

BROCKLEY SOCIETY

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Brockley Calendar

Brockley Society AGM
Thursday 8 December 8pm

Mulled Wine & Refreshments
St Andrews Centre Wickham/Brockley Rd
All welcome, your chance to make a difference

Craft Fayre

Sunday 11 December 12noon - 4pm
The Arthouse, Lewisham Way

Carol Singing for a charity
Tuesday 20 December

Meet at corner of Tressillian and
Harefield Roads

Brockley Cross Action Group AGM
Thursday 1st December 7.30pm

at John Stainer School Mantle Road
All are welcome to attend

Christmas Market

Friday 9th December 6.00 - 8.30pm
at Toad's Mouth Too cafe

Hilly Fields User Group meeting
6th December 7.30pm
at the Bothy

BrocSoc Panto trip
9 December
see page 6 for details

Coming in 2006

Inaugural concert by the Belgravia Ensemble of London String Trio Concert. Violinist - Barbara Desimpolaere, Viola - Anna Ritchie, Clare Deniz - Cello Composers to include Beethoven, Schubert, St Peter's Church, Wickham Rd. The BEL are experienced local musicians, having played at the Leominster Festival, Dulwich picture gallery.

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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 Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Document

Every house in the Brockley Conservation Area received a leaflet through the door on "character appraisal and proposals for preservation and enhancement" of the area. The council was consulting on the Supplementary Planning Document which proposes some changes in the area, and encouraged residents to give their views. Brockley Society has put forward a response, printed below.

The Brockley Society has formulated this response after discussion with members.

1. History

There are a number of inaccuracies in the history section, including the dates of certain boundary changes, the Manor Avenue GIA, and early requests for an article 4 direction to cover the whole area.

2. Alterations to boundaries

a. Brockley Cemetery

This should be included. It has links with the area as the local cemetery. Many names of those who lived in the conservation area are here so this would complete the area in a historical context. We also ask that you consider some of Ivy Rd (shown on a map of 1562 as Ivy Lane). This would make the boundary of the conservation area simpler.

b. 285-331 Brockley Rd

This should be included as part of a similar development to St Margarets Rd. Also include the block between Adelaide Ave and Ivy Rd for continuity.

c. 20-56 Vicars Hill

These should be included. Inclusion will complete the ring of houses facing Hilly Fields. The Arts and Craft house, Copperfield, (n0. 46) built for a Greenwich brewery owner, should be locally listed and also considered for statutory listing. Inclusion will prevent use of inappropriate materials for windows, doors, roofs and walls.

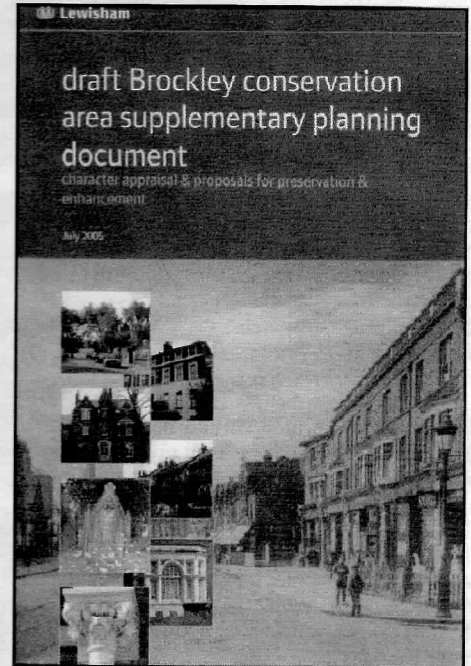
d. 9-19 Vulcan Rd

These should not be removed. The aim of the conservation area should be inclusive, and not to "give up". Vulcan Rd is a unique terrace in the area and should be preserved. Most of the roofs remain as slate. The windows and front doors can be restored to original design and materials. Most of the corbels are still there, and the chimney stacks although not the pots. An article 4 direction would encourage the owners to reinstate windows and front doors to the original design and materials.

