


BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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Saturday 24th November
12 noon - 5 pm Entrance 50p!

Lewisham Arthouse
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Fine quality handmade crafts *Teas and refreshments*

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Christmas Party

with Magical Entertainer
Scatty Hatty!

Sunday 9 December

3-5p.m.

St Peter's Hall, Cranfield Road
Admission £1 for children (adults and under-threes free)

3p.m. **Games**
3.45p.m. **squash and biscuits**
4.15p.m. **Magic Show**
5p.m. **ends**

Children must be accompanied by an adult
Refreshments available for adults

Brockley Society AGM

St. Peter's Centre Cranfield Road
TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 8pm

Come and have your say and find out what happens in Brockley.
Elections open to all. Chat over wine and nibbles afterwards.
Everyone welcome!

Bring any unwanted gifts for the raffles at Craft Fayre and Children's Party

Brockley Calendar

BROCKLEY SOCIETY meetings take place in **St Peter's Centre, Cranfield Road at 8pm** 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.


Wed 14 November 7.30 pm Brockley Cross Action Group meeting. Venue to be confirmed
Tue 11 Dec 7.30 pm Hilly Fields Park Users' Group Meeting, Prendergast School

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Everyone living in the Brockley Conservation area is automatically a member of the Brockley Society. The Brockley Society welcomes all - regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or physical disability.

Parachutes descend on Hilly Fields



Thanks to Haydn Estates, Brockley Road, for their generous sponsorship of this spectacle at the Fayre. See page 4.

Mon 17 Dec Carol Singing for charity.
Meet at St Peter's Centre 7pm.
Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards

Dates for next year's Broc Soc meetings
Wed 9th Jan
Wed 6th March
Wed 1st May
Golden Jubilee Street Party (date to be arranged) in Cranfield Road.

See *What's On*, page 7 for
• other Christmas events
• the march against British Airport Authority's expansion plans.



One year on and still going strong! Brockley Cross Action Group

A year after BCAG came into existence we have moved onwards and upwards. At our first meeting on a wet evening in September 2000, over 100 local people turned up and elected 18 local people by a show of hands.

We chose to push forward on a number of fronts. Subgroups were formed to allow people to specialise in their chosen interest – shops and local businesses, traffic, environment, the station and 'celebrating the community'. We had a number of early wins including:

- ❖ the design and setting up of an excellent website www.brockley.com/bcag
- ❖ securing 10% of the annual Lewisham tree planting budget (resulting in trees planted along Brockley Road)
- ❖ netting of the bridge to prevent pigeon mess
- ❖ a couple of articles in the South London Press on the work and campaigns of the group
- ❖ Guest speakers at recent meetings have included Mayor for Lewisham Cllr. Dave Sullivan and Eric Reynolds, Director of Urban Space Ltd.

As the group has evolved we have developed our own style, via a host of supporters. From the making of teas and coffees to the more artistic endeavours of banner making we have marked our first year by making strong links across not only the Brockley area but borough-wide with good council links resulting in our being asked to highlight the work of the group as a model of good practice at a recent Lewisham Council streetleaders' conference.

Two interesting new campaigns are to bring a farmers' market to SE4, around Coulgate

Street and for the reopening of the High Level Link station which was closed in 1917 and would instantly put Brockley on the map and open up a whole new world of speedier travel options.

Planning has begun to preoccupy us more recently with some attention to local sites. We are looking at the council's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) with a view to commenting and recommending community solutions for the Cross. We had some input into a recent Council Capital Receipts bid for the area and were keen to involve local businesses, churches and residents and we would like more local groups to be involved in capital receipts initiative in the near future. We continue to aim to work for solutions that involve the whole community in what happens to Brockley Cross.

As a new group we have no funding stream to speak of though several donations have been forthcoming from individuals and local businesses in the community. We have begun to submit bids for admin and related meeting costs and we are hopeful of securing funding in the near future. A shop front and outreach worker would be nice too. Other dreams/ambitions include a community arts café and a more pedestrian friendly Brockley Cross.

Our AGM is on the 14th November at 7.30 p.m., venue to be confirmed. Please come along! You can contact us about our work via the website www.brockley.com/bcag or telephone our chair **Stuart Woodin** on **8691 3887**.

How we stopped the mast

One morning we had news that there would be an "orange" mast very probably erected in Darling Rd. approx 50 ft away from our house and nursery. My first response was – "I must write a letter to someone soon", then promptly went on holiday, giving it little thought, to Totnes in Devon.

