

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## Brockley Society Calendar

**Wednesday 5 March 8p.m.**

*Toad's Mouth Café 188 Brockley Rd SE4*

Nina Frentrop, Programme Manager at the Civic Trust, will talk about the latest developments at the Civic Trust, focusing on its Programmes Department. The Civic Trust's Heritage Open Days Programme and the Green Flag Awards are both expanding, and civic societies will play a crucial part in these.

The Civic Trust Awards might well take place outside London for the first time in its history and will be followed by a conference 'In the public interest? A Civic Trust conference to discuss the revitalisation of the public realm.' Together with our civic society members, the Civic Trust and the Programmes Department face exciting new challenges, some of which will be illustrated in this talk.

**Wednesday 7 May 8p.m.**

*venue t.b.c.*

Congestion Charges and how they affect Brockley. Speaker from Transport for London invited. Bring all your other transport questions.

**Midsummer Fayre**

**Saturday 21 June 12-5p.m.**

*Hilly Fields*

Want to help? Join in the fun of running the year's central event on Hilly Fields! We still need people to organise more rides and attractions, coordinate the food stalls, gather sponsors, come up with fun ideas and help on a myriad of other small jobs. *Phone Trottie on 020 8691 7234.*

**Barbecue**

**Friday 4 July**

For family, friends, and newcomers.  
All welcome!

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY

Chair .....	8692 5027
Vice Chair .....	8691 1463
Fayre general .....	8691 7234
Fayre outside stalls .....	8692 0772
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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.



## Brockley Society Panto Posse

Whisked away in a golden coach (well more a Lewisham Council blue, actually) a posse of Brockley children ventured into the wonderful world of panto last December to see the fabulous Bubble Theatre production of 'Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves' at Greenwich Theatre.

The trip was a great success as the 50 Brockley Society-subsidised tickets sold out within days. Lewisham Council's Passenger Services provided the transport, with a whopping discount in exchange for publicity in our newsletter.

The panto trip was an alternative to the Xmas party, which has traditionally been held in St Peter's Centre, sadly lost as a community centre when it was sold last year.

It was great to see so many people - all young at heart - enjoying this event. Many asked if we could organise more social events like this. Well the answer is yes! - but we need your ideas and energy to make them happen. Now if anyone wants to get started sorting out next year's panto trip Xmas is only forty-odd weeks away!!!

*Debbie*

## Chair's letter

I am delighted and honoured to have been endorsed by all present at the Brockley Society AGM to be chair for another year. I would like to thank Justin as treasurer and I am pleased to welcome our new treasurer, Selina, and the many other people new people who have joined the team.

Great thanks to Jayne for organising newsletter distribution and appreciation to Sue for taking over. Getting the newsletter to the 4,000 households in the conservation area is no mean feat and there can never be too many taking part. Please ring me if you can help deliver to part of your street.

Thanks to Debbie and Kath for organising the Christmas Panto outing for children. We look forward to suggestions for this year!

Come and help with the Midsummer Fayre. No contribution is too small. *Call Trottie on 8691 7234* if you would like to help.

*Peter Byrne prbyrne@clara.co.uk*

## Brockley station

### tickets now on the right track!

I recently met staff from South Central Trains to find out why they were so able to install methods of penalising people for not having tickets but not of installing methods of selling them tickets. I wanted some answers and I had been waiting over a year for them.

The meeting was between me, Customer Services Manager Brett Parish, Brockley Station Manager Louise Delaney, and Revenue Protection Manager for the 'Brockley line', Jackie Atta, after long correspondence on the difficulty of buying tickets at Brockley Station.

All three from South Central were totally open to ideas, extremely enthusiastic about their jobs and very optimistic about changes to the 'Brockley line'. How the funding works is complicated and a little bizarre, but helpful things came out of the meeting:

Historically it has been difficult to keep staff at Brockley Station due to repeated robberies. We can all understand this. Resulting staff shortages mean the ticket office not being open. Now the new team, Emmanuel, Ian and Marie, all seem very responsible and very pleasant, and happier with professional security staff present when the ticket office is open: Reassuring!

The ticket machine has had serious attention, but South Central are aware we need a new one showing all the destinations, and taking £20 notes and £2 coins. At least there is acknowledgement that things are unsatisfactory and a new machine is needed.