We would also like Luxmore Gardens, access from Rokeby Rd, to be included. These gardens were redesigned from by residents of the Conservation Area from derelict gardens and garages, and are a valuable resource for residents. Conservation Area status will ensure this is maintained in an appropriate manner.

e. 15-27 Eastern Rd.

The Brockley Society does not think that Eastern Rd should be removed. It has not



changed materially since it was included in the extension to the Conservation Area in 1993. Only by staying in the conservation area can the character be preserved and prevented from deteriorating. With an article 4 direction uPVC windows and satellite dishes will be prevented. The street has the potential to improve with appropriate replacement windows and front doors. The council would also have more control over the road, and some aspects of the poor

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Save Ladywell Pool Campaign

www.saveladywellpool.com

Apparently Lewisham's Overview and Scrutiny Education Business Panel has decided not to approve the Mayor's decision to build a new school on the site of Ladywell Leisure Centre, so perhaps there some hope of fighting the closure of this much-needed swimming pool.

The number of children able to swim 25 metres in Lewisham is 36%. Nationally the figure is 83%.

Lewisham is 31st out of 33 London Boroughs for swimming provision per capita.



design reversed. Eastern Rd is part of Hilly Fields and as all of Hilly Fields is in the conservation area all of the fronting roads should also be included. All of the reasons for including it in 1993 remain now. The area has historic interest as the house of Henry Williamson is in this road, and he wrote extensively about the area in the 1900's in his Chronicle of Ancient Sunlight..

3. Article 4 Direction.

The Brockley Society strongly approves of this proposal. This Brockley Society has been requesting this since 1974, soon after the Conservation Area was designated.

If it is approved then it is essential that a leaflet in clear non-technical language explaining the effects as it applies to all residents would need to be delivered to all householders in order to ensure the reasons and required implications are fully understood.

4. Design Guidance for Homeowners. P65

The general design guidance is useful, especially if an article 4 Direction is not served and it should be in the BCASPD. We think that had this advice been common knowledge many years ago, then there may not have been so many uncontrolled infringements of the ca.

5. Design Guidance for New Mews Buildings. P71

Conservation Principles.

There is already a **Design Brief for Harefield Mews** which should be referred to here. It would be helpful if an architect were to be engaged to draw up plans for buildings in this mews.

Early buildings shown on the 1914 map which still exist are:

Ashby Mews: One building with loading arm (fig5, p.30), r/o 82, 94 Manor Ave

Manor Mews: r/o 168 Lewisham Way, a ss coach house

Wickham Mews: r/o 32 Wickham Rd
Breakspears Mews: r/o St Peter's Court (was 29 Wickham Rd)

Also in an unnamed Mews: r/o 57 Wickham Rd.

There are also others which may have been missed, or were built soon after the map was surveyed (r/o 186 Lewisham way)

The BROCKLEY SOCIETY does not believe the mews are suitable for residential or further commercial development. Omitting Garsington Mews and Harefield Mews:

The mews are extremely important to the character of the ca. They provide a unique view from side roads of the backs of houses over the long back gardens containing mature trees and single storey garages.

- They are not suitable for refuse vehicles due to the narrow width.
- There would be insufficient amenity space if plots were divided.
- Opportunities for parking would be lost for the main house, and so the main roads would remain lined with cars.
- The drains are full to capacity and further residential development would overload them.
- An unmade road with no street lighting is not a suitable access for a residential property.
- RD will cause the removal of mature trees, usually planted at the ends of gardens.
- Only garaging or building ancillary to the main house should be allowed, with no separate dwellings and not to be sold separately.
- The back gardens are needed for the existing houses, many of which are in several flats.

• P68 'Development in Rear Gardens' is a suitable statement that we would be happy with. Note that the policy on P71-72 contradicts this.

On corner sites, at the end of a mews where a building can have road frontage, some plots have been developed. In these cases the new buildings now obscure the long views and damage the character of the ca.

The houses at the corner of Ashby Rd and Wickham Mews are of poor design, inappropriate and out of place. (see inspector's Report, 2005, on refusal of permission for houses at the rear of 41 Wickham Rd. The only residential development which was praised, is that at 34 Garsington Mews, built on the footprint of an old coach house, not fronting the mews, but facing a courtyard, on a 100ft. plot, not a rear garden site.)