Strangely enough, on the first morning of our break, we met a protest march against a mast to be erected in the area, coming up the main street towards us, and it wasn't until we read all the information about health risks (last Brockley Society newsletter), drop in house prices, etc, that we fully realised the situation in Darling Rd. Three days later, when we returned to London, we knew that the mast must be challenged, starting the next day!

We contacted our immediate neighbours Pat and Barney, Mark and Sam, and together decided on a door-to-door campaign. Knocking on each door in Tyrwhitt Rd and surrounding streets and explaining the situation to each individual, seemed the best way to make people aware of what was happening. We discussed with them the information we had been given by the main opposing group – UK masts. Although unproven in court, the information provided is very worrying; it includes health risks such as skin complaints,

cancers, lethargy/sleep problems and unexplained maladies.

We were very impressed by their concern and the fact that everybody had something to say; a number of people had a story of friends or relatives with these complaints or unexpected ailments in young children. Many wrote letters to the planning dept in Lewisham.

On the 'phone to the PR person at Orange (who listened, and was open to discussion) we did state that as residents we would NOT STOP. This was taken on board and thankfully they decided to withdraw.

We believe their withdrawal has saved many people the worries and pressure of a "perceived" health risk, due to the presence of a mast. In Scotland and Kent, people have physically surrounded an area in order to stop a mast being sited. We were very lucky, that the Nursery was considered as an "at risk" group – as stated in the Stewart report. We are also thankful that Orange acknowledged this and withdrew, but we must all consider that there is not always a nursery on the corner where the masts may appear – and feel very concerned about the democratic structures, which are overrun by such multinationals, because they consider themselves as a utility, able to place themselves where ever they wish.

Cherry Hunt

Contact the Elderly

What are you doing on Sunday afternoons? Could you spare one Sunday afternoon a month to bring a little warmth into someone's life and have some fun along the way yourself. Contact the Elderly is a small national charity that is asking local people to do just that.

Contact the Elderly is a voluntary service that offers friendship and outings to frail elderly people who live alone and are not regularly visited by family or friends. Once a month small groups of volunteer drivers use their own cars to collect elderly people and join them at a tea party at the home of a volunteer host. Each month the same group of drivers and elderly guests are invited to the home of a different volunteer host for an informal social afternoon.

Pat Langridge, who lives in Brockley, has been a volunteer driver for Contact the Elderly since 1998 when he saw the charity featured on GMTV's Get Up & Give Appeal. Pat, who has always enjoyed the company of elderly people, says, "I get a good feeling when my older friends talk about how much they have enjoyed themselves at the tea party. It's also nice that they are in the process of making some new friends even at their age and they are so grateful when I see them back into their own homes."



Patrick Langridge and Mabel Walls

If you are interested in being a volunteer driver one Sunday afternoon a month or a volunteer host once or twice a year, please call Linda Roberts on 020 8464 7994 or FREEPHONE 0800 716 543

Wildlife Safari in Lewisham

On Sunday 7 October I joined a "wildlife safari" bike ride with a dozen or so Lewisham Cyclists. From Lewisham Library, the route took us to Mountsfield Park (wide, sweeping views), the ancient woodlands of Forster Memorial Park and on to Beckenham Place Park. After coffee at Sedgehill School's boot fair we headed for Bell Green and back to Ladywell along the idyllic Waterlink Way alongside the Pool and Ravensbourne rivers. The extraordinary thing about the ride was how quiet and rural it was. Those major arteries which dominate car travel were just uneventful roads to be crossed (underneath at Catford). Helped by a knowledgeable guide who pointed out trees and items of interest and a friendly group, it was an excellent introduction to Lewisham's nature reserves. Any would-be or timid cyclists should give it a try. See Lewisham Cyclists' website on www.lewishamcyclists.org for details of their future rides.

Clare

New School for New Cross

We are a parent led movement to improve the educational opportunities for our children.

The aims: • A neighbourhood school for the children of North Lewisham • Non-selective • Community based • To reflect the social and cultural mix of the area • Co-educational • Starting with year 7 intake only

Why the need?

At present children and parents in north Lewisham are being let down by the provision for secondary education in Lewisham. 50% of local Year 6 children did not get a place in a secondary school in the first round and several were still unplaced at the beginning of the autumn term.

