

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## Brockley Society Calendar

**Friday 4 July 6.30pm-9.30pm**

Meet at the *Stone Circle on Hilly Fields* with your picnic and your barbecue food to cook on BrocSoc's famous barbecue. Bring your family, music, and entertainment.

**Wednesday 10 September 8pm**

*Toad's Mouth Too, 188 Brockley Road, SE4.*  
**BROCKLEY SOCIETY MEETING:**  
*Andrew Boag of Transport for London* will answer your questions on London Buses initiatives, Congestion Charging, and local transport issues. Send your questions by email to Peter: [prbyrne@clara.co.uk](mailto:prbyrne@clara.co.uk) or on 020 8692 5027.

**Wednesday 13 November 8pm**

**BROCKLEY SOCIETY AGM**

**LEWISHAM ARTHOUSE OPEN STUDIOS**

An opportunity to see the diverse range of work produced in the building. Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June, 12 noon -6pm. Cafe open

**Exhibitions**

21 June - 7 July: Expose.

9-12 July: Heather Steed.

Wed-Sun 12 noon -5pm. (Free admission)

Lewisham Arthouse, 140 Lewisham Way, SE14. Tel: 020 8694 9011 for details of classes and workshops, adults and children.

**BIKE WEEK 2003**

See Lewisham Cycling Campaign's website [www.lewishamcyclists.org](http://www.lewishamcyclists.org) or phone 020 8314 5490 for details. Here are a few of the events:

**Wed 18 June: Blythe Hill Picnic**

**Thu 19 June: South on Waterlink Way**, one of Lewisham's best-kept green and pleasant secrets. Meet 7pm, Ladywell Bridge (entrance to Ladywell Fields). Families and children particularly welcome. 10+ miles at a slow to medium pace.

**Fri 20 June: Thames Path eastwards after-worker**

**Sat 21 June: Midsummer Madness Ride**

(note: Friday night-Saturday morning)

**Sat 21 June: Dr. Bike at BrocSoc Fayre**

**Sun 22 June: London Waterways Loop II**

## BROCKLEY SOCIETY

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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

HILLY FIELDS

# SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 21st June 12-5pm

**CAKE COMPETITION**  
 (children and adults)

**PHOTO COMPETITION**  
**BROCKLEY LIFE**  
 (under15, 15-21 & over21)  
 bring your entries on the day

**RAFFLES**

**QUASAR LAZER**

**CUP & SAUCER RIDE**

**SHIRE HORSES**

**INFLATABLE SLIDE**

**MAYPOLE DANCERS**

**DOG CONTEST**

**TUG OF WAR**

**THAI & CARIBBEAN FOOD**

**Bar-B-Q**

**FUN IN THE SUN**

**1st prize**

**1st prize**

**CRAFT STALLS**

Children's drawing competition - bring your entries on the day!

Enquiries or offers of help: Trottie, 020 8691 7234.

Photo competition details: see page 3.

Cake, photo and drawing competitions: bring your entries on the day.

## Brockley Open Studios 2003

**Saturday July 5th 2pm to 8pm**

**Sunday July 6th 2pm to 8pm**

**Monday July 7th 5pm to 8pm**

Artists living and working in the Brockley area of south east London open their studios to the public for three days from Saturday July 5th 2003.

The event has been held annually since 1992. Its great success has been built on the very high concentration of artists, many with connections to Goldsmiths and Camberwell Art Schools, who have chosen to live and work in Brockley's large Victorian houses.

Visitors enjoy the opportunity to meet the artists and view their work in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in a great variety of interesting workspaces all within walking distance of each other. Much of the work is for sale direct from the artist.

Visit the website [www.brockleyopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.brockleyopenstudios.co.uk) to see details of the 47 artists participating in 28 locations.

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## The Great Wall of China

In October Becky and Martha Reed from Drake Road will be taking part in a challenge of a lifetime - an 80km trek along the Great Wall of China to raise funds for ActionAid.

'I have always supported ActionAid and we sponsor a child in India through them,' said Becky. 'Martha has always wanted to visit China so when I saw the trek advertised, at just the right time for my holiday and Martha's post-university plans, it just seemed to fit.'

ActionAid is one of the UK's largest international development organisations, helping poor people in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. They help people gain control of their lives and build a self-sufficient future.

'It's about people helping themselves, not just dishing out money. It's more about the whole community and education,' continued Becky.

'We are committed to raising £5,000 between us for this extremely worthwhile cause,' said Martha. 'Our trek will take five days, along and beside the Great Wall. In Beijing we will have the opportunity to see first hand how the funds we have raised can make a real and lasting difference to people fighting their way out of poverty and inequality.'

Many people will know Becky as a midwife in Brockley for many years. Her daughter Martha was born in Brockley.

Becky and Martha are seeking help to reach their fundraising target, and are asking people to sponsor them. 'We need to work out whether we'll be spending the summer rattling collection tins!' they said.

To learn more, visit the ActionAid website: [www.actionaid.org/index.shtml](http://www.actionaid.org/index.shtml).

**Donations by cheque made out to ActionAid Trading and Promotions Ltd. can be handed in at the Brockley Society stall at the Summer Fayre or sent to Becky and Martha Reed at 6 Drake Road, SE4 1QH.**

We expect a report and pictures for the newsletter afterwards!

- Trekking for charity is something of a Brockley speciality. In 2000 Jayne Confino trekked to the lost city of Machu Picchu to raise funds for the Children's Society (see BrocSoc newsletter No.91).
- Please send us reports of any interesting things you do - treks or otherwise!