All planning applications for residential development within a mews have been refused either by the Council or at appeal, other than Garsington Mews and Harefield Mews: [89(?), 119, 127 Upper Brockley Rd; 84 Lewisham Way; 37, 51, 53, 85 Manor Avenue; 7, 41 Wickham Rd and, effectively r/o 38 Breakspears Rd.

Most recently r/o 51 manor Avenue was refused with four reasons for refusal:

Reason 1

The loss of this garden area, with its tree planting and general greenery, and the imposition of a further layer of development between the terraces of large Victorian Houses fronting Manor Avenue and Wickham Rd would fail to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and would therefore be contrary to Policies URB2 Urban Design, URB 15 New Development, Changes of Use and Alterations to buildings in CONSERVATION AREA and HSG 6 Back land and in-fill Development in the adopted Unitary Development plan (July 2004).

Reason 2

The loss of the opportunity for parking/garaging at this site is likely to have a detrimental effect on the traffic safety and the appearance of the Conservation Area by giving rise to additional kerbside parking in Manor Avenue contrary to policies TRN 25 Off-Street Parking for Residential Conversions, TRN 27 Car Parking Standards, URB 15 New Development, Changes of Use and Alterations to buildings in CONSERVATION AREA and HSG 6 Back land and in-fill Development in the adopted Unitary Development plan (July 2004).

Reason 3

The use of an unmade road with no street lighting does not represent a safe and convenient means of primary pedestrian access to properties located more than 25 metres from an adopted public highway and is contrary to Policies URB2 Urban Design and HSG 6 Backland and in-fill Development in the adopted Unitary Development plan (July 2004).

There is much pressure from developers to develop the mews for housing. Any design guide or set of planning principles is likely to be seen by aggressive developers as a set of hoops to be jumped through.

All these facts point to NO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT within the mews.

A statement of No Residential Development would send a clear message to all landowners and make way for a positive way forward.

Until the threat of development is removed, owners of land will not improve it, and the mews will not become an asset to the area.

A New Guide to Mews Improvement.

There is scope to improve the mews: either walls, parking spaces or garages fronting the mews, or buildings similar in scale to a garage such as an artist studio, ancillary to the main house. Low level lighting must be provided to improve safety. All mature trees must be retained. Suitable rural, porous surfacing should be used.

A Guide like this could help improve the mews and make it a safe place for parking, etc.

Other general comments endorsed at the special meeting held to discuss BCASPD:

Enforcement

The council should aim for consistent enforcement of planning rules, not just damage limitation. The Brockley Society will do all that we can to assist in this.

Street Clutter

We are also alarmed at the amount of street clutter that has arisen in the past few years. Much of it is clumsy, ill placed and unnecessary. There is now so much that it is impossible to read signs relevant to a situation.

We suggest that Council Highways and TfL look at ways of reducing clutter (see Kensington & Chelsea)

We would like street name boards to return to the high level position, *see Southwark) and to indicate that an area is a Conservation Area by colour or wording.

Wheelie bins left on pavement and obstructive to wheelchairs, pushchairs and the partially sighted..

Trees.

Street trees need to be regularly maintained so that they do not become too large and then felled. Better enforcement of TPO's and assessment of notable trees in the conservation area and the creation of new TPO's.

*Gillian Heywood, Planning
Peter Byrne, Chairman, Brockley Society*

This photograph was the winning entry for the over 21s photography competition at the Hilly Fields Fete this year. It generated a lot of interest. If you would like to order a copy (in various sizes: framed, unframed or on canvas) please contact Caro Swan on 8690 9764 or email her at caro@swannie.org.uk



Another fantastic fayre!

Living up to its tradition the Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre on 18 June 2005 was its usual throbbing success, with some new attractions, as these pictures show.





Brockley Common

The Project: aim is to reclaim 2000m² of overgrown, inaccessible and derelict land owned by Network Rail running from the main Brockley Road along the station and platforms, enclosed on 2 sides by railway lines. The project involves major landscaping and planting, a ramp giving disabled access to the ticket office, a public art and performance area, a managed wildlife area and a pleasant garden environment for those using the station and the Brockley Cross area.

