so we stopped bothering. We had to have blue lights and blackout on our windows or the air raid wardens would knock on the door. We had plywood to slot on the window

frame, held in place with nails. We didn't give up our saucepans when the government asked for them – we're still using them now!'

Florrie was terrified by the bombing. 'One lunch-hour, when I was an infant teacher at Morden Terrace, I reached Lewisham railway line as a bomber came down so low I could see the pilot.'

'Mother was in Lewisham, in Lewis Grove, when they had a bad bombing. Marks and Spencers frontage was damaged. She was riding a bike and came home black with soot. She had lost her hat, but the next week she found the fishmonger had retrieved it.' Florrie's brother Harry, who still lives in Lewisham, was in university during the war but, encouraged by his father, he joined the army.

'We were evacuated to Cornwall with the school children those who volunteered. When we arrived it was like a marketplace as people chose which children to have to stay', said Florrie. 'Although my husband was also a teacher, we went separately. Later a husband and wife were allowed to go together.'

What changes has Florrie seen over the years in Brockley?

'Most of the houses used to belong to one family. Now nobody looks after the front gardens, but I don't think it has changed much', she said.

• Florrie asked us to put her thanks for the flowers in the newsletter.

## Hilly Fields Notebook

\* Glendale, who now manage Lewisham parks, Hilly Fields User Group, and Ladywell Society are all supporting the new Meadow Area on Hilly Fields. The idea is to let the grass grow for a season to see what is there and if there are any complaints. We shall put up some interpretation to let people know about the changes. We cannot start planting anything before we know what is there already.

\* We would also like to plant up a low mixed native tree/shrub hedge to partition off the areas better. This would stop soil creep to a certain extent and encourage a lot more diversity of animals and plants (biodiversity). Some method of protecting them from vandalism may be necessary, school work must be done to get children involved in choosing and planting the small tree whips. Children can also design the interpretation signs.

\* Planting large trees may be inappropriate and actually destroy some valuable wildlife habitat, since grasslands are now rarer than woodlands in a way.

\* I saw a green woodpecker in the lower end of Vicars Hill, last week. It will benefit from the enhanced red ant populations if we let the grass grow and the ant hills with it! Green woodpeckers' favourite food is red ants.

\* The fallen tree at the junction of Adelaide Ave and Montague Ave will be sculpted into a bench by a trained chainsaw operator one weekend soon in February. Contact Glendale for the date so you can watch the process and maybe also help with the design.

\* The new park signs will be up in the start of March, one by the Bowling Green. Mike

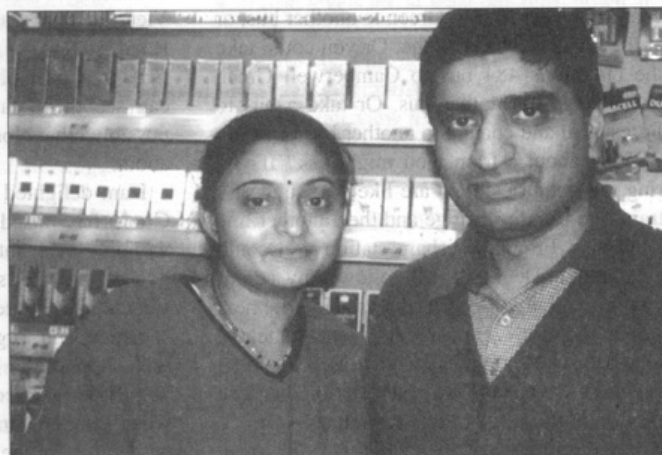
## Lucky to miss earthquake

Varsha Patel of Spalding and Sparrow newsagent was lucky to miss the Indian earthquake. She left Gujarat on Sunday 20 January, days before the earthquake on Friday 26.

Varsha was visiting her father whom she had not seen for ten years since she and her husband Mukund took over the newsagent. She stayed for two nights in Bhuj, a huge city which was completely destroyed by the earthquake. Fortunately none of her family have been affected.