The problem has got worse year on year and has now become a crisis. Lewisham Education has promised to come up with a solution for the current Year 6 pupils. But we also need to plan for the future. We are campaigning for a new school on the Telegraph Hill site, which would open in September 2003.

We want a brand new neighbourhood school with a truly comprehensive intake. We want a school that is part of the community so that parents get involved, supporting pupils and teachers in creating a high quality, thriving, successful school.

Some points about the LEA's different options

• **Option 1** Use the capacity in Deptford Green, Addey & Stanhope and Crofton schools freed up by a sixth form centre and new building plans.

Addey & Stanhope admissions policies give no priority to local children. The increased places would not be sufficient. If Crofton's

Media reports have highlighted a lack of school places for secondary education. Following the closure of the "fresh start" school on Telegraph Hill, the problem is acute for North Lewisham. A group of parents has begun a campaign for a new school, drawing on the lessons of the failure of the "fresh start" school and the success of the recently opened Charter school in Southwark.

Copies of the LEA Consultation Document are available from Trish Costello, Estate Management & Contracts Unit, Lewisham Education and Culture, 3rd Floor, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London SE6 4RU or e-mail to: trish.costello@lewisham.gov.uk

Copies of the New School Campaign's document 'The Case for a New School' are available on request from: Louise Irvine, 146 Jerningham Rd, SE14 5NL

email: newschool@newx.freereserve.co.uk and see the website: www.newx.freereserve.co.uk

The consultation process on the provision of secondary education throughout Lewisham continues until November 16th. Responses (a short letter will do) to Trish Costello by post or e-mail.

capacity is increased too quickly, it could undermine their efforts to improve.

• **Option 2** (our favoured option): Open a new school in the north of the borough

A site is available on Walbuton Rd, Telegraph Hill so that a school could open in 2003: a very direct way of addressing the imbalance. The lessons of the failure of the Telegraph Hill "fresh start" and the success of the Charter school in Southwark, show that opening a new school starting with a year 7 intake only, combined with parental support, is the way to maximize success.

It will provide more local co-educational comprehensive community places in north Lewisham and has wide support.

• **Option 3:** Use spare capacity at Bonus Pastor, Catford, St Joseph's Academy, Sedgehill, and Sydenham schools to provide places on a temporary basis.

It's not what many of the schools want and risks destabilizing them. Four are in the south of the borough. The only school in the north is a boys' R.C. school, unacceptable to many people of other religions or no religion. Two are girls' schools and two are church schools. This leaves Sedgehill - very far to the south and already heavily oversubscribed (673 applications for 306 places in 2000).

• **Option 4:** Expand existing schools by new building at Sydenham, St Joseph's and Northbrook. This suffers from some of the same problems as Option 3. Northbrook, a mixed Church of England school, may not be acceptable to those who do not want a Church school and will not alleviate the problem in the north west of the borough.

The Council and LEA have agreed that a new school in north Lewisham may be needed.

However the Council has refused to consider the option of a new school on the Telegraph Hill/ Walbuton Rd site as they want to use it for a sixth form centre. We have to fight hard for them to reconsider that decision. We say secondary school provision is in crisis and must be a priority.

VITAL STATISTICS

Lewisham only provides about 2,000 secondary places for about 3,000 11 year olds - 37% of Lewisham children leave the borough for their secondary education. Only 60% band 1 stay in the borough compared with 95% band 3 - this shows that the system is discriminatory, giving some children more options than others. It also damages Lewisham community schools to lose the brightest children.

This is the pattern of provision of places north and south of the south circular road. The three selective schools are Addey & Stanhope, Prendergast and Haberdasher Aske's. They select by interview and/or exam. They give no priority to local children. (Data from the LEA).

| Location north or south of south circular | Number of primary leavers | Community places | Selective school places | Lewisham children admitted to the 3 selective schools | Church school places |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| North | 1500 | 388 | 394 | 174 | 210 |
| South | 1300 | 1236 | 0 | 120 | 150 |

The local situation is even worse - of the 800 children leaving primary school in the Deptford, New Cross and Brockley area in 2000, only 367 got places in the five local schools! (LEA Data). Many children this year failed to get into Forest Hill and Sydenham due to increased local applications.

| Sept 2000 | Aske's | Prendergast | Addey & Stanhope | Deptford Green | Crofton |
|-----------|--------|-------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| SE4 | 23 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 23 |
| SE8 | 13 | 7 | 21 | 101 | 13 |
| SE14 | 17 | 3 | 20 | 69 | 17 |

The first four schools are very oversubscribed. If Crofton becomes more popular, more children living close to Crofton will apply and even that option will not be available to children in our area. The expansion of places in existing schools proposed by the LEA will not go close to solving the problem.



