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Brockley Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12 December, 7.30pm
St Andrews Centre Brockley Road
(corner of Wickham Road) SE4 2SA
Mulled wine and mince pies

All welcome

BrocSoc would love to meet you!

When you see people using Hilly Fields in countless different ways, spare a thought for the local people who, over 100 years ago, campaigned to establish a park where there was none. We can enjoy it today because they 'bothered' all that time ago. You too can make a difference — for our community today and for future generations — by bringing your ideas and energy to Brockley Society. We need a minutes secretary, treasurer, coordinators for newsletter distribution and advertising, and an editorial team. We need new blood, and new initiatives.

BrocSoc can be the vehicle to make your ideas a reality!

Join the network and traditions of people working to change Brockley

BrocSoc Panto Trip

Bubble Theatre's 'Spangleguts'

Saturday 9 December, 2pm

Albany Theatre, Deptford.

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Everyone living in the Brockley Conservation area is automatically a member of the Brockley Society. The Brockley Society welcomes all.



Hilly Fields Summer Fayre - see page 3

No changes without planning permission

Anyone in the conservation area contemplating alterations to the front of a property must apply for planning permission under a council direction made last January. The previous direction applied to only three roads.

Known as an Article 4(2) direction, this covers front boundaries, front gardens, satellite dishes, and the whole façade: windows, doors, roof, chimney stack, guttering and brickwork. Planning applications under this direction are free.

The council has to pay special attention to preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas under the Planning Act 1990.

Don't be tempted to replace your front wall, for example, even with like-for-like, until you have contacted the Council planning department.

Originally, the front gardens were enclosed by a low brick wall, with a white stone capping, with taller brick pillars for the gates. There were railings atop the wall, and the gates were of iron.

Many properties still retain the low wall and stone capping. Rather than replacing, a wall that has fallen into disrepair could be improved to create a boundary in keeping with the area.

Demolishing a fence

On 15 September, builders were seen at St Gregorios' Indian Orthodox Church in Cranfield Road, uprooting the hedge, knocking down the gate pillars and the low brick wall and smashing the original railings, which had been hidden by the hedge.

When asked whether or not they had planning permission they replied that they did not need it. The intention had been to put up a one-metre-high close-boarded fence.

The planning enforcement officer came and spoke to a member of the church committee. He told him that they needed permission to demolish, even if the wall was in a bad state, and further permission to replace it, which



The railings were previously visible in front of St Peter's Centre, which is now St Gregorios' Indian Orthodox Church

would only be given if the plans reflected the character of the area.

• For planning enquiries, ring the planning information desk on 020 8314 7400.

Trees in conservation areas

In the summer some trees in a back garden at Breakspears Rd were cut down without planning permission from Lewisham Council. Neighbours complained and the work was stopped before all the trees were destroyed. Since then the council has not granted retrospective permission. The outcome of this incident could be a fine. All but the most minor pruning of trees needs planning permission, for which there is no fee. Part of the character of the conservation area is associated with the number and maturity of trees. The larger trees do need regular maintenance to stop them becoming too large. Please contact Sheila Yates, Lewisham council tree officer, for advice. Sheila.Yates@lewisham.gov.uk

Green Brockley!

I write in reply to Cllr Mike Keogh's article in the last newsletter.

Long before the Green Party became active in Brockley, this society's aims were, and still are, the protection and enhancement of the environment, both built and natural, of Brockley and the wider area.

- From 1975 until it became uneconomic, we financed the society by monthly **waste paper collections**, being the first in the borough to make such a collection.
- We have always advocated **composting for garden and kitchen waste** and many of us have always done this. Because of our growing reputation, this was the first area to receive free composting bins when the council finally embraced the idea of composting.
- We also advocate **wildlife gardening**.
- For many years, we ran a **front garden and window box competition**, and would do so again if there were people to run it.
- For the fayre on Hilly Fields, we always provide bins for rubbish and organise a sweep of the field at the end. The field is cleaner after the fayre than on any other Saturday of the year.
- We have in the past written articles about the wildlife of Brockley and advocated much more recycling than the council has bothered to do. Because of our 'green'

reputation we were invited to the opening of the first recycling centre in Creekside.

The great tree clearance

In 2002 we alerted the council and our Green councillor to the devastation being caused by Network Rail to the railway embankments running through our area, and the destruction of birds' nests as they were being built. The Green Party did not support our claims.