'There are still three or four tremors a day in the area' she told us. 'The big temple was destroyed and 50- to 60,000 people need to be fed every day.' The Neasden Swaminarayan Hindu Mission in the UK has adopted three villages and is organising major relief and support. Because their appeal is being run by volunteers, they have 'zero administrative cost' and their leaflet explains that £1 can provide milk powder for one child for one week; or a meal for two days for one person. £2 can provide a tarpaulin to shelter a family of four; £3 can provide one blanket.

The Patel family, who run both the newsagent and the adjacent post office on



Varsha Patel and husband Mukund – glad she's safely home

Loampit Hill, are very keen to help raise funds for the earthquake appeal.

To give a donation send cheques made out to SHM Gujarat Earthquake Relief a/c, Shree Swaminarayan Mandir, 105-119 Brentfield Road, Neasden, London NW10 8JP.

Credit card donations: 020 8965 2651. You can also put a donation in the collection boxes in the Patels' shops when you buy your newspaper or postage stamps, or in Taylor's Spar round the corner.

# On your Bike!

Now the evenings are getting lighter and the weather is not so chilly, what better time than to dust off your bike? Give it the once-over with a bit of oil, pump up the tyres, check that the brakes work and nothing is too loose. If this is too onerous, take it to one of the local bike shops and they'll do it for a reasonable sum.

Don't want to ride along the main roads? Lewisham Council do a good map of recommended routes out of the main traffic (available free from your library). Want to cycle out of the borough? The London Cycling Campaign do a very good map with excellent routes for getting about town - £5 from all good cycle shops.

Want to get your cycling legs back? Drop over

Hilly Fields into Ladywell and follow the WaterLink Way, through parks, through Catford, to Bromley and all the way to Croydon and on to Gatwick if you get that Forrest Gump feeling.

Haven't got a bike or feeling pretty out of practice? Nip over to Dulwich Park on the P4 and hire a bike to get your confidence back up and find out about training for all ages.

I can't get away without mentioning BIKES ON PAVEMENTS, which I know is a perennial gripe of many a pedestrian and appeared a couple of times on the Brockley website. The Lewisham Cycling Campaign are not in favour of cycling on pavements, but recognise that many do so for fear of the traffic. This is particularly the case with children and young adults mostly because they have been told to do so. The demise of almost compulsory cycle training organised through schools over the

last 20 years has exacerbated the problem, leaving us with a generation whose only experience of cycling is BMX and off-road mountain biking. This is something we would like to address. If you are involved in your local school and are interested in developing cycle skills please contact us.

Cycling is one of the most healthy activities we can all do; it is also cheap. You will look at the traffic jams at Brockley Cross and late buses and trains in a whole new light.

**To join Lewisham Cyclists:**

call **Jon** on 8314 5496 or **Bob** on 8851 8982 or e-mail [lcc@spuddy.compulink.co.uk](mailto:lcc@spuddy.compulink.co.uk)

or send a blank message to:

[Lewishamcyclistssubscribe@eGroups.com](mailto:Lewishamcyclistssubscribe@eGroups.com)

Or even drop us a note to 122 Ivy Rd, SE4.

**Jon Johnson** Lewisham Cycling Campaign

## Only the brave travel east-west across south London

Let us applaud the exciting proposals for improving travel in south-east London which are under discussion: the extension of the East London tube line and the Docklands Light Railway (to Woolwich), reopening a station at Camberwell Green, a north-south tramlink from Euston to Peckham Rye, and an orbital rail service. The completed Jubilee Line and DLR extensions have already made a big difference.

But one issue gets forgotten: how do you travel east-west across south London?

If, for instance, you want to travel from central Lewisham or Brockley to Brixton, Clapham, or Battersea, how do you do it? You could take the 36 bus route along congested Peckham Road and Camberwell New Road and change at Camberwell Green to another bus, or at the Oval to a bus or tube. Or you could take the circuitous 484 bus to Camberwell Green and change to another bus. Or take a bus to Forest Hill and change to another bus or two.