Biodiversity bigger in Brockley!

As a result of the meadow creation on the Ladywell side of Hilly Fields, there has been a marked increase in the sightings of colourful flowers, varied grasses and butterflies, such as the meadow brown, in the area. On Midsummer's Night, at dusk, half a dozen bats were seen swirling round the stone circle, drawn by increased insect populations (probably emanating from the longer grass). Unusual finds in the longer grass include figwort, meadow bindweed and a rare yellow grass.

A local botanist found at least ten species of grass and may be commissioned to conduct a detailed survey. Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership (including the User Group, Glendale and the Council) plan to conduct trials to increase biodiversity more. A recent £500 grant from Marks and Spencers will be spent on a trial area being deturfed and seeded with cornfield annuals. This should provide an interesting springtime display of colour and attract interesting insects to feed and breed in the varied vegetation.

The long-term aim is to enable windborne wild plants' seeds to settle on the poorer soil (with no competition from perennial rye grass!) and gradually the ecological process of succession will occur, providing an interesting mix of plants over the years and supporting a diverse food web (hopefully topped by kestrels).

The Hilly Fields User Group meets next on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30, in Prendergast School. Feel free to come along to express your concerns and contribute your ideas about your park.

Mike

• At the summer solstice, about 60 people are reported to have been at the Millennium Stone Circle; about 10 had stayed overnight.

Housing matters . . .

Those of us who are tenants will be interested to know of the Government's Housing Green Paper (consultation and discussion document) that was published in December last year, *Quality and Choice: a decent home for all* produced by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR). It is the first comprehensive review of housing for 23 years. Amongst the many aims contained in the document, there is much discussion about restructuring rents for council and housing association tenancies, to iron out the many differences in rent levels between different landlords, thereby making rents fairer, yet still affordable. Although still in the consultation phase, there is concern that these well-intentioned plans may particularly penalise those housed in larger dwellings (3/4 bedrooms) in high "rateable value" areas, such as Brockley, who would experience a dramatic increase in their rent if these plans were implemented in due course. If you are unaware of these plans, then why not find out more by contacting your local Housing Officer. Alternatively, you can phone for a free summary of the report on the DETR line, tel: 020 7944 3405 quoting reference OHC902 1 A, (the full report costs £10), or access the DETR website and read the entire document for yourself.

www.housinfo.dltr.gov.uk/information/consult/homes/greenpaper **Kate**

Lewisham Environment Trust wants ideas

LET is asking Lewisham residents and businesses for ideas to improve the environment and reflect Lewisham or your own Heritage. As a charity it can seek funding for projects which the council cannot take on. The sums can be from £100 to £300,000 (which was recently applied for by a tireless member for restoring a church frontage in Grove Park). Send suggestions to Lewisham Environment Trust, 85 Ermine Road, Ladywell, SE13 7JJ, or Mike@ladywell85.fsnet.co.uk Membership (£5 Indiv/family p.a.) is also available from this address.

Night flights banned

An issue which members of Brockley Society were involved in was settled in October. Night flights have been banned by the European Courts of Human Rights as a violation of Human Rights. The ban should be in place within 18 months but the government can appeal or even change the legal definition of the night!

• See also page 7 of this issue.

Hilly Fields Murals

On Saturday 22 September as part of the London-wide Open House weekend, Prendergast School on Hilly Fields was open to the public so that the famous murals could be viewed. The school is itself a Grade II listed building. The Assembly Hall has an exceptional series of mural paintings executed between 1933 and 1936 by Charles Mahoney, Evelyn Dunbar, Mildred Eldridge and Violet Martin. The murals, in the Romantic and Narrative School of English painting, are considered amongst the best examples of their kind.



• The same weekend, as well as the Art House, 132 Lewisham Way was open to visitors. This used to be a greengrocer's shop. Inside was a complete surprise: two modern flats on the first and second floors, and two maisonettes side-by-side on the ground floor and basement with stunning open courtyards. Stylish and imaginative!