The permit to travel machine is now working. Because it is manually switched on as the ticket office closes, it can be forgotten.

If either machine is not working please call the customer service number in the ticket office window (0870 830 6000) to advise them, giving your name. By the time you arrive at London Bridge the Revenue Protection Officers should not fine you if they already know.

If everyone does this when there is a problem, this will:-

- **Help, if not prevent, YOU from being fined.**
- **Save others from being fined.**
- **Prompt South Central to take action.**

What happens if you board a train at Brockley without a ticket?:-

Arriving at London Bridge without a ticket is highly likely to result in a fine.

Occasionally you may be able to buy a ticket on the train, but do not rely on it.

It has been possible to buy a ticket at the office this side of the ticket barriers, but this will end at some point.

If the authorities are aware of ticket machine problems, you can normally buy a ticket there and then for that one-off journey.

If the authorities have not been informed, they may take the view that you are honest and issue a "nil penalty fare": you pay for the journey but then have to justify in writing why you did not have a ticket. If your reasons are not satisfactory you may still be fined. Keep any documentation issued! The same would happen if you had forgotten your travelcard or season ticket.

If the authorities do not believe you, they may fine you £10. You can appeal in writing, so again keep any documentation issued.

If it is ascertained that you are a persistent fare evader, the company will issue a prosecution notice.

Quentin

## Brockley Police Update

Community Support Officers, although not actually Police Officers, do have some powers, act as a deterrent to crime, reassure people just by their presence, and reduce the 'fear of crime', Brockley Police Sector Working Group, was told.

Chief Inspector Chance, our previous Brockley Inspector, returned to give a presentation.

By the end of March there will be 500 Community Support Officers on the streets, he told us. The scheme is being extended to 15 Boroughs, including Lewisham. Although they have limited powers, they release Police Officers for other duties. Their role can include traffic patrols, cordons, road checks, major incident response, intelligence gathering (even just 'noticing' things as they patrol the streets), and policing special events.

Before they are introduced into an area, there will be advance publicity. By next year they will be in every Borough, complementing any Community Warden scheme.

### Crime figures

Burglaries borough-wide rose in the last two months compared with the same period a year ago, but the 38 robberies in November and 33 in December in the Brockley Sector were almost the same as last year. The Safer Streets initiative may be forcing robbers to take up burglary, but a 'Safer Homes' initiative should help reduce burglaries over the next few months. Vehicle crime has dropped slightly.

### Coming soon: our very own Police and Community Advice Centre 396 Brockley Road.

The Police and Community Advice centre has been held at Brockley Police Station, but will close when the new Lewisham Police Station opens in September. A 'Race Night' at the Rivoli Ballroom in February was arranged to raise money needed for major building costs to alter 396 Brockley Road to be our own Centre - *the first volunteer-led Police and Community Advice Centre in England*. Brockley leads the country! Brockley Society's AGM in November agreed to contribute £1,000 towards equipment for the centre.

### The Brockley Rise CCTV camera

The Brockley Rise CCTV camera was installed before Christmas, followed by Brockley Grove. A third will be erected soon at the junction of Wickham Road with Brockley Road and two more are to follow. The cameras should be linked to the Council control room within the next month.

## Buses and bus stops

Farewell to the much-loved No.36 Routemasters, which ran from Kilburn to central Lewisham along Lewisham Way; they now only run to New Cross Gate.

Welcome to the new No.436 hi-tech 'bendy buses' which run from Paddington to Lewisham. Tickets for the £2 one-day bus passes are available from ticket machines at each stop and must be bought before boarding the bus.

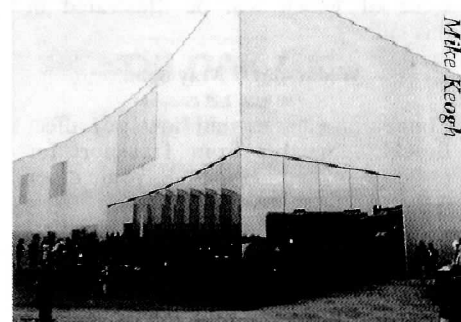
Those of you leaving your cars behind because of Congestion Charging, remember the £2 bus pass, still available from newsagents, lets you travel all day, including morning rush hour, throughout London, including Zone 1.