What about a train, you might ask? If you ring rail enquiries, they are likely to suggest a train into London Bridge and then another line out again. From Lewisham station you could get a train to Denmark Hill, followed by a combination of buses. After Denmark Hill, the next stop is Victoria - you could go there and get the tube back to Brixton. If you're in Brockley you need to get a bus to Lewisham station, because there is no easy bus route to Nunhead.

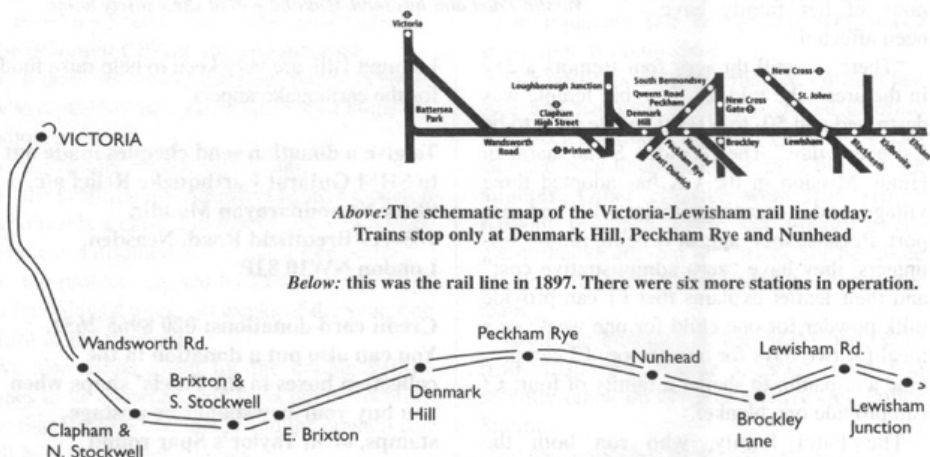
If you think these are viable ways to travel

east-west, then you have never had to make the journey. Those who do are just resigned to the discomfort and inconvenience.

The South London Metro Summary Report (September 2000) begins: 'Only a very brave or knowledgeable passenger would today use the national railway network to cross South London, because of its complexity.' It describes the popular perception 'that South London is poorly served by rail, in contrast to North London where the Underground and its map predominate'.

The frustrating thing is that a perfectly good railway line already runs along the east-west route, but the trains don't stop in between the main stations. From Lewisham the line goes to Nunhead, Peckham Rye, Denmark Hill, and Victoria. That's all. It passes the old Tyrwhitt Road station, goes directly over Brockley, Brixton and Clapham High Street stations (you can see them, tantalisingly, below you) and possibly other closed stations that I don't know about.

I am delighted that Brockley Cross Action Group has raised the question of re-opening the high-level station at Brockley. It would be good if the other stations on the line were considered and I hope Brockley Society and other societies and organisations along the route will support the idea, which would involve very little extra construction. This is the time, when London's transport is being looked at in depth, to raise the issue. **Clare**



Above: The schematic map of the Victoria-Lewisham rail line today. Trains stop only at Denmark Hill, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

Below: this was the rail line in 1897. There were six more stations in operation.

## Midsummer Fayre

keep Saturday 23 June free

This year's Fayre looks set to be awesome. Spurred on by the knowledge of Annette going to Germany and Sandra having to step back, an impressive team has come together to ensure the event continues.

With help from Sandra and Annette and their files, lists and recommendations, Trottie has assembled 30 people to do bite-size pieces of organisation and continue our biggest and most public event: truly a community day for Brockley and Hilly Fields.

One of the Fayre's strengths is that it can use both 'old hands' who have done it before and also new people who want to be involved in a fun event in their local area, meet their neighbours, and contribute fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We need more stewards on the day than in the past, so come on everyone, consider doing that for part of the day!

Sybil Phoenix MBE will open the Fayre and get it off to a swinging start. All sorts of exciting new proposals are in the air: watch this space for details!

- Reminder to Fayre organising team: meeting 12 March 8.30p.m. If you're not already involved and want to be, ring Trottie on 8691 7234. More people always needed!
- Stallholders: if you want a stall ring Trottie as above or Dee on 8692 0772.