Playground provides pleasure

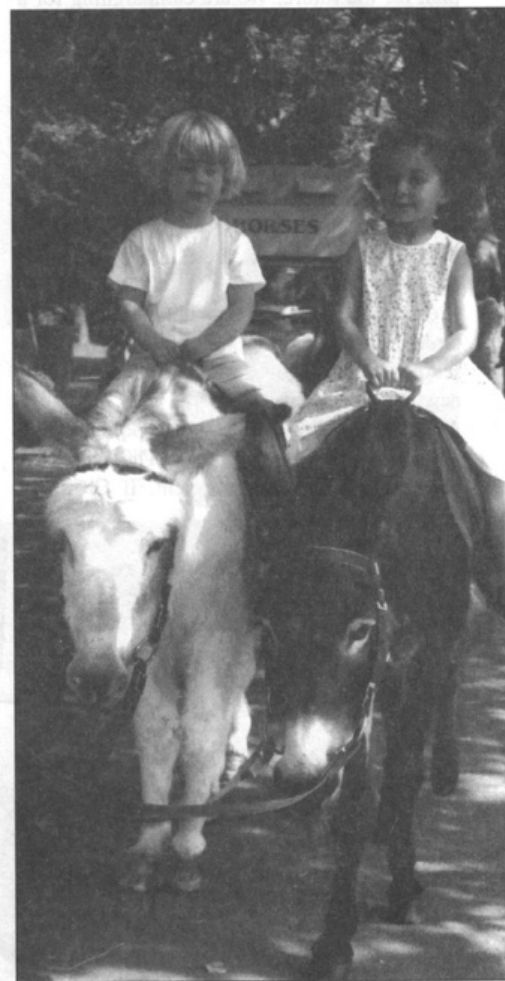
Glendale improved the playground in Hilly Fields during the summer, and the results are welcome. The original slide (a great attraction for at least two generations) was refurbished and the sand pit saved (the only one left in Lewisham). The toilets are due to be refurbished by the end of the year, and should provide changing facilities for the improved sports facilities, overseen by a ranger who would collect fees. The successful log seats will be increased, along with other environmentally friendly seats made of recycled plastic. Joggers have appreciated the mown paths in the long grass strips and the new informative noticeboard has been relatively free from vandalism, which Glendale says is impressive compared to the forty others installed.

The men

Forget thoughts of winter approaching and transport yourself back to the height of the summer, to Saturday 23rd June. To parachutists descending, donkey rides, spoon and marble races, fantasy cakes and painted faces.

The annual fayre on Hilly Fields is always an enjoyable and popular event, but this year it seemed to take on a new gloss. The Metropolitan Police Parachutists circled and then landed with dramatic impact amidst puffs of red smoke, to the delight of the expectant crowd. Apache, Champagne Charlie, Pie Shop Harry and Mildred (the donkeys) added a touch of animal magic. Even the competition dogs looked ultra-trendy in red bandanas (and the accompanying children extra-specially cute).

There was plenty to do for the energetic.



from the skies join the Fayre

Once again I have to admit flunking out of the salsa dancing, but many others who were less rhythmically-challenged participated with enthusiasm. An enormous bouncy slide proved hugely popular with the older children (I'm sure a few grown-ups secretly fancied a go as they watched the giggling youngsters).

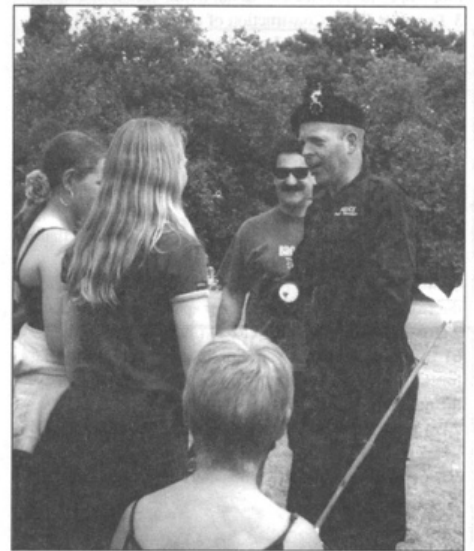
Shoppers could find plenty of things to interest them too. Many headed for the high quality crafts in the marquee. I also like to scour the outside stalls for bargains (or even just for amusement). Do you remember "Wade" miniatures? (Probably highly sought-after items now.) Well, you could have picked up a whole collection for next to nothing. Along with books ranging from "The Evolution of Elephants" (ever heard of a Trilophodon?) to Cynthia Payne's essential "Entertaining at

Home". You could even restock the garden for just a few pounds. The olive stall was such a hit it had completely sold out by the time I arrived there. (Mental note: get there earlier next year.) Other stallholders seemed to have an exceptionally good day too. One was overheard saying he was "off to Italy" on the proceeds.