Just before Christmas we met Andrew Boag from Transport for London (TfL) in Lewisham Way to discuss the positioning of stops and the state of the pavements. We are still waiting for a reply, almost two months later. We will let you know more in the next newsletter.

Gillian



This dreary picture of a tangled car crash shows what happens when foolish people tamper with street signs. The Give Way and Roundabout sign on Wickham Road northbound had been turned right round, confusing a northbound driver. We are pleased that Lewisham Highways department put it right as soon as they were informed.



### The world famous Laban Centre for dance in Deptford was unveiled to the public in February

Information: 020 8691 8600  
or visit [www.laban.org](http://www.laban.org)



### 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); Or order by post. Cheques to: Brockley Society, 102 Tyrwhitt Road, London SE4 1QB. £2.50 inc. postage. Or order on the net through: [www.brockley.com/stonecircle](http://www.brockley.com/stonecircle)

# A year of Brockley Society

## 25 November 2002 Chairman's Report

It has been an honour and a pleasure to be Chairman of BrocSoc for the past year, although it was a bit daunting at first. I have greatly enjoyed meeting so many people I would not otherwise have met. Thanks for support from Daniel, vice chair. I would first like to thank everyone who has helped with the BrocSoc's activities – we can never have too many helpers.

Last year we organised a Christmas Craft Fayre at the Art House and a Christmas Children's party at St Peter's Centre. Building work at the Art House made it difficult this year, but we hope to hold it next year. If anyone is interested in running the Craft Fayre please let us know. This year's outing for children was to see Ali Baba – see front page for details.

Since November 2001, when the sale of St Peter's Centre first came to our attention, an enormous amount of time and effort has been spent. We tried first to halt the sale, and then to put together a bid to buy the Centre, raising money from grant and fund applications. Although this was not successful, the ideas put forward and resourcefulness displayed by everyone are very positive, and can still be put to use.

The Midsummer Fayre was again very enjoyable and a great success, thanks to Trottie and many others. The Fayre is not to be taken for granted: it needs a lot of organising and helpers, both before and on the day. Many hands make light work, so please, anyone can help in whatever way – there really is nothing too small. Bite-sized jobs take up just a few minutes. Enjoy the day, but you can also be part of it! We had people from as far away as Peckham and West Wickham coming (not to mention Germany), but it is the local nature of the Fayre that makes it so special, meeting our local neighbours, sometimes for the only time that year.

Brockley Society now has its own website, updated by Kate and DKA associates, a local designer. This is part of the brockley.com website: [www.brockley.com/brocSoc](http://www.brockley.com/brocSoc) All meetings and events are listed on this site and it will be updated with future events and news. The newsletter can be downloaded from here, and in time more will be added to this site. Any suggestions welcome.

The newsletter is published three times a year. We are very pleased to welcome Ian Hibbert as the designer, taking over from Mike Faith, whom we thank very much for his long contribution. We also welcome Serena to the editorial team (with Clare and me). And where could we be without Bean, who does a fantastic job with the advertising, all by himself, and would greatly appreciate help with this.

We would like to thank Justin Woodhouse for being the Treasurer for the last few years. As he is now moving out of the area he sadly is to step down. Selina has become our new Treasurer. Welcome!

I would like to welcome anyone who wants to come along to Brockley Society meetings so we can find out what it is you want us to do for you. Whenever a group of people get together in a positive way the end result is beneficial. What speakers and subjects would you like? Is anyone concerned about traffic, road safety, parking and public transport? What do you want to be done about it? You can have your voice. Nothing happens if people don't voice concerns. Anything of concern to local people in Brockley is worth talking about.

I look forward to next year, with new challenges and hope to see you all again.

### Some other items from the AGM

- The treasurer reported that £3,371 had been paid out for new play equipment on Hilly Fields. The money was held in BrocSoc's account after local youngsters raised it specifically to improve the play facilities.
- A request that part of Vicar's Hill, which has several fine Arts & Crafts Movement houses at the top of the hill, should become part of the Conservation Area was supported, to be pursued by officers.
- It was agreed by the meeting that a wreath from Brockley Society should be placed on the war memorial in Lewisham Way each year on Remembrance Sunday. It was also agreed to look into why the seats have been removed from these gardens.