We were told that the sycamore trees had to be removed because their leaves caused slipping of wheels on the rails (leaves on the line was the excuse for train timetable disruption).

Cllr Keogh has clearly not seen the state of these embankments recently. Yes, some native species are becoming established since the new planting: hawthorn, dogwood, wild rose, and field maple. But these are fast being overtaken by the 10-15ft high shoots from the original sycamore stumps, which were not eradicated (as we were told they would be). These sycamores will soon kill off the native planting unless someone enforces the eradication of this rogue non-native species. Perhaps a Green councillor?

Otherwise the **lush native growth and birdsong** will be short lived, leaving only sycamores and magpies, as we had before. And there will be leaves on the line again in autumn.

We are flattered that other people copy us, but please give credit where credit is due!

Gillian

Hilly Fields Park User Group

Great news: a £5,000 grant from Awards for All has been awarded to the user group which meets regularly to try and enhance Hilly Fields for its users. The award was applied for under Brockley Society, which has also contributed funds towards the project.

The user group has applied for the funding as part of its **Development Plan**. The Eastern Avenue entrance is to have a facelift with a new gate to replace the steel barriers. Students at Prendergast School are working on an art project based in Hilly Fields. Their work will be used to inspire the design of the gate. Local children will help plant native spring flowering plants along the banks to the side of the road to enhance the 'green lane' character of the entrance and make it more attractive and safer.

Other news from September's user group meeting:

PC Brian Jemmett, part of the **Safe Neighbourhood Team** for Ladywell Ward, said their officers were making regular visits to Hilly Fields on foot. To contact them ring 020 8721 2484.

Envirowork Report: Peter Ranken and Envirowork were thanked for their hard work helping to maintain the park and the bowling club.

Maintenance: Glendale (which manages the park) was trying to deal with the grasscutting issue and hoped it would be better addressed.

Trees: Connick has not responded to a letter concerning its maintenance. Investigate why the second (BroSoc) baby oak tree had died.

Paths: Chase up the Engineers' Safety report on the paths. The council had been written to but nothing more was happening.

Meadow: The hemlock plants had been sprayed and uprooted after they had grown very tall. Glendale had encountered some opposition but it was agreed that these plants posed a potential danger to humans and needed to be controlled. Possibility of wildflower mix in the bald patch. Ideally the thatch needs to be sliced away regularly to reduce fertility.

Further ideas for the **Development Plan:** The issues of the café, health and safety, and litter would need consideration. The plan was agreed in principle and as proposals became more definite they would be brought to the users' group. Anyone interested could come to development committee meetings.

Prendergast wants a **new perimeter fencing** around the school and had been in contact to discuss. Clarification was requested on where the **football pitch** markings should be. Park keepers are to be asked to keep an eye on **large congregations of dog walkers** at the top of the hill as this can be intimidating for non dog owners.

Date of next meeting

Tues 5 December 2006: 19:30 at the Bothy on Hilly Fields. All welcome. Contact Andrew Harper on harpstrings@btinternet.com
Glendale: Tel: 020 8318 3986

Bicycle Thefts

There have been a number of bicycle thefts recently, including from behind locked gates that were easy to break. Make sure that your bicycle is locked to a large or immovable object, and not just to itself, and record the serial number.

Brockley Max goes from strength to strength

The Brockley-based festival, Brockley Max 2006, was the best so far with new performers, events and more people coming to the shows.

This year's opening night was a fantastic open air music evening next to the now-famous murals at Brockley Station. More than 400 people attended, many just passing by on their way home from work and deciding to stay for the rest of the evening.

We had musicians from the US as well as some fantastic Brockley-grown talent, and more comedy than ever before. The film night was a huge success as were the open studios, art exhibitions and workshops. Once again local children enjoyed Art in the Park on Hilly Fields plus theatre performances, music and art workshops, competitions and a parade with the Green Man.

The festival ended with a host of amazing bands in the Wickham Arms garden. Check out photos of the festival on www.brockleymax.co.uk/photos.html

We are already planning for 2007. This year we would like some big ideas to engage more of the Brockley community. Please contact Moira on moira@brockleymax.co.uk. Even if you are not sure what you can do but feel you would like to help, please get in touch.