International Women's Week at Lewisham Arthouse.

140 Lewisham Way, London SE14 6PD

"Women finding their creativity"

Arts and Crafts Workshops for women and their children Saturday 10 March, 10.30a.m.-3.30p.m. textile workshop; paper-making; photography

Girl Talk

7-11 March 2001

Women artists of the Arthouse

### Answers to crossword on page 7

- Treaty 24. Lisle  
 Trumpion 18. Elevates 19. Mystery 21. ESSO 23.  
 Pelicans 6. Bratwurst 9. Firm 14. Attention 16.  
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 Colon 28. Freestyle  
 20. Demurely 22. Efts 25. E-Types 26. Trapezia 27.  
 Idiots 12. Isis 13. Timpnum 15. Station 17. Persist  
 Across: 7. Elephants 8. Merry 10. Lancelot 11.

# BrocSoc in Peru

My trip to Peru in May and June last year was a very enriching experience. I was trekking for charity, for the Children's Society who are involved in good work with children and their families in many capacities.

We flew from London to Madrid and on to Lima in Peru, a one-time handsome city, still rich in architecture and piazzas, but oh, so poor! The poverty was of unbelievable proportions.

Flanked by two burly men (my fellow trekkers) I set out for a forbidden exploratory walk around Lima late in the evening. One would have thought it was 12 mid-day, not midnight! Everyone was out – husbands, wives, and all the children, whatever age – having what appeared to be a good time. I guess it is what the Spaniards are so good at – the 'paseo'.



Peruvian musicians

From Lima we flew above the mountains to the very high Cusco, where we stayed to acclimatise to the altitude. Cusco was very beautiful in all its delapidation and poverty. The sun shone on the city as it nestled in a basin surrounded by mountains on all sides. The children laughed as they played in the square. They came and talked and tried to sell postcards. I gave out fistfuls of ballpoint pens – it meant they could go to school. Some of them insisted on writing something in my journal. They were very proud.

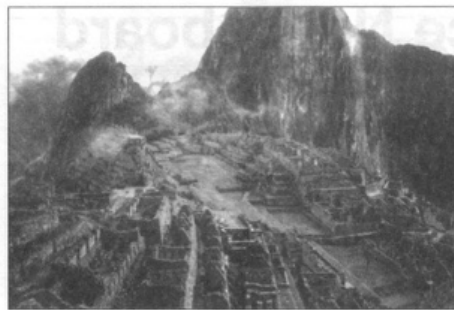
Pickpockets saw their targets, but they were not successful with us. Money-changers were on every corner and taxis outnumbered the people (oh bliss!). Driving in Peru is very different from the UK. Every vehicle is run into the ground and there is a total disregard for any highway code.



Intrepid Jayne in the Andes

At last we had to drag ourselves away from sunny Cusco and travel by bus to Kilometre 88 where we were to start our trek. A lot of people had succumbed to gastric problems and were really suffering. I couldn't imagine feeling so ill so far away from the comfort of my own bed and bathroom. However I was very pleased but certainly not smug to survive the whole trip without incident – luck, I'm sure.

The trek to Machu Picchu was arduous, sometimes hazardous but, above all, breathtaking. The beauty, peace, fresh clean air, had to be seen to be believed.



The lost Inca city of Machu Picchu

We saw many sights on the way – a condor (the national bird of Peru and very rare); orchids; wild lupin; begonias; wonderful spiderwebs laced with morning dew; parrots swooping in the valleys; snow-capped mountains; meadows; and roaring sacred rivers. We walked through cloud forest and torrential rain, hot sun and mist, finally reaching the lost Inca city

of Machu Picchu. It was early in the morning and we were the first ones there – way ahead of the Americans! What a sight to behold: a very sobering and spiritual experience. Everyone was quiet. We all split up and found a spot for ourselves and there we stayed, lost in thought and full of respect for the long-lost Inca tribes. Some were moved to tears. Most were just silent. Then we realised! After four days on the trail we could get coffee and chips and phone home from the cafeteria! Off we tripped – back to reality and a shower!

