

BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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Breakspears Mews Open Day

Saturday 9 April, 10.30-1pm
Ashby Road entrance

Come and discuss what could be done to make the mews more community friendly (see right).
Displays, refreshments. Bring your ideas.
children welcome

Brockley Society Open Meeting

Tuesday 5 April, 8pm
Brockley Social Club

240 Brockley Road, SE4 2SU
(cnr Foxberry Road, next to Esso garage)
Recycling in Lewisham. Speaker: David Brinson,
Waste Initiatives and Prevention Officer

Brockley Mews Walkabout (2)

Sunday 22 May, 11am-12.30pm

Meet cnr Wickham and Harefield Roads,
Guided walk and historical explanation by
Gillian Heywood MBE,
covering Garsington and Breakspears Mews,
finishing at the Wickham Arms

Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre

Saturday 18 June, 12 noon to 5pm
See page 3

Brockley Barbecue

Friday 2 July, 7.30pm
Stone Circle, Hilly Fields

Copy deadlines for newsletter:

1 February, 1 May, 1 October

If you have ideas about the newsletter or
would like to contribute, please email
news@brockleysociety.org.uk

Article length: 100-300 words. Pictures welcome

Farmers' Markets on Hilly Fields

Second Saturday of each month 10am-3pm

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Brockley Society events and activities, email
chair@brockleysociety.org.uk.

Planners, architects and others with
conservation knowledge or interest: Contact
Rob to join our planning and conservation
group. See planning contact details above.

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

“Reclaim the Mews” Moves Ahead in 2011

Brockley Society's campaign to improve the Mews is gathering pace in 2011 with plans to develop a five-year regeneration project called Reclaim the Mews.

To get the campaign off to a good start, Brockley Society and residents met with Lewisham Council's Environment Enforcement Team on 18 January and Planning Team on 1 February to look at what immediate improvements could be made to tackle illegal traders, abandoned cars, fly tipping and halved gardens.

Both meetings were a success, with the Environment Enforcement Team agreeing to conduct Land Registry searches to trace owners and see if it was possible to take enforcement action to clear rubbish, propane gas canisters and abandoned cars. The Planning Team gave background information on the agreed trading restrictions for the businesses, agreed to look at the possibility of serving a Section 215 ('requiring land to be cleaned up when its condition adversely affects the amenity of the area') on a split garden, and gave details of regulations on satellite dishes.

The Brockley Society welcomes this action and wants to work with residents and responsible businesses to enhance the unique characteristics of the five mews. Last year's BrocSoc survey revealed that the top three preferences were maintaining the open space as a nature reserve, allowing access to

residents' garages and encouraging more craft activities.

But why stop here? Why not open up the mews for more community-based activities such as holding events like a May Day Party, an Easter egg hunt, the Big Lunch, or a summer mews party? Why not go green and use some of the disused council area in Breakspears Mews for starter allotments or have wild flower planting weekends? Why not build on the existing artist community in Ashby Mews and create an artists' hub? And for the shoppers why not hold monthly car boot sales in the mews? The possibilities are endless.

If you feel inspired to help, the BrocSoc Mews Committee would like to hear from you at mews@brockleysociety.org.uk or chair@brockleysociety.org.uk. Every contribution is valuable, from donating a few spare plants to reporting fly tipping to submitting ideas. We are particularly keen to hear from any people with professional knowledge of planning law, website design, security gates, or organising.

In the heart of the conservation area, the Mews are a great natural asset. They ensure Brockley is both beautiful and special. Perhaps the best thing we can do is enjoy them and preserve them for future generations.

• Two mews events – see left

Carol

Community Apple Orchard Takes Root



The long-awaited orchard planting took place on Saturday 15 January, with around fifty members of the community participating. Seven apple trees were planted, and they now sit happily on the lower ground alongside the Stone Circle. This was organised by Transition Brockley, together with The London Orchard Project and Friends of Hilly Fields, with support from Lewisham Council and Glendale. This followed our first autumn season of harvesting local apples, pears and plums, which were distributed amongst tree owners, a local refugee centre, and pickers. These projects, together with the community herb

and veggie garden planted at Brockley Station, are part of Transition Brockley's initiative to highlight the importance of, and potential for growing, local food.