Meanwhile, we have a page on the website advertising events during the rest of the year in Brockley. And don't forget to look at www.myspace.com/brockleymax for information on the festival music. You can still buy the Brockley Max Trax II for £5 at Moonbow Jakes. See the B Max website under trax for details of the musicians on the CD.

Victory for residents against drug dealing

A crackhouse in Brockley Cross has been shut down by police. There is a notice on the door to this effect. It had been causing considerable nuisance to local residents, with noise, parking and late-night activities. A resident from Geoffrey Road rang up to thank the police that the complaints had been dealt with

Furniture removal scam

If a helpful man knocks on your door offering to remove the fridge (or Hoover, bed, or rubbish) in your garden for £5, send him away. It's a complete racket. He'll tell you it's much cheaper than getting the council to do it. But your fridge will be dumped in somebody else's garden.

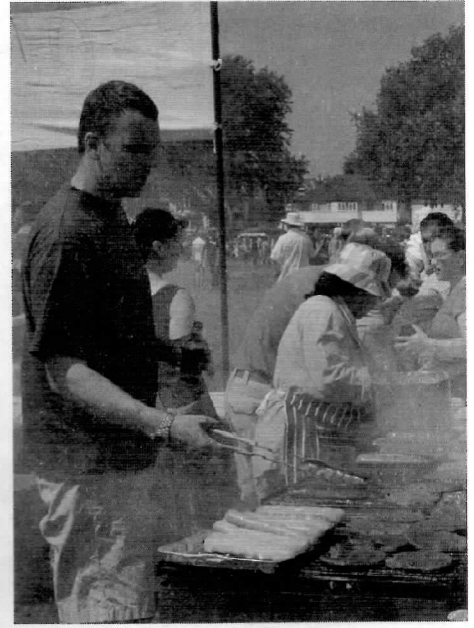
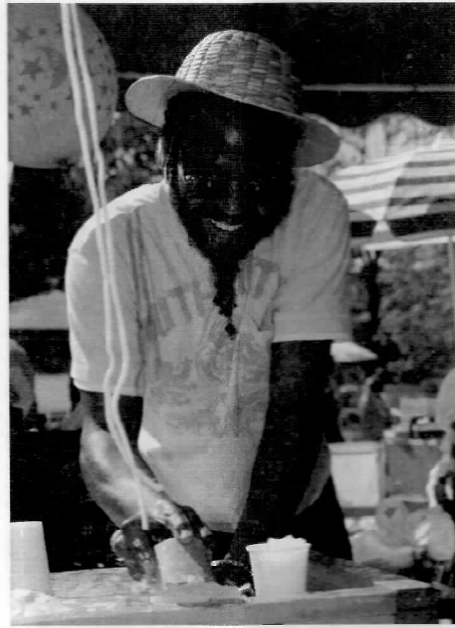
Lewisham Council will collect a maximum of three household items, such as a three-piece suite (which is classed as three items), carpets, chairs, bed or mattress, for a small charge. Find out details from 020 8314 6000 or on the website www.lewisham.gov.uk which also has a list of organisations that will collect furniture for reuse.

Con woman - beware

A number of scams are going on in the area. One of them involves a young woman knocking on people's doors saying she lives in the same street and has locked herself out. She may ask to use the phone to call a locksmith or a friend, which means your telephone is then known by the person she calls. Sometimes she asks for money. If you think you have been approached by this woman, please dial 999, or inform Brockley Police Station on 020 8284 8506.



Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre



There were refreshments to cater for all tastes

This year, Brockley Society's Hilly Fields Summer Fayre on 24 June was once again a wonderful day on which thousands of people in Brockley had fun together in our own local beauty spot. The activities included old favourites such as children's rides, the little train and the coconut shy, and the welcome return of the mobile farm. Many hot and excited small (and bigger!) people were able to sit in the shady spot under the trees and have a quiet time with the piglets, lambs and donkeys.

In the arena we had the ever-popular salsa dancing, tug of war, Prendergast School steel band and the dog show (surely the winner of the dog with the curliest coat was the sheep from the mobile farm?!). Great new entertainments included a karate display, the Brockley Rise Singers, Sounds of Samba, and the brilliant comedy hat contest.