I raised £3,500 and would like to thank all the very generous people who helped me reach such a worthwhile amount. Most of all I would like to thank the man who supported me throughout, looked after my four children for two weeks, talked me down when I was climbing the wall with fear and trepidation, underwrote my flight and accommodation expenses, and who had faith in me: Daniel Confino, chair of BrocSoc and my husband.

Jayne Confino

## Brockley Cross Action Group – update

This update describes our progress since the September public meeting formed the Action Group. We have met four times with excellent attendance and have developed a friendly, business-like approach with minimum bureaucracy. Our agreed mission is:

**TO CELEBRATE, EMPOWER AND IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT OF BROCKLEY CROSS**

We have six sub-groups, one concerned with co-ordinating the group, the other five to focus on action areas:

**Station and Public Transport:** station facilities/service/environment, high level station

**Roads and Traffic:** traffic arrangements/flow, road safety, street furniture

**Fundraising and Events:** fundraising for group and events to bring people together

**Local Businesses and Shops:** needs of local businesses and range of shops

**Environment and Trees:** pavements, trees, eyesores and pollution

**Co-ordinating Group:** meeting agendas, keeping things going between meetings.

**PROGRESS SO FAR!**

- Double page spread in South London Press, article in Brockley Society newsletter and on [www.brockley.com](http://www.brockley.com) website.

- Good support and interest from council, Lewisham Challenge Partnership and police.

- Successful negotiations with gas contractors and Lewisham Highways to keep zebra crossing open and to alter phasing of lights during extensive roadworks.

- Negotiating 10% of the Council's annual budget for trees for Brockley Cross. A range of trees has been offered and sites agreed. More trees could be planted next year. Let us know of suitable sites!

- Council commitment to clean up railway bridge and net the underside to get rid of pigeons and all their poo bombs.

- Development of links with Railtrack and Connex. We have identified re-opening Brockley high-level station (fast link to Victoria and Lewisham centre) as of major significance to Brockley Cross, but have no illusions as to how long it will take to achieve this.

- Pushing for a security camera pointing at the Maypole end of the station footbridge. Railtrack have offered to connect it into their



system, but so far neither they nor the council wants to pay for the camera itself (£10,000).

- Meeting with senior officers from the Highways Department to ask for the Vesta Road bridge to be re-opened; improved traffic arrangements; traffic calming; better street furniture; more crossings. They are planning to re-surface and re-kerb but we will have to push hard to get real change.

- Development of a web site which should be up and running in February: visit it at [www.brockley.com/bcag](http://www.brockley.com/bcag).

- Traffic levels are at least one third down at Brockley Cross since the road works scared off motorists. This has benefited the wider Brockley/Telegraph Hill area as well and reinforces our view that restricting traffic through the Cross itself has enormous benefits.

**We need funds!** The Action Group has virtually no money; members still haven't been reimbursed by the council for costs of the first public meeting. A further meeting is going to cost us circa £250. We cannot commit ourselves to this until we have raised some money. Can you help with **FUNDRAISING** or **A DONATION** (cheques to 'Brockley Cross Action Group')? One idea is to hold a local evening in the spring to show off all the local talent. Could you help organise or do a turn?

**Vacancies:** Two elected people have had to drop out. We are particularly keen to fill these places with people currently under-represented in the group, for example from the many ethnic communities living in the area. Please phone Stuart on the number below if you are interested.

• **To contact the BCAG or the group convenors, ring 8694 2828 or use our new website at [www.brockley.com/bcag](http://www.brockley.com/bcag).**

**Thanks:** to both St Georges Church, Foxberry Road and the Calvary Church of God in Christ, Shardeloes Road, for providing much needed meeting space – free of charge!