Hats off to the folks on the strawberries and cream stall, who worked tirelessly to the end of the afternoon, providing much-needed refreshment. And to the cake makers, who provided a highly-colourful and tempting array of calories.

Local creative talent, both musical and artistic, was much in evidence. The photographic competition yielded a minor masterpiece snapped from a bedroom window as well as romantic shots of Hilly Fields in the snow.

Veronica



It's heartening to know that even in the depths of winter a merry band of men and women will be making the necessary preparations for next year's summer event. If you would like to join them – and meet your neighbours – contact Trottie tel: 8691 7234.



- 22 Wickham Road** Installation of replacement UPVC windows.
- 35a Tressillian Road** Erection of a shed in the rear garden
- 11 Montague Road** Construction of a single storey extension at the rear.
- Flat A, 29 Manor Avenue** Use of the building at the rear as a vehicle repair work shop
- 143 Breakspears Road** Insertion of dormers in the roof slopes.
- The Coach House, r/o 33 Crescent Way** Retention of a fence attached to an existing wall.
- 1 Friendly Street** Demolition of existing workshop and construction of a single storey extension at the rear to provide a 2-bed flat and office.
- St. John's Railway Station** Application for the approval of works to alter the canopy, platforms and footbridge.
- Garage r/o 69 Harefield Road** Construction of a garage for use in connection with the new dwelling at 34 Garsington Mews.
- Garage at the rear of 17 Wickham Road** The construction of an extension above the existing garage to provide a two storey 3-bed house with integral garage, and balcony at first floor.
- Ashby Garages, r/o 38 Breakspears Road** Conservation Area consent for demolition.
- Hilly Fields Park** Refurbishment of the toilet block, including alterations to the elevations and the formation of a flat roof.
- R/o 195 and 197 Brockley Rd. and 3a, 5, 7 Harefield Rd.** Revised plans (revision e) to provide 2, 2-storey, 2-bed houses and a part 2, part 3, storey building to provide 5 2-bed, 1 1-bed, 2 studio flats and a restaurant.
- 21 Breakspears Road** Formation of a crossover to the front together with the formation of new piers and gates.
- 51 Wickham Road** Alteration of the roof including installation of rooflights in side and rear, and infilling between roof slopes to provide additional living accommodation.
- 3 Tyrwhitt Road** Construction of a wooden garden shed.
- Breakspears Building, Lewisham College** Installation of 6x3G antennae on the roof.
- 20 Wickham Road** Retention of aluminium sash windows.
- 31 Vulcan Terrace** Construction of a 2-storey extension to the side and gable ended extension to the roof, together with the installation of roof lights in the front and rear roof slopes in connection with the conversion of the roofspace to additional living accommodation.
- 14 Wickham Road** Conversion to 1 1-bed, 3 2-bed flats and a 4 bed house, together with the installation of a dormer window in the front roof slope and alterations to the front and rear elevations, 3 car spaces in the front and 2 crossovers onto Wickham Road. (new application).
- 61 Breakspears Road** Variation of the condition of 9.5.84 for the continued use as a group home in order to increase the number of young mothers from 8 to 9.
- 249a Lewisham Way** Change of use and conversion of the lower ground floor to a 1 bed flat.
- 177a Brockley Road** Alteration and conversion to provide 1 1-bed and 1 4-bed flats

TREES

25 St. Margaret's Road, 54 Chalsey Road, 2a Glensdale Road, 16, 112b Tressillian Road, 41, 80, 108 Breakspears Road, 67a, 139 Upper Brockley Road, 65 Manor Avenue, Lewisham College, 11 Drake Road, 16 Tressillian Crescent, 87 Tyrwhitt Road.



**Planning applications determined
24th March to 24th August 2001**

GRANTED: 325 Brockley Road, 96 Tyrwhitt Road, St Andrew's Church, 155 Upper Brockley Road, 79b Adelaide Avenue, 52 Tyrwhitt Road, 100 Tyrwhitt Road, 16 Cranfield Road, Breakspears building, Lewisham College, 86a Upper Brockley Road, 67a Tyrwhitt Road, 35a Tressillian Road, Coach House, r/o 33 Crescent Way, 11 Montague Avenue, 51 Wickham Road (materials)

REFUSED: 14 Wickham Road, (previous application) 305-307 Brockley Road, 176-180 Tressillian Road, 14a Tressillian Road, 22 Wickham Road, 3 Brockley Cross, 19 Tressillian Crescent.