This marvellous day can only happen because of the generosity of local businesses that sponsor the events, particularly our longstanding supporters Saxtons Estate

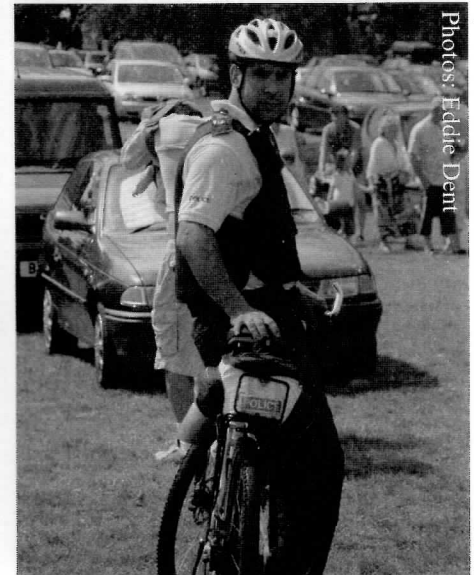
Agents and, this year, Metropolis Music. The Enviroworks team, Lewisham recycling and Glendale, which takes care of the park, made sure it looked at its most beautiful for the big day.

The fayre is organised by a group of local volunteers, and we welcome new people and new ideas - if you would like to join the team, contact Paul and Julie on 020 8691 5023.

**Next year's Fayre is on
Saturday 23 June 2007**



Find somewhere to rest when you're exhausted



Even those on duty enjoyed the day

Photos: Eddie Dent

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

156a Tressillian Road

The installation of timber double glazed casement, replacement window and timber double glazed replacement french window, in the rear elevation.

Granted

96 Tressillian Road

The enlargement of two garage windows in the south east elevation of the dwelling currently under construction at the rear. *Granted*

33 Rokeby Road

Lawful Development Certificate in respect of alterations to the existing single storey extension to the rear and the installation of a Solatube to the rear of the main roof slope. *Granted*

16 Tremaine Close

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear. *Granted*

188 Tressillian Road

Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the installation of roof lights in the rear roof slope in connection with a loft conversion to create additional living accommodation. *Granted*

35a Harefield Road

The removal of timber windows and the installation of PVCu double glazed replacement casement windows in the front and rear elevations of the first floor flat.

Refused

Flats 1, 2, 4 and garages 1, 2, 3, 1a, Wickham Road,

Details of cycle storage, landscaping, refuse storage, soundproofing, west (front) elevation windows of the lower ground floor submitted in compliance with Condition (4) of the planning permission dated 17 March 2006 for the conversion of the existing garages at lower ground level at The Limes, 1A Wickham Road, to provide a two bedroom self-contained flat, together with the provision of 2 car parking spaces and formation of a vehicular crossover onto Wickham Road and alterations to the front, rear and side elevations. *Granted*

13-17, Breakspears Road

The re-covering of the existing roof with Eternit Rivendale blue/black slates. *Granted*

9 Rokeby Road

The construction of a part single/part two storey extension to the rear. *Granted*

80 Tressillian Road

The extension of the garage at in connection with its conversion to provide a utility room. *Refused*

1/2, Harefield Mews

Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing buildings on the site of 1/2 Harefield Mews. *Granted*

The construction of a part single/part two storey building on the site of the garages at 1/2 Harefield Mews, comprising 6 one bedroom self-contained flats, associated landscaping and provision of a bicycle/refuse store, together with the renovation of the existing street elevations of Nos 169, 169a and 171 Brockley Road including the provision of new shopfronts. *Granted*

83 Upper Brockley Road

Details of refuse storage submitted in compliance with Condition (4) of the planning permission dated 21 November 2005 for the alteration and conversion to provide 1 three bedroom self-contained maisonette and 2 one bedroom self-contained flats, together with the construction of a single storey rear extension, formation

of a lightwell to the front, alterations to the front and rear elevations and provision of refuse store area.

Granted

55a Manor Avenue

The construction of an extension to the rear roof slope. *Refused*

Trees

12 Darling Road Fell a Sycamore, repollard a Thorn tree and crown reduce by 30% a Red Maple and a Walnut tree, all at the rear of 12 Darling Road,

8 Manor Avenue Cut back to original pollard points, two Lime trees T1 and T2.

Lewisham College Lewisham Way, Lewisham College, Breakspears Road: Reduce crowns of one Ailanthus tree and two Plane trees to the front of Breakspears Buildings. Fell a Rowan, an Oak tree and a group of Sycamore trees as detailed in the schedule for Lewisham Way.