# Brockley Police Noticeboard

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Introduction

My thanks to the Brockley Society Committee for this opportunity to communicate with the good people of Brockley through their award-winning Newsletter. I am Inspector Wayne Chance and I arrived at Brockley Police Station last September as the new Sector Inspector. Unfortunately, Inspector Andy Borman was forced to leave Brockley due to ill health. I have been with the Metropolitan Police for 14 years, serving as Constable in Peckham and Dulwich and as Sergeant in South Norwood. I have worked in Lewisham for the past 18 months as an Inspector. The committee have kindly agreed that I can contribute to this newsletter as a regular feature to inform you about crime initiatives and operations, and to pass on up-to-date crime prevention advice. The committee has also agreed that I can participate in a 'questions and answers' page on the popular [www.brockley.com](http://www.brockley.com) website - an opportunity to question me about policing in general or specifically policing and crime in Brockley. I hope this will be up and running as soon as I get the technology right at my end !!

### Neighbourhood Watch

We are going to have a 'big push' for Neighbourhood Watch in Brockley over the next few months. I am very fortunate to be assisted by Mr Andy Lawrence, a local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. As a volunteer, Andy now works from the police station for a few hours each week. He is creating a database to ensure that we know where all our Neighbourhood Watches are on the Sector. Each co-ordinator will receive a letter and questionnaire asking you to highlight the needs of the Neighbourhood Watch. For example, do you need the new street signs? We will concentrate first on fully supporting the active Watches. I have a store of Neighbourhood Watch leaflets, stickers, etc., which we can send straight out. Then we will look to 're-awaken' the Watches that may have fallen by the wayside. Finally we will carry out some analysis to find areas that may benefit from having a Neighbourhood Watch and will then search for a new co-ordinator.

If you live in a road which does not currently have a Neighbourhood Watch and you are interested in participating or think you may wish to become a co-ordinator, please contact Brockley Police Station on 8284 8506 and we will put you in touch with Andy.

### Lewisham Businesses against Graffiti

On 1 February there was a press launch at the Civic Centre promoting an anti-graffiti initiative your local police are running with businesses in Brockley. The aim is to restrict the sale of graffiti items to youths, thereby cutting off their means to cause damage. My officers have visited every shop in Brockley that sells marker pens, felt pens, spray paints, etc., and we have asked them all to voluntarily agree NOT to sell such items to persons under the age of 16. I am very pleased that EVERY shop we asked readily agreed to participate. We have also just heard that Halfords at Catford Bridge has also agreed to support our initiative, which is real boost! In addition the shops will be making the theft of such

items difficult by moving them away from doors to behind counters. You will see posters appearing all over Brockley and Crofton Park in the next few weeks. We should be encouraged that our local businesses have happily taken on this agreement and are making efforts to improve the area in which we work and live.

### Protect your phone \*#06#

Thousands of mobile phones are stolen by street robbers in London every month. Young people are especially vulnerable to mobile phone theft.

#### What you can do

To make it difficult for thieves to use your phone, please record the details requested below and keep it in a safe place. These details will be needed by police if you report your phone stolen.



- The unique 15-digit IMEI number is unique to your phone and can be accessed by keying \*#06# into your phone. This number will help the police to trace ownership quickly.
- Always use your phone's security lock code or PIN number.
- Security mark the battery and phone with your postcode and street number or the first two letters of your house name.
- When using your phone, remain aware of your surroundings and do not use it in crowded areas or where you feel unsafe.
- Avoid wearing your phone where it is in public view. Keep it with you at all times and do not leave it unattended.

Brockley police will soon be visiting all the secondary schools and colleges in the area to offer phone property marking and will provide the students with a form detailing the IMEI numbers for their phones.

*If your phone is stolen, please give these details to the police:*

**Fascia details: Phone number:  
IMEI number: PIN number**

◆ [www.brockley.com](http://www.brockley.com).  
Visit Brockley's own website!

◆ **Brockley Society newsletter** comes out three times a year: end of February, beginning of June, end of October. Events, articles and pictures are welcome!

◆ **Copy deadline** is one month before: 1 February, 1 May, 1 October. Ring Clare (8694 3829) or Camilla (8690 8050)

◆ **St Peter's Centre**  
Cranfield Road, Brockley, SE4.  
The hall is available for private hire.  
Telephone Theresa Anson on 8693 8030 for details.