Why: Brockley Cross has no open public open space; it's dominated and divided by railway lines and busy roads. The station environment is poor and this is the principal arrival and departure point for the whole of Brockley and parts of Telegraph Hill - some 20,000 people. The land in and around the station is where we want to make the difference; it dominates the station, local shops and services - over 2000m² of fenced off, unkempt and overgrown land partly surrounded by advertising hoardings. It depresses the spirit and has been like this for many years now. The Common could also make the way possible for a market in Coulgate Street. After local lobbying, the London Farmers' Market Association indicated they would be interested in setting up a market here if the area was 'cleaned up' first.

The aim: to create a new, accessible and much needed public open green space - thereby reclaiming a small part of the original Common in Brockley before the canal and the railways. We want to do this by creating a community garden and wildlife area which appeals to all ages and cultures. This will become a meeting and relaxation place and a new, accessible and pleasing walk to and from the station. It will do justice to Coulgate Street; Brockley's oldest street and celebrate Brockley's rich history. This one act will prove a strong catalyst for change in this run down part of Lewisham.

How: Brockley Cross Action Group has formed a steering committee of local people supported by local Cllr Terry Scott, some of whom have specialist skills & knowledge in wildlife, regeneration & landscaping. In-principle agreement from Network Rail, Southern Rail and Lewisham Planning Department is now in place and all are very supportive. A wider partnership group has been formed of all the interested parties chaired by Joan Ruddock, MP.

Progress: the land has been secured and LBL has made possible Network Rail's detailed land search and the initial topographical survey of the site; necessary for detailed and precise plans to be drawn up. We now need a quantity surveyor, a tree survey and a bio-diversity survey before going to the next stage - planning permission.

'Soul in the City' helped locals develop a large demonstration flower bed (c. 100m²) in 2004 at the end of the site to raise the profile of the site and prove we can make a difference. This was opened by Lewisham's Mayor, Steve Bullock in September and is maintained by locals. Since then we have had a 'plant-a-bulb' day, planting spring bulbs in the garden and on the banks by the ticket office.

Fundraising amongst local businesses has also begun and charitable status has been granted.

A £25,000 grant from Living Spaces will make enable the clearance of the site and the planting of the wildlife area in autumn 2005.

The Transformation of a House in Brockley

December sees the first full month back in residence at the Hilly Fields site of the Sydney Fisher Clinic since completing much needed building works.

We wanted to take this opportunity to write about the property and the plans for expansion of the practice.

The house was built in the late 1800s, once Hilly Fields had become a defined space. It stands on a corner plot between Tressillian Road and Montague Avenue, with a view from the top floor of the Dome in one direction and tiled rooftops and a church spire in the other. The layout of the house is unusual; there are loft rooms making the living space considerable.

studying and were invited to start a practice there once we graduated. Mr Fisher died in 1990 and Mrs Fisher a few years later. The house was generously left to us to build a centre of complementary health for the community in Brockley which would in some form be a continuance of Sydney Fisher's work.

This year the task of temporary relocation was finally undertaken to allow the damage from subsidence to be repaired and a full refurbishment to take place. It has been a fascinating experience watching the house being stripped back to its skeletal structure, being structurally assessed and strengthened, then the flesh being put on the bones. We still have our wonky doorframes along with some beautiful fireplaces and corning.

We are most grateful to Dan Walsh, our builder and his hardworking team for carrying out such a high standard of workmanship in the renovation of this unique house.

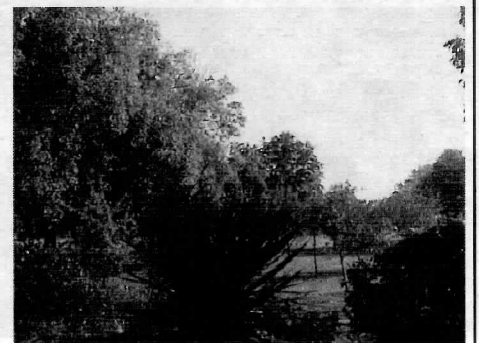
Alongside osteopathy we are expanding the range of therapies that we have available. These include homeopathy, massage therapy, acupuncture and counselling. We now have full disabled access, through the gate opposite Hilly Fields which will serve as our new front entrance.