Myatt Garden Primary School Rokeby Road Fell an Ailanthus tree.

Predergast School Hilly Fields Remove Hawthorn trees from the side.

56 Breakspears Road Fell an Acacia tree, remove six limbs from a Eucalyptus tree to reshape and remove two stems from a Lime tree, all at the rear.

54 Chalsey Road Fell an Ash tree to the front; fell a Leylandii and crown reduce by 30% a Sycamore tree, both to the rear.

52 Chalsey Road Fell a Hawthorn tree to the rear.

103 Upper Brockley Road Remove from a Conifer tree in the front garden, limbs overhanging adjacent property.

70 Rokeby Road Details of a tree planting/landscaping scheme submitted in compliance with Condition (2) of the planning permission dated 4 April 2006 for the construction of a single-storey building to provide a garden room in the garden.

35 Chalsey Road Remove a Lime tree from the rear.

Pending

40 Tyrwhitt Road The installation of a Velux window in the rear roof slope, in connection with alterations to the roof space to provide additional living accommodation.

13-17 Breakspears Road The alteration and conversion of the basement and ground floors together with the construction of 3 lightwells to the front elevation to provide 2, studios and 3, one bedroom self contained maisonettes.

104b, Manor Avenue The alteration and conversion to provide 1 one bedroom self-contained flat and 1 three bedroom self-contained maisonette, together with the construction of an extension to the rear roof slope.

14 Manor Avenue The alteration and conversion and construction of a two storey extension to the rear, to provide 2, one bedroom, 1, two bedroom and 1, three bedroom, self-contained flats, together with the installation of sash windows in the front elevation.

1 Drake Road Details of the windows submitted in compliance with condition (5) of the planning permission dated 22nd October 2004 for the construction of a three storey plus basement, four bedroom house on land adjacent to 1 Drake Road.

1-3 Ashby Road Demolition of the existing council offices and the construction of a part two/part three storey building, to provide an 18 bedroom care home, together with associated landscaping, provision of a refuse store, bicycle spaces and 3 car parking spaces.

Brockley high-level station

The station at Brockley on the high-level route between Lewisham and Victoria stations was closed in 1917 because of World War I, and was never reopened. There were no commercial reasons for its closure.

Re-opening the station would:

- greatly ease commuting to the west for people in Brockley.
- bring Brockley closer to the West End!
- increase off-peak travel
- reduce congestion at London Bridge
- take pressure off the roads (most important of all).

To persuade the authorities to reopen Brockley station (and perhaps the others on the line, such as Loampit Vale, Brixton and Clapham North) a business case has to be made: It will not just shift existing passengers off other rail routes, but will encourage more people to choose rail instead of cars and buses. It would be like having our own south London tube line.

- To support reopening the station write to: Joan Ruddock MP, House of Commons, London SW1.

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The Civic Trust is an independent, national organisation with charitable status. It is the umbrella body for over 800 civic societies, representing over 250,000 individuals committed to improving and caring for places where people live and work.

It is the leading UK charity dedicated to bringing vitality, sustainability and high quality design to the built environment. The Trust works with people to promote thriving towns and villages, developing dynamic partnerships between communities, government and business to deliver regeneration and local improvement. A taste follows of some of its campaigns:

Designation of private gardens as brown field land: Along with many of our members, the Civic Trust is concerned that the classification of all gardens as brownfield land could lead to speculative builders buying up old houses with large gardens and replacing these with poorly situated flats that could in time substantially change the nature of an area. This could also put strain on

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Brockley Cross Action Group news

1. Paraphernalia in the Pink...a Christmas fashion event at the Jam Circus on Wednesday 22nd November, 8.00 pm onwards

A chance to buy your Christmas outfits and presents from Paraphernalia with a percentage going to the Brockley Cross Action Group

2. Brockley Cross Action Group's AGM will be held at St Andrew's Church, corner of Wick/Brockley Road on Tuesday 28th November, 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm, doors open at 7.30 pm

Guest speaker will be Sarah Pfeiffer, Brockley Town Centre Manager. Come along and meet Sarah, local councillors and your neighbours at this informative social evening. Wine and mince pies will hopefully help the evening along!