**BrocSoc newsletter by post**  
Our three-times-a-year newsletter is delivered to everyone who lives in the Brockley Conservation Area, but many people who live outside the area - near and far - would like to receive it. If you are one of them, please send three labels with your name and address (or three envelopes) and three stamps to:  
*Brockley Society newsletter by post,*  
17 Tressillian Crescent, London SE4 1QJ for a year's supply, or pick up free from Spalding & Sparrow newsagents, 61 Loampit Hill, SE13

### November 2000 - February 2001

**St. Andrew's United Reform Church** Removal of internal walls, dais, pulpit, side pews, Brockley Road first floor gallery, organ, floors and staircase. Construction of new first floor for pews from ground floor, lift, 2 staircases, to provide a new multipurpose church hall, and relocation of memorial table and war memorial. Installation of replacement glass front doors together with metal ramps to the side doors, floodlighting the tower and landscaping.

**63 Manor Avenue** Removal of rear staircase structure, alterations to rear at ground floor level, together with the installation of windows and doors in the rear elevation.

**209 Brockley Road** Construction of a new bin enclosure at front

**96 Tyrwhitt Road** Erection of a single storey rear extension.  
**155 Upper Brockley Road** Installation of a velux window on the front roof slope.

**Rear of 70 Upper Brockley Road** Renewal of planning permission for the continued use of the garage (facing the mews) for motor car servicing

**14 Wickham Road** Alteration and conversion to provide 1 4-bed house, 5 studio flats, 1 1-bed, 1 2-bed flat, together with a new dormer window on the front roof slope, and other alterations to window and door openings on the front and rear elevations.

**2 Darling Road** Construction of a replacement conservatory at the rear.

**Brockley Barge, 184 Brockley Road** Display of an externally illuminated hanging sign on the front elevation.

**40a Wickham Road** Alterations to the rear to reinstate a back door

**13 Crescent Way** Formation of a new door in place of a window, together with reproofing.

**R/o171 Lewisham Way** Construction of an extension, roof extension, alterations to elevations, new dormer windows, new windows in the front elevation if 119 Tanner, s Hill to provide 3 1-bed 5 2-bed units, with 5 car spaces

**16 Cranfield Road** Construction of a single storey rear extension.

**Site of garages r/o 181 Breakspears Road** Renewal of planning permission for erection of 2 3-bed houses, with parking. Landscaping etc.

**35 Wickham Road** Construction of a mansard roof to provide a two bed flat.

**A & B Carpets 325 Brockley Road** change of use to a restaurant/take away.

**Land to the rear of 195 and 197 Brockley Road and 3a, 5, 7 Harefield Road** Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 2 2 storey plus roof space houses with integral garages, a part 2, part 3 storey plus roof space building to provide 5 2-bed, 1 1-bed and 2 studio flats, together with a restaurant on ground floor and basement level.

**5 Tressillian Crescent** Construction of a single storey extension to the rear with a roof terrace at first floor level.

**2 Alder House, Breakspears Road** Installation of P.V.C.U. windows.

**Ashby Garages, r/o 38, Breakspears Road, Breakspears Mews** Demolition of existing garages and construction of 4, 2-storey plus basement, 3-bed houses, 2 2-bed flats with associated garages.

**39 Rokeby Road** Replace exiting bathroom window with PVC sash and installation of a wooden composite door to the existing storm porch.

**Veronica House, Wickham Road** Formal Observations to Orange, regarding the proposed upgrade of existing Orange Equipment.

**22 Wickham Road** Installation of replacement UPVC windows.

**114 Upper Brockley Road** Demolition of outside wc and construction of a single storey extension at the rear.

**TREES**  
5a Drake Road  
27, 84 Tressillian Road  
8 Avon Road  
8b Hilly Fields Crescent  
63 Manor Avenue  
Oaklands House, Cranfield Road  
29a Crescent Way  
St. Peter's Vicarage  
139 Upper Brockley Road  
Lewisham Art House, 140 Lewisham Way  
Acacia House, 58, 144b Breakspears Road  
32 St. Margaret's Road  
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**Planning applications determined 14 Oct to 14 Feb**