Becky and Martha Reed, who are heading to China

# Masterplanning for Brockley Cross

A very successful public meeting of the Brockley Cross Action Group (BCAG) was held in March at the Church of God in Christ Calvary, Shardeloes Road. More than 80 local residents and traders turned out to meet Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham, and to hear a presentation by acq Architects, commissioned by BCAG and Lewisham Council to conduct a Masterplanning exercise, designed to improve Brockley Cross.

BCAG Chair Charlie Hedges and Stuart Woodin, who has spearheaded the masterplanning exercise, opened the meeting by stressing the importance of the consultative nature of the project, and the importance of public feedback on the plans so far. acq then outlined the methodology and results from the January consultation exercise; the strengths of the area (enthusiasm of those who live and work in Brockley, the existence of pressure groups BCAG and Brockley Society, and the growing business community); and the weaknesses (traffic congestion, poor amenities and lost business opportunities).

They outlined ways they believed the area could be improved. Their overall strategy was to attract a wider range of businesses to the area, to improve transport links and to create a more attractive environment around the area of Brockley Cross, the station and Coulgate Street.

### Their proposals included:

- ♦ The creation of two pedestrianised areas, one on Brockley Cross itself, and one in front of the station, on Coulgate street. One of these sites could be used for a Farmers Market.
- ♦ A re-design of the site currently occupied by Howarth Timber to include sports facilities and a series of small commercial units to be used by local artists;
- ♦ Bus ranks outside the station to improve transport links.

## Pedestrian crossings on Lewisham Way

Transport for London (TfL) has decided to alter the crossing in our part of Lewisham Way. They consulted a consultant, (but not the users) and decided on a new lights-controlled crossing near Tyrwhitt Road; the crossing near St. John's Vale to be just an island; and a new lights-controlled crossing in front of the Tressillian building of Lewisham College, near Breakspears Road. I remember the first pedestrian crossing was put in Lewisham Way at the exact same spot that the new one near Tyrwhitt Road will be and was moved within a short time after several bad accidents, with pedestrians hurt by cars which came fast up the hill and could not stop in time. One of the accidents was fatal.

We also lost a bus stop then. Have you noticed that between Upper Brockley Road and the bottom of Loampit Hill there are four stops on the way to Lewisham, but only three the other way - with all that heavy shopping from Lewisham!

I have been talking to TfL, but no joy as yet.

Who else remembers the crossing and the bus stop? When was it? Please ring me with your recollections and comments so we can continue the dialogue with TfL.

Gillian 8692 6977



Proposal for Brockley Cross Junction

- ♦ A large restaurant, or other leisure-related business to occupy Bridge House, in order to encourage people to stop in the area, and not merely drive through.

Steve Bullock stressed that urban renewal solutions have to be both realistic and opportunistic, and the changes sustainable. He was impressed by the enthusiasm evident in the meeting, but also warned that patience is needed, citing the example of the DLR extension, which took 20 years to be realised from Lewisham Council's initial discussions. He promised to consider all proposals put by BCAG.

Feedback after the talks was enthusiasm for acq's ideas, but also caution: acq was urged to address more forcefully the issue of traffic congestion, perhaps by re-visiting the traffic-flow system proposed by Chris Woods, and by considering re-opening Vesta Road Bridge. Several people also questioned how many of the proposals, especially those involving change of use of existing businesses, would take place.

A second consultation exercise with Brockley residents and traders took place in early May in the Brockley (work)shop at 20-22 Brockley Road.

Further information:

BCAG at [stuart.woodin@btclick.com](mailto:stuart.woodin@btclick.com); or [peter@assembledevelopments.com](mailto:peter@assembledevelopments.com), or Hal Currey at [hal@acq-architects.com](mailto:hal@acq-architects.com) or visit [www.brockley.com/bcag/masterplanning](http://www.brockley.com/bcag/masterplanning)

## Brockley Badminton Club

THURSDAY EVENINGS (8-10PM)

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(in the upstairs hall) on Lewisham Way

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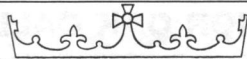
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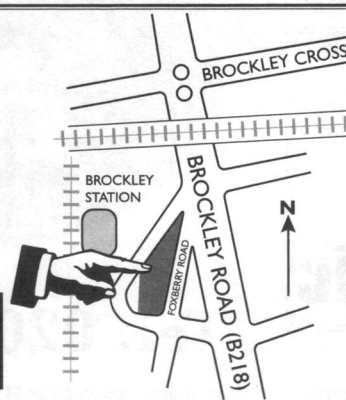
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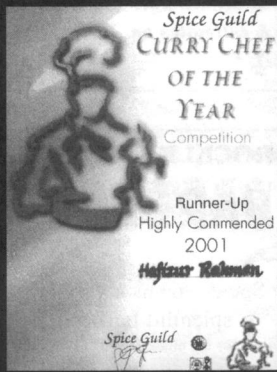
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Opening Hours  
5.30pm - 11.30pm

Tuesday - Sunday  
(All Bank Holidays)

**10 The Parade**  
**Upper Brockley Road**  
**SE4**  
**020 8694 1010**



## Masterplan of India

A very successful public Brockley Cross Action Group held in March at the Christ Calvary, Shardelode 80 local residents and meet Steve Bullock, and to hear a presentation commissioned by Council to exercise, design Cross.

BCA Parties Undertaken

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