3. Brockley's Christmas tree will go up in the last week of November with an official switch on 1st December, early evening. Andy Thomas from Lewisham Council is organising a lantern making workshop during the afternoon (tbc) and it's hoped to have a procession of lanterns down to the tree for the switch on, plus some carol singing. Contact Jill: jill@martinconnell.co.uk with ideas. The Toad's Mouth Too will be serving mulled wine to warm us all up afterwards.

4. Christmas craft and artisan's market at the Toad's Mouth Too on Wednesday 6th December, 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

This is your chance to buy crafts and goods from local artists, artisans and businesses. This year we have a champagne supplier who imports directly from independent small producers, plus silversmiths, card makers, artists, Balinese goodies, a special selection from Magi...the list is endless (well almost!). Let Jill know (jill@martinconnell.co.uk) if you'd like a stall or further details.

5. Business newsletter produced by Sarah. If you would like details please Sarah drop a line: Sarah.Pfeiffer@lewisham.gov.uk

6. Secrets Guide: Sarah is intending to publish a small-ish leaflet containing Brockley's 'secrets'; quirky pieces of history, buildings, famous people connected with Brockley, details of interesting businesses... If you have any ideas to include please contact her: Sarah.Pfeiffer@lewisham.gov.uk

7. Highways

After 2 or 3 recent walkabouts a 'to be sorted' list has been established. This will be reviewed once a quarter, if you have any problems with pavements, roads, signage please let Sarah know: Sarah.Pfeiffer@lewisham.gov.uk

8. Aggressive Begging

The police are 'seeking positive preventative measures' to address recent problems with aggressive begging and are actively targeting certain individuals. If you experience any begging, please report the incident immediately on 020 8284 8506 (Brockley Police Station, please leave a message if necessary) as the police need to build up a full picture of the problem:

9. Safer Neighbour Team

The police have suggested a Safer Neighbour Team and Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A public meeting in November (tbc) could start this process off. If you would like to lead on this please let Sarah know: Sarah.Pfeiffer@lewisham.gov.uk

The History of the Common at Brockley

Two hundred years ago, the area around what is now Brockley station was called Deptford Common or Common Greene, at the junction of two ancient roads: one ran along Coulgate Street to Upper Brockley Road and Deptford; the other connected to Nunhead. The Common extended from Brockley Cross in the north to the back of the properties in Coulgate Street in the east, to Endwell Road in the west and St Norberts Road in the south – approximately 12 acres. This common area is shown on the earliest map of south-east London from the 17th century, though not named as such.

In 1181 Henry II gave the Manor of Brockley including the Common to the Premonstratensian Canons. Between about 1205 and 1208, they migrated to Bayham, Sussex, and the estates and properties were all transferred to that abbey.

In 1526 Henry VIII requisitioned Bayham Abbey and the Manor of Brockley prior to dissolution of the monasteries in 1536. The Manor was later split up and sold to the Wickham and Tyrwhitt-Drake families. The old manor house of Brockley stood west of Manor Avenue. However, as with many old manorial estates, it was relocated in the 18th century to the west of the Brockley Jack just south of Brockley Grove, and built in the latest style. The old manor house existed as Brockley Manor Farm until the 19th century.

During the Monastic ownership of Brockley Manor construction started on a large abbey dedicated to Saint Mary in the area roughly at the junction of Wickham Road and the railway. In the 1950s the fishponds of the abbey were rediscovered next to Beverley Court. The Abbey's nearest source of fresh water was a spring that flowed from an area of the common land just to the south of the building called Endwell Court adjacent to the entrance to John Stainer School. The spring dried up when the cutting for the Brighton railway was put through the common land and was replaced by a well to feed the early steam trains on the two railway lines.

A 15th century literary reference to a vision of St Mary at the spring by Brockley Lane (the old road from Deptford to the common) has been assumed for 250 years to be the spring at Ladywell, as a road across the River Ravensbourne was also called Brockley Lane in the 18th century. However it is possible that the vision occurred at the Common in view of its proximity to the old abbey and its dedication. The spring flowed into a small stream that crossed the Common and ran northwards in the valley between Telegraph Hill and the Brockley Conservation area at the rear of the properties to the east of Malpas Road and around the north side of the old village of Deptford Bridge. At the time of the Domesday Book (1086) this village was known as Merratum, an Anglo-Saxon name meaning the town in the marsh. It is interesting that the boundary of this ancient village adjacent to the Ravensbourne and the Roman road Watling Street was roughly oval and was possibly a Bronze Age or earlier enclosure. The fresh water for the town came from the stream to the south and the spring at the Common.