We wished the apple trees good health with a WASSAILING event on Thursday, 3 February at the orchard site on Hilly Fields, followed by a general Transition Meeting at Mr Lawrence Wine Bar for an open discussion on transitioning plans for 2011. If you would like to be involved in looking after the trees, email transitionlewisham@yahoo.com or look at transitionbrockley.blogspot.com/.

Fran

Letter from the Chair

Our Annual General Meeting was the first event since the last newsletter. **Brockley in the Blitz**, a visual presentation by Rob Park, showed that most of the blocks of flats in the conservation area were built where existing houses were bombed. It was astonishing to realise how much of Brockley was destroyed and everyone was keen to further develop our understanding of the war's effect on the area. Although homes were rebuilt, trees destroyed in the bombing were mostly not replaced. Our newly-elected **Tree Officer**, Anthony Russell, assisted by Nicola Ferguson, quickly applied for funds from Lewisham Localities Fund to plant four trees in those locations (see p3). Carol Hooper took on responsibility for continuing our campaign on **Brockley's Mews** (see p1).

Nearly 30 people arrived on a cold morning for the **Historical Walk** round Brockley, led by **Gillian Heywood MBE**. We started in Tyrwhitt Road, opposite W P Stone & Co. (makers of the Pluto oil pipeline used on D-Day) and continued past Lewisham College and on to Wickham Road.

A visit to the **Local Studies Library** was enjoyed by a small group. The Ordnance survey maps of Hilly Fields were among the highlights.

Future activities are listed on page 1. Preparations are under way for the Midsummer Fayre on Hilly Fields on 18 June. See you there!

Clare Cowen

Big Lunch Sunday 5 June

The Big Lunch encourages people across the country to sit down with their neighbours and share lunch. Visit www.thebiglunch.com/ for inspiration and details on how to organise it – in a street, estate, garden, park... Lewisham had 57 last year!

You can keep it very simple, or you can apply for funds from Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All by March. See www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/

Brockley Cross Proposal Receives Feedback

Concern that the draft proposals would not resolve the existing traffic problems and did not address pedestrian needs was expressed in a motion passed unanimously by the Brockley Assembly on 27 January. It welcomed the Council's intention to improve the junction at Brockley Cross, but objected that there were to be no more public consultations. The motion called for meaningful discussions during the design development process and close work with community representatives and their councillors to resolve huge public concerns over the Council's plans. It urged the Council to work with stakeholders and users of Brockley Cross to develop a plan which improves Brockley Cross for both pedestrians and traffic and makes it safer for everyone.

The motion was proposed by Brockley Cross Action Group, seconded by Brockley Society.

- See full article on www.brockley.society.org.uk and www.brockley.com/bcag/

Silly Ideas # 4: Flat Pack Schools

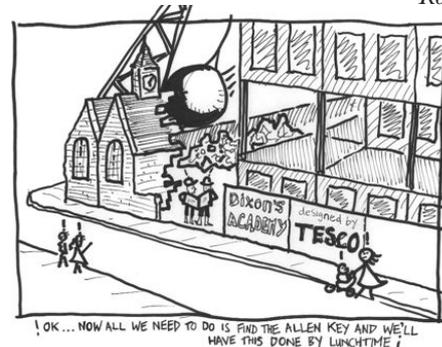
Having been exasperated by our Local Authority's own inability to spend our money wisely, with regards to their plans to replace local school buildings with unimaginative and poorly constructed stock – our Secretary of State for Education has managed to trump Lewisham by coming up with an even more ridiculous solution.

It is now the intention of the government to remove architects from the equation altogether. Construction companies are currently producing templates that will be used by schools to select from a series of predetermined designs and fittings. All areas, including classrooms and halls, will be 15% smaller than currently prescribed – making them smaller than the existing rooms in our historic Victorian school board buildings. Advising on this process are such 'visionary' design luminaries as Sebastian James of the Dixons group, and Kevin Grace director of property services at Tesco.