*Peter Byrne*

## BrocSoc Archives

Last December I deposited records of BrocSoc activities from 1973 to 1996 with Lewisham's Local Studies Centre. Most of these records are committee correspondence but also included are two almost complete sets of the newsletter from its first issue in May/June 1974. All of this material will eventually be available for use by anyone who wants to use it in the Centre.

However, some of the earlier newsletters are in short supply, so if you have any of the following issues and would be willing to donate them to us, please contact one of the committee (see page 1)

Issue numbers required are: 1, 2, 4, 12, 14, 16, 22, 24, 27, 30, 31, 39, 56, 88, and 89.

Thanks!

*Kate*

## Be Inspired this summer

### Coming to Brockley

An event that will open your eyes to the world around you

For details visit

[www.brockleywildlife.co.uk](http://www.brockleywildlife.co.uk)

Email:

[info@brockleywildlife.co.uk](mailto:info@brockleywildlife.co.uk)

## Carols for Shelter

The vibrant voices of some BrocSoc members raised £70 for Shelter on a crisp evening before Christmas. Thanks to all who donated.

## Brockley Cross Action Group consultation

I was very impressed to hear what the BCAG has achieved when I attended a meeting in February to hear the progress of their plans.

BCAG has secured funding from Lewisham council and has engaged ACQ architects to undertake a survey of residents and businesses in the area.

Over 1500 questionnaires have been sent out and well over 10% filled in, which is considered a good response. The business survey is being completed with the help of a volunteer with great care, skill and attention by face-to-face interview as well.

Preliminary findings have been presented and Phase 2 of the consultation will begin in March.

The main priorities are: improved pedestrian access, reduction in traffic, improvements to Brockley Cross, improvements to the station and railway bridge, and reopening the Vesta Rd bridge to ease traffic congestion.

It was found that Brockley seemed to have no true 'centre'. People tended not to cross over from one side of Brockley Cross to the other and would visit the shops on their own side of the street. What people wanted was improvements in local amenities and the environment.

The consultants found there could be room for a civic space. What about a farmer's market? What about opening up the high level station with links to Lewisham, Brixton and Victoria?

What case would have to be made in this era of public penury? European grants were possible given the right case. More residential accommodation in the area may help the case. What about affordable housing for key workers?

Generally the consultation results were positive. People like living in Brockley. Crime was a concern but not dominant. There is a good Police Consultative Group going.

More encouragement to use local businesses would help. There are many local craftsmen as well as the obvious retail and food outlets.

Brockley Society applauds BCAG's initiative. Please support this imaginative vision.

## In and around Brockley

The latest planning brief for Urban Renaissance Lewisham has recognised the significance of the rivers and open space in the town centre. This has been after consultation with the party and interested groups, including Lewisham Environment Trust, of which I am chair.

The H plan has been adopted, which means the roundabout will go but opportunities for bringing the rivers' confluence into the public realm, with public art and parks are now being considered.

Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police are hopefully going to accommodate the potential breaking out of the River Quaggy which will be a true renaissance in our river centred market town. Already URL partners QWAG and the Environment Agency have made significant improvements upstream and plan more since they are keen to improve flood defences and improve biodiversity even in Central Lewisham.

### — Opera Festival in Lewisham? —

I have been on a few trips to Wildbad in Germany's Black Forest to experience the fascinating world of Rossini Belcanto Opera. The spa town is busy with international tourists at this July festival, eager to hear Eastern European orchestras, and both rising and established stars perform his popular and obscure works. During conversations with friends about this and the potential urban river renaissance (see above) it was thought that Lewisham could host an equivalent festival close to the original, perhaps broader in nature and complementing other festivals in Lewisham. By using the fine venues in the borough such as the Broadway Theatre, Blackheath Halls, The Stone House, Deptford Town Hall, and others, there is no reason why regulars to Wildbad should not feel at home here, even in an urban environment. A Ladywell based opera web site being set up at the moment may include a section to test the water so to speak!