A view over Brockley

The Fishers moved to Tressillian Road in the late sixties. Sydney Fisher for whom the clinic was dedicated, was a pharmacist by profession, from which he retired early for health reasons. The remainder of his life was dedicated to a greater understanding of life itself and the passing of this knowledge to others. Mrs Fisher worked at Unilever full-time; in the early days of the Brockley Society she helped to set up the Newsletter. Their lovingly-tended rose bushes and Victorian-style borders regularly won local gardening competitions.

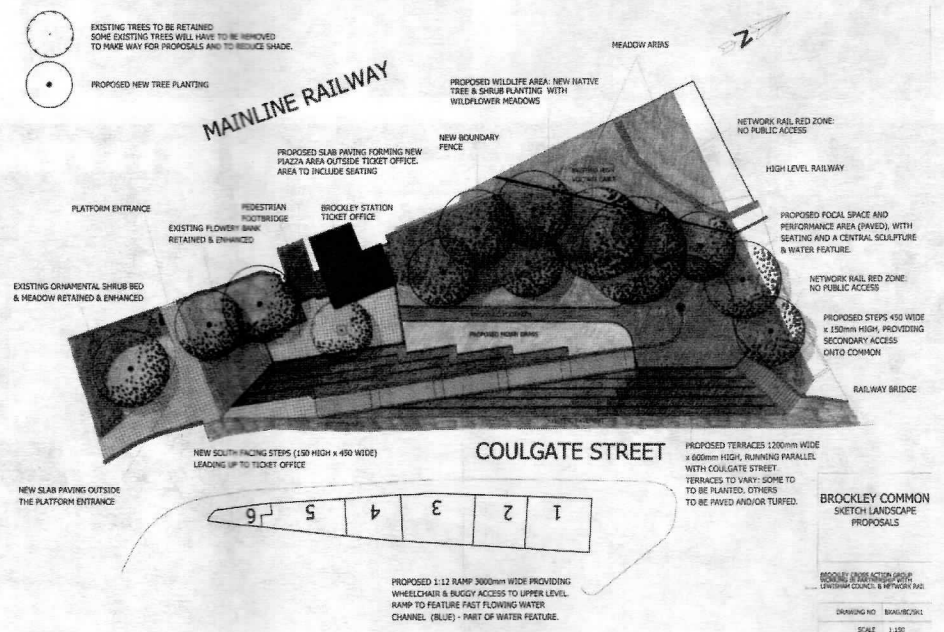
We first got to know the Fishers whilst



Hilly Fields

We will be holding a Launch Party at the on the 14th January 2006 where we invite you from 2pm onwards to drop in to see the whole house in its restored splendour. You will be able to meet with the new practitioners and ask questions of them if you wish. Hot drinks and home made cakes will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

81 Tressillian Road SE4
020 8694 2714



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3 Wickham Mews

The conversion of the existing garage together with alterations to the front elevation of 3 Wickham Mews SE4 to provide additional living accommodation. *Refused*

96 Tressillian Road

The demolition of garages and the construction of a two bedroom coach house with integral garage to the rear of 96 Tressillian Road, together with the provision of 2 car parking spaces for the existing property with vehicular access onto Harefield Road. *Refused*

Flats A and B, 1a, Manor Avenue,

The installation of timber vertical sliding sash replacement windows in the front elevation of 1a Manor Avenue SE4 and powder coated aluminium, double glazed replacement windows and door to the rear elevation. *Granted*

3, Manor Avenue

The installation of timber vertical sliding sash replacement windows in the front elevation of 3 Manor Avenue SE4 and powder coated aluminium, double glazed replacement windows and doors in the rear elevation. *Granted*