The 1861 ordinance survey map of Brockley, before the station platforms were extended, indicates a large horizontal stone possibly four meters long adjacent to

Brockley Common officially open



Drummers Stuart Woodin and Victoria Gator give a rousing drum roll to celebrate Brockley Common's Open Day on Sunday 3 September. The Common was officially opened by Joan Ruddock MP and local residents once again enjoyed walking and picnicking on the last vestiges of the original Common. Plans for the site were displayed and people were able to inspect the new planting: native species designed to increase the

biodiversity which will form the wildlife area and natural barrier to the platforms. The Common has been supported by the Mayor of Lewisham and Lewisham Council, Network Rail, Southern Rail and Living Spaces. The project is coordinated and managed by Brockley Cross Action Group, with the steering group chaired by Joan Ruddock. If you would like to get involved check out the website: www.brockley.com/bcag.

platform 1. It is not known whether this was ever a standing stone ritually linking the Bronze Age community to the north to the origin of its water supply. The stone may still exist in a prone position just south of the shelter under platform 1.

We do know that the name Brockley probably comes from an Anglo-Saxon word implying an inhabited clearing in a wood. The Common with its spring would have been a very likely place for this. We know that in the 18th century the common had a public house just to the south of the Maypole pub. It too may have been called the Maypole and could have been the centre of a thriving village farming community.

The last few centuries have not been kind to the Common – the manor was annexed in the 16th century; the manor house moved to the south in the 18th century; and the original centre of Brockley was referred to as Deptford Common. In 1806 the London to Croydon Canal cut the Common in two. In 1836 this cut was widened for the London Bridge to Brighton railway line. In 1868 the Victoria to Dover railway line meant the common was cut into four parts. A tram terminus was created at the turn of the 20th Century at Brockley Cross, joining the twin rail stations of Brockley and Brockley Lane.

Two railway lines cut the Common and our community into four. Most of the rest of common is under tarmac roads and

roundabouts. Re-establishing this small section of common land is a reminder of the history of Brockley.

Why not become a Brockley Commoner?

A small but growing group of local people give their time to develop and look after our precious local green spaces. They have been concentrating on the Brockley Common project and station flower beds, but there are other spaces beyond the station that could also be transformed. Becoming a volunteer can mean anything from half to two hours a month to help transform sites – through art, more stunning flowerbeds, trees, a street seat or other ideas. All that is needed is enthusiasm, a little time, and imagination! If you would like to become a Brockley Commoner send your name, address, email (if applicable) and phone no. to **Brockley Cross Action Group, PO Box 47615, London SE4 1RT.**

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existing services and deprive communities of the valuable amenity of gardens that provide pleasure for the owners and enhance the entire area.

Control of Advertisement Regulations (2006): In general, we strongly welcome this revised circular and its improved provisions for advertisement control – and in particular the new provisions relating to advertisements in telephone kiosks in protected areas, which the Civic Trust urged the Government to adopt following many expressions of concern from our membership.

Nightvision: The Civic Trust is about to publish the results of a three-year research report titled Nightvision: Town Centres for All which identifies ten principles to help improve the management and development of town centres at night to create well-managed and diverse town centres that provide leisure activities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

For many years our town centres have been badly run at night with little to offer many sections of society and with residents plagued by drunken noise, disorder and litter. To help tackle these issues we are creating a Nightvision Campaign which will consist of practical pilots and research projects to develop, with residents, local authorities and businesses, good practice standards to enable all areas to develop the kind of town centres at night that everyone would like to see. For a free copy of the report or for more information please contact Hannah Mummery on hummery@civictrust.org.uk.

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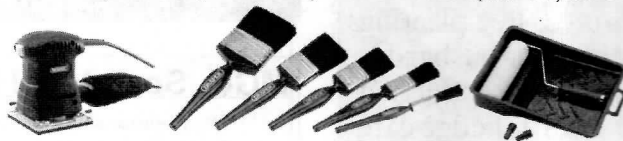
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