**GRANTED:** 78 Tyrwhitt Road, 7 Beverly Court, 209 Brockley Road, 5 Montague Avenue, 60 Wickham Road, 63, Manor Avenue, The Coach House, Crescent Way, r/o 79 Upper Brockley Road, 2 Darling Road, 209 Brockley Road,

**REFUSED:** r/o 2-12 Cranfield Road

**RAISED OBJECTION:** St. Andrew's Church.

**ENFORCEMENT ACTION:** 298 Brockley Road, 98b Upper Brockley Road, 138 Upper Brockley Road, 156c Tressillian Road.

**WITHDRAWN:** 4f Wickham Road and r/o 41 Wickham Road

**APPEALED:** 254, 304, 322 Brockley Road and 14 Brockley Cross re advertisement.

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### Conservation Committee

The Council is changing the way it consults about planning applications, particularly in Conservation Areas and will have two Committees, each meeting monthly.

#### We need:

- **Someone to attend the Council's Design Panel**, meeting every four weeks – to comment on major planning applications for development and road schemes throughout the borough and to report back to our main committee
- **Someone to attend the Amenity Groups Panel** to comment on planning applications in Conservation Areas throughout the borough, meeting every 4 weeks and to report back to our main committee. Don't let the thought that you might not know much about planning put you off. It is a friendly committee and help and advice will be freely given. More important is being interested and knowing about the types of houses in our area.

Contact Gillian Heywood on 8692 6977

### Help needed – GRAPHIC DESIGNER for a Publicity Brochure

We have had a generous offer of sponsorship for a colour brochure about our Conservation Area. We would expect it to contain some of the history of the housing, maybe the builders, types of houses, photographs, perhaps a map. It could be whatever we and the sponsor want it to be. We have most of the history to hand, but would welcome the help of a graphic designer to put it together. Offers please to Gillian (8692 6977) or Daniel (8691 1463).



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\* Observations or objections to Georgia Wrighton on 8314 9271, or in writing to Lewisham Planning Service, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, SE6

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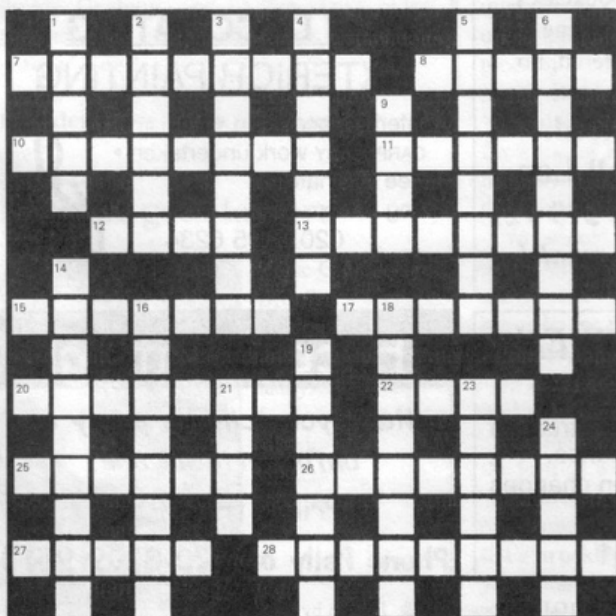
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10. One of the Knights of the round table (8)
11. Fools (6)
12. Wife of Osiris (4)
13. A drum (8)
15. So where does the train stop? (7)
17. Continue to persevere (7)
20. Humbly (8)
22. Newts (4)
25. Certain Jaguar cars (1,5)
26. Bones of the wrist (8)
27. Part of the large intestine (5)
28. Type of swimming race (9)

#### Down

1. Beg hard (5)
2. Useful in a car park (6)
3. A satellite of Jupiter (8)
4. Law (7)
5. Birds with big beaks (8)
6. A German sausage (9)
9. Company (4)
14. You pay it to concentrate? (9)
16. Barney McGrew was a firemen here (8)
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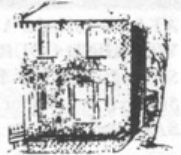
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