5 Glensdale Road

Details of landscaping, bin store, ceiling construction and soundproofing submitted in compliance with Conditions (3), (4) & (5) of the planning permission dated 16 December 2004 for the alteration and conversion of 5 Glensdale Road SE4 to provide 2, two bedroom and 1, one bedroom self-contained flats, together with the construction of a single storey extension at the rear, the installation of a dormer window in the front roof slope and the provision of a refuse storage chamber in the front garden. *Granted*

96 Tyrwhitt Road

Details of doors submitted in compliance with Condition (2) of the Planning Permission dated 18 April 2005 for the construction of a single storey extension to the rear of 96 Tyrwhitt Road SE4. *Granted*

Thames Water Utilities Ltd, Contracts & Services Division, Deptford Pumping Station, Brookmill Road, London, SE8

The demolition of the existing former office building at the Thames Water Pumping Station, Brookmill Road SE8 and the construction of part two/part three storey linked buildings to provide offices, classrooms, exhibition and associated facilities, together with landscaping and provision of refuse storage, 15 cycle, 3 motorcycle and three car parking spaces with access onto Brookmill Road. *Granted*

Garages rear of 7 Wickham Road

Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of the existing garages to the rear of 7 Wickham Road (Fronting Breakspears Mews) SE4. The demolition of the garages to the rear of 7 Wickham Road (fronting Breakspears Mews) SE4 and the construction of a two storey, one bedroom live/work unit, together with the provision of an amenity space. *Refused*

31 St. Margarets Road

The construction of a dormer in the rear roof slope at 31 St Margarets Road SE4 in connection with alterations to the roof space to provide additional living accommodation. *Granted*

39 Breakspears Road

The construction of a dormer extension to the rear roof slope at 39 Breakspears Road SE4 in connection with alterations to the existing roof space to provide additional living accommodation. *Granted*

Land at rear of 186 Lewisham Way

The construction of a single storey, three bedroom house

to the rear of 186 Lewisham Way SE4, together with associated landscaping and provision of a bin store and car parking space with access onto Wickham Road. *Refused*

Land at rear of 186 Lewisham Way

Alterations to the existing boundary wall at the rear of 186 Lewisham Way, SE4 (Grade II Listed) in connection with the construction of a single storey, three bedroom house in the rear garden of 186 Lewisham Way, together with associated landscaping, provision of a bin store and car parking space with access onto Wickham Road. *Refused*

Land at rear of, 186 Lewisham Way

The alteration and conversion of the Coach House to the rear of 186 Lewisham Way, London, SE4 (fronting Wickham Mews), to provide a four bedroom house, together with alterations to the elevations, associated landscaping and provision of a bin store and car parking space. *Granted*

186 Lewisham Way

The relocation of the existing door to Flat 1 and the construction of lobbies to Flats 1 and 2 at 186 Lewisham Way SE4. *Granted*

146 Upper Brockley Road

The alteration and conversion of the existing two bedroom self-contained upper maisonette on the first and second floors of 146 Upper Brockley Road SE4 to provide two single bedroom self-contained flats. *Refused*

157 Upper Brockley Road

The change of use of the domestic garage at the rear of 157 Upper Brockley Road SE4 to vehicle repair workshop fronting Ashby Mews. *Refused*

Rear of, 195 Brockley Road

Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of the existing garage to the rear of 195 Brockley Road fronting Harefield Mews. The construction of a two storey, three bedroom house with integral garage to the rear of 195 Brockley Road SE4 fronting Harefield Mews. *Granted*

6 Rokeby Road

Certificate of Lawful Development in respect of the construction of a single storey extension to the rear of 6 Rokeby Road SE4, to provide additional living accommodation. *Granted*

181 Breakspears Road, SE4

The construction of a two storey block comprising 2 studio and 2 one bedroom self-contained flats at 181 Breakspears Road SE4, together with associated landscaping, provision of a bin enclosure, cycle store and 2 car parking spaces with vehicular access onto Breakspears Road. *Granted*

1 Montague Avenue

Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the demolition of existing lean-to and the construction of a replacement extension to the rear of 1 Montague Avenue SE4. *Granted*

24 Geoffrey Road

The alteration and conversion of the lower ground and upper ground floor maisonette, together with the construction of a single storey rear extension at 24 Geoffrey Road SE4 to provide 1 one bedroom and 1 three bedroom self contained flats. *Granted*

PENDING

Flat B 16 Breakspears Road

The construction of a single storey wooden building to the rear of Flat B, 16 Breakspears Road SE4, to provide a study.