### — Mason's Midsummer Meal prize claimed at last! —

The runner up prize for the last Fayre raffle was claimed recently by the winners. The couple, already regulars at Mason's Bar Restaurant, saved their prize for a special occasion and were not disappointed. They said it had been the best meal there ever. Paul and Helen, the business partners, want to open a quality deli on the site to raise the standards in Ladywell. They will also be approaching the Fayre Committee to ask if a Mason's wine and beer marquee could be a feasible addition to the popular family event.

### — Bringing Biodiversity to Brockley —

A new member of Brockley Society is currently looking to raise funds to set up a series of workshops to explore ways that local people in all types of houses and flats can encourage wildlife into the area. From bird feeders to window boxes, composts to rotting logs (there are quite a few of them around!), ponds to urban forests; the techniques of Biodiversity enhancement are hoped to be passed onto anyone interested. Professionals from the RSPB and Local History Museum as well as local amateurs will present the series which will deliver the Lewisham Biodiversity Action Plan's Education remit as well as Gardens Habitat Action Plan. Watch this space for Mark's announcements.

### — Where Have all the Sparrows Gone? —

The British Trust of Ornithologists and the RSPB is still collecting records of House Sparrows in London. If anyone is interested in recording these birds, which have recently declined in number, please keep simple records every month and send them to me, Mike Keogh, at [ladywell@ntlworld.com](mailto:ladywell@ntlworld.com) or 85 Ermine Road, SE13 7JJ (contact me first if you want so I can send a template). If you can tell the male and females apart the data would be even more useful.

### — Ladywell Adhesive Specialities Ltd building under threat —

Like BrocSoc, we at Ladywell Soc want to keep our fine buildings. The recent application to demolish the Adhesives Factory by Ladywell Bridge was refused by the council, supported by a petition of 421 signatories, including Joan Ruddock MP.

The building is going to be locally listed although may qualify for English Heritage listing status. Until the latter occurs it is still vulnerable to being legally demolished by the owners. The council would prefer it to remain for business use, not the dense housing use applied for. Studio space is also an option, requiring less toing and froing of goods in and out of the dangerous access road.

There will be another petition soon, with copies at Ladywell Station, Mason's and Life cafe. There is a particular issue of the protected view of St Mary's Church which will be severely hindered from Hilly Fields if the proposed rebuilding to a higher level were to go ahead.

### — Spring is imminent in Hilly Fields —

Hilly Field's wild meadows are about to start the new season's growth. When the ground is dry and hard enough the main grass cuts will define the borders of the meadows and the joggers and dog-walkers will delineate the circular paths. It is hoped this year that local botanists will survey the areas and locals may set up nature trails for the public and Prendergast School pupils. We hope hedge restoration (with hawthorn mainly) along Vicar's Hill will occur as a community event in the tree planting season.

### — Spike Memorial Tree planted in Crofton Park Library —

A Silver Birch, to be dedicated to the late Spike Milligan, has been planted in the library forecourt to replace the rowan blown over in the October storm.

Spike grew up in Honor Oak and had his first ever gig in St Cyprian's Hall. He was a Patron of the Lewisham Environment Trust and we in LET are sure he must have visited the library in his time here.

We are arranging a ceremony close to the first anniversary of his passing. A plaque designed by Ladywell's John Pitt should also be unveiled by the Mayor. John also created the steel sculpture and bench close by. Watch this space for further news.

*Mike Keogh*

## Hilly Fields Users' Group

Our December meeting was attended by seven stalwarts undaunted by the cold weather.

We acknowledged the improvements over the year and reminded Glendale Grounds Management of areas we'd like to see action taken.

Toilets: The new shrub bed has already helped to improve the appearance of the loos, and is hoped will deter vandals. More shrubs are needed. The Anti-Graffiti team are usually very prompt at covering up the offensive material. Members' experience of the cleanliness inside, and whether the lights were on, seemed to differ from day to day.

Other improvements include the new play equipment (paid for by money collected recently by local youngsters), noticeboards, benches, litter-bins (of course we could always do with more), and some of the park entrances.

Promised but not delivered to date: repainting of lampposts, removal of basal growth around many trees, new tree-planting, clearance of dangerous material in the 'Bothy' area, and a summertime park warden to collect tennis-court fees in addition to performing maintenance duties.