RAISED NO OBJECTION: Poplar House, Wickham Road, **ENFORCEMENT ACTION:** 3 Brockley Cross, St. John's Station. **WITHDRAWN:** none **APPEALED:** 14 Wickham Road (previous application.)



Working for a safer London

**Brockley Police and
Community Advice Centre**

**Brockley Police Station, Howson Road, SE4
Open Monday to Friday 10am-2pm**

As well as performing normal police front counter services, there are different agencies working from the police station providing advice and assistance.

Monday LEWISHAM VICTIM SUPPORT
Providing advice and support to victims of crime.

**Tuesday NORTH WEST AREA
NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICE**

Housing issues for properties covered by the 'Kender' Housing Office

Wednesday LOCAL COUNCILLOR SURGERY
Advice and action regarding local authority matters
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Full advice surgery available towards the end of 2001

**Thursday EMPLOYMENT SERVICE - ACTION
TEAM FOR JOBS**

Advice and assistance into employment.

**Friday Miscellaneous Monthly Surgeries
including :-**

REFUGE - Charity based organisation dealing with the victims of Domestic Violence.

TRADING STANDARDS

Consumer issues for businesses and the public

LEWISHAM MEDIATION PROJECT (LAMP)

Neighbour disputes where mediation may help

NEW CROSS AND DEPTFORD CREDIT UNION

Advising on debt, credit and can arrange loans

AGE CONCERN

Advice and support for the elderly.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SURGERY

Meet with the Rt. Hon. Joan Ruddock - MP for Lewisham, Deptford

For the dates of the monthly surgeries please contact the Advice Centre on 8284 8525

**New Community Officer
for Brockley Road**

The shops and the community of Brockley Road are now being served by a permanent Community Officer, Pc Gary Wade. Gary has worked at Brockley for a number of years now and has also in the past lived in Brockley. He has responsibility for the entire length of Brockley Road, running from Brockley Cross to Brockley Rise. He is there primarily to assist the shops and businesses by reducing crime and antisocial behaviour. He has certainly "Hit the ground running". In the 6 weeks he has been in place, he has:

- carried out a full crime and disorder questionnaire asking every business to highlight their problems.
 - compiled a complete database of all the businesses so that we now have a total picture of every business in the road.
 - trialled a 'Shop safe' radio system with a view to having a permanent radio alert system between the businesses; lobbied the council to provide the radios. This looks promising.
 - lobbied the Local Authority and Joan Ruddock MP into getting a permanent CCTV system in Brockley Road. Again this is looking very promising.
 - dealt with direct issues such as youth disorder and aggressive begging outside Crofton park BR Station.
 - held a meeting with the businesses between Wickham Road and Adelaide Avenue regarding the placing of gates to the rear access of the shops - a haven for flytipping and other nuisance incidents.
 - already produced one newsletter for the businesses highlighting crime and anti-social behaviour issues. The next issue is in the pipeline.
- All in all, an excellent job done - so far - with more good work to come.

BROCKLEY SOCIETY MEETING 12th September 2001

Conservation matters

Phillip Ashford and Emily Wade came along from LB Lewisham to talk about conservation in general, illustrated with slides and to take up any specific points about Brockley.

Conservation areas are: of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. This definition comes from the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The talk was heavily illustrated by slides of areas and buildings in Lewisham with conservation orders placed on them. There are 25 such areas in the Borough. Lewisham often works in partnership schemes with English Heritage to repair and restore buildings. Recently an English Heritage streetscape manual has been published for public consultation and this will provide much needed guidance about street furniture, which should help in areas such as Brockley.

At the end of the talk several points were

raised; the main concern was that the existing series of leaflets* on conservation produced by Lewisham (samples were at the meeting) should be more widely distributed especially to estate agents who widely trade on Brockley as a conservation area. It was suggested that an old leaflet on the "dos and don'ts" of house renovation in a conservation area produced by the Council should be revised.

Speakers were thanked for an informative talk and refreshments were served at 9.20 pm.

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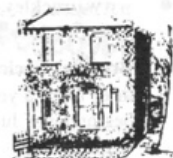
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