43 Harefield Road

Certificate of Lawful Development in respect of the

construction of a single storey extension to the rear of 43 Harefield Road, SE4.

96 Tressillian Road

The demolition of garages and the construction of a two bedroom coach house with integral garage to the rear of 96 Tressillian Road SE4, together with the provision of 2 car parking spaces for the existing property with vehicular access onto Harefield Road.

Cherry Li Nursery 40 Tyrwhitt Road

The change of use of the lounge on the first floor of 40 Tyrwhitt Road SE4, to provide a baby unit, in connection with the existing nursery.

8 St Margarets Road

The construction of a single-storey extension and green house to the side at the rear of 8 St Margarets Road SE4 and single-storey extension to the rear.

9 Brockley Gardens

The construction of a single storey rear extension and a dormer extension to the rear roof slope of 9 Brockley Gardens together with the installation of 2 Velux type windows in the front roof slope in connection with the conversion of the loft space to provide additional living accommodation.

83 Upper Brockley Road

The alteration and conversion of 83 Upper Brockley Road SE4 to provide 3 one-bedroom and 1 two bedroom self-contained flats together with the construction of a single-storey rear extension, formation of a lightwell to the front and alterations to the front and rear elevations.

85 Upper Brockley Road

The demolition of the rear additions and the construction of a single storey rear extension at 85 Upper Brockley Road to provide additional living accommodation

TREES

Hillyfields Park, Hilly Fields Crescent, SE4

Crown reduce by 40% and crown thin by 30% two London Plane trees at Hilly Fields Park, SE4.

32 Wickham Road

Fell a Sycamore tree and crown lift by 2m. a Mulberry tree at the rear of 32 Wickham Road

41 Chalsey Road

Fell a London Plane tree at the rear of 41 Chalsey Road, SE4.

53 Wickham Road

Fell a Copper Beech tree at the front of The Red House, 53 Wickham Road, SE4.

20 Cranfield Road

Fell a Sycamore tree to the rear of 20 Cranfield Road, SE4

Garden Flat 4 Wickham Road

Fell a Pear and two Sycamore trees at the rear of 4 Wickham Road, SE4.

62 Manor Avenue

Fell a Leyland Cypress and crown reduce by 30% a Horse Chestnut Tree to the front, crown lift and crown reduce over lawn 4 Sycamore Trees in the rear garden of 62 Manor Avenue

24 St. Margarets Road

Fell a Eucalyptus tree in the rear garden of 24 St. Margarets Road, SE4.

48 Tyrwhitt Road

Fell three Ash trees, a Walnut and two Sycamore trees and crown lift 3m. a second Walnut tree, all in the rear garden at 48A Tyrwhitt Road, SE4.

49 Wickham Road

Fell an Ash tree T1 at the rear of 49 Wickham Road, SE4

Brockley MAX

Music
Arts &
exhibitions

Brockley Max 2005 was even more successful than last year with loads of new events plus some old favourites. This year we had our very own radio station - Brockley Max 87.7 FM - for three days broadcasting from the Toad's Mouth Too café. We are already planning next year's festival from 2 - 11 June 2006. If you would like to be involved contact Moira Woods onmoira@brockleymax.co.uk.



The Cosmic Sausages



Brockley Max Radio Station



Painting the Jimi Hendrix mural

Brockley Busking Evening

Photos from Brockley Common busking evening on 9th Sept. Over £500 cash collected for Brockley Common plus a business sponsorship of £500 pledged.

Hundreds stayed to listen, some just for a few minutes, many for over an hour. Great demand for another one and enjoyed by all except Speedicars who found it too noisy and were none to gracious about the invasion of 'their' space and uninterrupted access.