These and other topics including the meadow/wildlife areas, dog-damage to trees (the vast majority of dog-owners enjoy and respect the park, it needs to be said), paths, drains (exciting!), etc. will be discussed at our next meeting on

*Tuesday 11 March 2003*

*7.30pm at St. Peter's Church*

*Cranfield Rd SE4.*

The following one is on the second Tuesday in June (10th). You are invited to attend.

*Andrew Harper, Chair*

# Saturday 21 June

*12 noon – 5 pm*

## SUMMER FAYRE

*on Hilly fields*



The Summer Fayre is BrocSoc's central event for all people of all ages. Keep this date free. Many attractions and food will be there for a fun, enjoyable day.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

November 2002 - February 2003

### 100 Adelaide Avenue

Construction of 2 dormer windows to the rear roof slope, a roof light in the front roof and the construction of a single storey extension to the rear.

### Lewisham College

The erection of steel fencing above a brick wall to ht. of 2.4m. on the boundary fronting Tressillian Road.

### 1st floor flat, 9b Chalsey Road

Installation of box sash style windows to the front.

### Syringa House, Wickham Road

Installation of 3 antennae on existing pole mounts and upgrading of telecommunication equipment.

### R/o 185 Brockley Road

Change of use of the garage to the rear in Harefield Mews to a 1-bed, live/work unit together with the construction of an additional storey and alterations to the front elevation.

### 104 Adelaide Avenue

Construction of an extension to the conservatory at the rear.

### 81 Tyrwhitt Road

Construction of a conservatory to the rear.

### 75 Cranfield Road

Construction of a mansard extension incorporating french doors and balustrade to the rear roof slope, and roof lights to the front.

### R/o 43 Manor Avenue

The construction of a replacement garage in the rear garden together with an increase in height of the existing walls.

### 170 Tressillian Road

Alteration and conversion to create 2 1-bed and 1 2-bed flats.

### 8 The Parade, Upper Brockley Road

Change of use and conversion of the lower ground floors to provide a 2-bed maisonette, together with the alteration of the front elevation and the construction of 1 metre high railings to the front and rear.

### R/o 87 Upper Brockley Road

Construction of a new building to provide a 1-bed live/work unit.

### 80a Manor Avenue

Retention of replacement window and doors together with alterations to the rear elevation.

### 96 Tressillian Road

Alteration and conversion to provide 1 1-bed, 4 2-bed flats, together with demolition of side and rear extensions and construction of single storey side extension, part one, part two storey rear extension, a roof garden at first floor level with railings, the construction of a dormer extension and provision of 2 car spaces in the rear garden with access from Harefield Road.

### 96 Tressillian Road

Demolition of garages and construction of a 2-bed coach house, with provision of a car space with access onto Harefield Road.

### R/o 168 Lewisham Way

Conversion and alteration of the existing coach house, together with a single storey extension to the rear and construction of a dormer window and 2 roof lights in the side roof slope to provide a 3 bed house.

### 71 Tressillian Road, Shepherd's School

Variation of planning permission to allow opening from 07:30 am.

### Bus Shelter outside Tressillian Building, Lewisham Way

Display of 2 poster panels as an integral part of the bus shelter.

### 78 Tyrwhitt Road

Conservation area consent for rebuilding the flank garden wall to a height of 1.860 metres

### Trees

47 Wickham Road, 46 Breakspears Road, 25, 61a Tyrwhitt Road

### Planning applications determined

Granted and Refused: we are unable to report these. Until August of last year, we were sent printed copies of both the weekly list of planning applications and the list of planning applications determined. The Council now says that as the information is available on the net they will no longer send us these lists. I find it impossible to extract and print the information needed for just Brockley, so am sorry that we cannot bring up to date information. We are trying to persuade the council that it should treat the amenity and residents' societies as special cases, as we do a lot of voluntary work for it, and we will not be able to do it as efficiently without these lists.

### Appeals to the Planning Inspector:

### 127 Upper Brockley

Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the retention of replacement UPVC windows and front door.

Gillian

## DGO (Restoration)

Fibrous Plastering and Model Making  
Kingsley Building, Rowland Road,  
Portchester, Portsmouth, PO6 4RD

Tel: 023 9238 5277

Following major subsidence to the front of our house, the elaborate cornicing found in so many Brockley houses needed cleaning, copying and replacing. DGO Restoration did a beautiful job and we now have cornicing that looks too good to be true. This is a firm recommendation for their work!

CC

## Head for Business

We are Michelle McIntosh and Gerard Darby, joint project managers of 'Head for Business', an innovative micro lending, business start-up training and support project that is headed for the Lewisham area. 'Art of Regeneration' is running the scheme from the newly refurbished Albany Theatre, in Deptford.

### Head for Business

MICRO LENDING, TRAINING AND SUPPORT

for creative entrepreneurs who want to get ahead in business

Do you have an idea for a Creative business?  
Are you unsure about how to get started?  
Do you need to access finance?  
Do you live or want to do business in Lewisham or Greenwich?  
Would you value networking with like-minded people?

Head  
for Business

If you answered yes to any of the above, then Head for Business is for you. Contact Michelle or Gerard for more information.  
Head for Business  
Art of Regeneration  
The Albany, Douglas Way  
London SE8 4AG  
tele - 0208 691 3800  
email - mmcintosh@artofregeneration.com  
email - gdarby@artofregeneration.com

Equal

### Are you a thinker or a doer?

Creative entrepreneurs who want to set up in business will be able to receive free training in business skills, information, access to funding and most importantly support from like-minded individuals to get their enterprises up and running.

We will be offering a menu of services: Is Enterprise for me? - A business preparation programme leading to development of a business plan. It will run three hours a week for six weeks (beginning Jan 20th 2003) - Participants can test the viability of their business ideas and get ahead and a Head for business!

Business Skills Training (10 half day sessions beginning 24th Feb 2003) - where participants can deepen their understanding and knowledge of key business skills such as cash flow, tax, legal issues etc

A peer led - micro lending scheme - where individuals can borrow up to £1000 (in the first instance) for their business subject to the approval of a circle of peers. At the same time they can draw on the support and expertise of the network to help them through what is often an isolating and challenging experience of getting their business up and running.

If you're a designer, DJ, singer or do anything creative which you would like to build into a business - the scheme is for you. We will show you that business and creativity definitely do mix and we will create the climate for you to enjoy learning and developing the skills you need to succeed.

Head for Business will be recruiting in December 2002 for its training programmes.

All enquiries should be made to:

Michelle McIntosh or Gerard Darby

020 8691 3800

mmcintosh@artofregeneration.com

gdarby@artofregeneration.com

**DON'T JUST THINK ABOUT IT. DO IT!**

## Red phone box

You may have noticed that last spring the red 'K6' listed telephone box at the corner of Lewisham Way and Tyrwhitt Road was demolished by a vehicle in a road traffic accident. The remains were removed quickly, but it took several irate phone calls from us to get it replaced. Yes, the second K6 box is now installed, but where is the equipment which should be inside it? Is this the 1% of BT call boxes which doesn't work? More phone calls please to get this corrected. **STOP PRESS:** Equipment now installed. Thank you BT.

Gillian

### 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:

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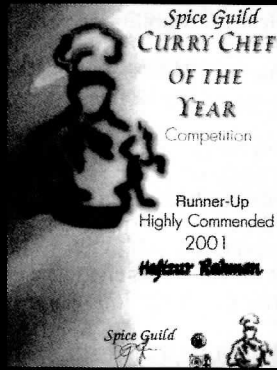
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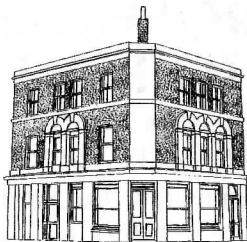
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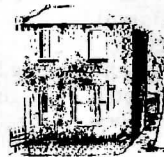
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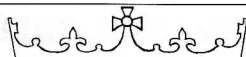
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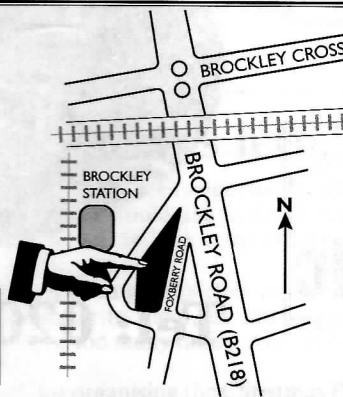
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