Stuart Woodin
BXAG



Press photo call



Moving the stage



Busking at dusk

The Old Bothy Project

Envirowork Lewisham (EL) is a start up Social Enterprise project aiming to provide employment and ground based training to unemployed people in the London Borough of Lewisham working on open space community projects. EL is a not for profit company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 24 May 2005. Company registration number 5461365.

The project will be staffed by former members of the ETF Training Centre at Brockley Grove which was closed down last September. All staff are long-term Lewisham residents committed to environmental issues and two are Lewisham Streetleaders.

The project will recruit its employees through the JobcentrePlus New Deal subsidised employment scheme and will aim, in its first year, to provide six monthly employment contracts and training for 120 people, aged 18-24, who will be recruited on a quarterly basis starting from September 2005.

EL will be funded in its first year with a start up grant from Urban Renaissance in Lewisham SRB fund matched with funding from JobcentrePlus and project income from various sources as detailed below.

EL will provide supervised labour forces to work on a variety of soft and hard landscaping, horticultural and ecological conservation projects and general open space maintenance throughout the Borough funded by the Council and other bodies such as schools, colleges, hospitals, housing trusts plus individual private work such as garden landscaping.

Public projects will include the development of the Borough's nature reserves and maintenance of open spaces such as cemeteries. It is also anticipated that EL will be involved in soft landscaping and open space maintenance on the new town centre development and discussions are also taking place with NDC New Cross Gate on a plan for environmental improvements to the area.

EL aims to provide trainees over a six month period a choice of gaining certificates in Health and Safety, Strimming and Brushcutting, Pesticides operation and a twelve week course on Groundsmanship certified by the Institute of Groundsmanship. This will give trainees a progression route towards an NVQ Level 2 in Amenity Horticulture. EL will aim to place trainees in full time employment once their contract ends.

EL will be based at the old park keeper's depot in Hilly Fields Park and will restore the 'Bothy' to use as its offices. The Depot is an ideal environment for EL to carry out many of its training procedures such as turfing, grass care management, strimming etc. Discussions have taken place with Glendale with a view to EL taking responsibility for the shaded garden next door.

For further information, please contact Peter Ranken on 020 8698 4781, email: peter.ranken@lineone.net or The Old Bothy, Hilly Fields Park, Hilly Fields Crescent, London, SE4 1QA.

Aladdin Friday 9th December 7pm Greenwich Theatre

It just wouldn't be Xmas without the BrocSoc panto trip, so join us to see the Natural Theatre's production of Aladdin at Greenwich Theatre in December

This year to meet the high demand for this fabulous event we've booked more tickets as well as two luxury coaches from Lewisham Passenger Services to take us there in style

Adults £7.50 kids £3.50

Grab these bargain tickets
(half box office prices due to generous Brock Soc contribution) while you can

Contact Deb on 86918945 or
email badjer@fastmail.fm

ANGLO/RUSSIAN ART FAIR

St Andrew's Church Wickham Road
(junction with Brockley Road) Brockley SE4

Saturday 3rd December 10 am - 5 pm

Admission:

£1 - Seniors 50p - Under - 14s free

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Featuring artists from the famous
St Petersburg School of Art

plus local artists:

Carol Edgar, Veta Gorner,
Pip Carpenter, Sarah Tucker
and silk artist Meike Knappert

A framing service will be available plus a range of unusual photo frames from local picture framer Andrew Nicol

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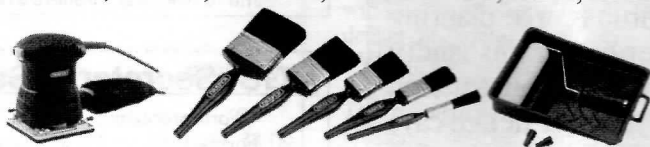
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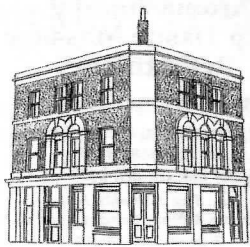
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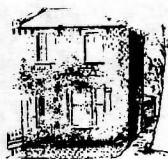
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