The Brockley Society supports the work of all good architects, and fully recognises that

the input of the profession into local public building programmes is essential in providing schemes that are functional, engaging and long-lived. We are deeply concerned that this maniacal cost-cutting exercise has already put too much design power into the hands of construction giants and that the quality of our built environment is being edged further down the list of priorities. This is not the way forward.

Rob



Crofton Park Library Campaign Continues

A highly successful read-in on 5 February celebrated Crofton Park Library and demonstrated how essential it is, with people still pouring in at the end. The event was launched by Cllr Pauline Morrison. Crime writer Lindsey Davis, who did much of her early research at the library, read from a recent novel featuring the murder of a librarian. Local residents also read passages, and we were entertained outside by Sly and Reggie the 'middle class rappers'.

Lewisham council deferred a decision on closure of the library, thanks to the local campaign to save it. Across the borough campaigners from all five threatened libraries gathered 20,000 signatures. They held street stalls, lobbied the Mayor and Council, and organised large representations at the farcical 'consultation' gatherings. Under pressure a second set of meetings were held, again packed out. At Crofton Park we heard a 'presentation' from a local performing arts group with little interest in maintaining a library service and offering a narrow range of activities.

Meanwhile, I submitted the library for listing by English Heritage. Unfortunately, they have declined it on the grounds that there have been too many alterations to the building.

We are continuing the campaign and



gathering community groups to put forward proposals for running the libraries in partnership with the Council, on the model of the Pepys Community Library in Deptford. Crofton Park campaigners want the building saved as a library but widened out to include a range of community activities, to generate income to refurbish, and bring into use the upstairs of the building. We trust that the winners will be a group committed to the community and not one simply out to make a profit from libraries.

Karen Jonason

Save Crofton Park Library campaign
www.ipetitions.com/petition/savecroftonparklibrary

Brockley's Cinema



Following strong interest in their photomontages of lost cinemas in Lewisham, Brockley Jack Film Club have created a new page on their website revealing more pictures (now you see it,



now you don't) of cinemas that used to stand throughout the borough, including The Ritz in Coulgate Road.
www.brockleyjackfilmclub.co.uk/lewishams-lost-cinemas/

Great tree news

We now have funding for four new trees!

Following Anthony Russell's article about trees in the November newsletter, Brockley Society members at the Annual General Meeting appointed Anthony as Tree Officer with support from Nicola Ferguson.

We launched into this role with great enthusiasm and immediately made an appointment to see John Thomson at Lewisham Council's Green Scene Department. This was a very informative and interesting meeting, highlighting the new tree management database, Arbortrack, which provides incredibly detailed information about every tree in public spaces in Lewisham. In 2009, Green Scene undertook a stock condition survey of the borough's 9,278 public trees. Now logged in Arbortrack, there is a full description of each numbered tree, its state of health, diagnosed by the latest image resonance technology and wood condition tests, together with an assessment of its needs on a scale of 1 to 4. Green Scene has now developed its strategy to manage the tree stock on the basis of these criteria.

However, as John pointed out, funds are always limited and likely to be more so, hence the need for community initiatives to secure funding for the planting of new trees. He suggested a number of possible funding sources, including the Locality Fund, the Mayor's Fund, the Woodland Trust, and the new government initiative launched in December 2010, The Big Tree Plant. Many

thanks to John for his time and generous offers of ongoing support to help us in our tree planting endeavours.

We were then thrown into a flurry of activity as the deadline for applications to the Locality Fund was 22 December. After discussion, we decided to apply for the cost of planting four trees in gaping spaces that were never filled after the WW2 bombings. This was a sad oversight by planners back in the 1950s, but we can try and redress the balance now. The criteria on which the awards are granted are quite detailed and specific. Many emailed drafts and amendments flew back and forth in those snow-filled days leading up to the deadline. But it was worth it! Special thanks to our three Ward Councillors who approved our application.

Now we need your help to suggest worthy places to plant the trees and offers of ongoing monitoring and tending of the young trees. To suggest a spot or offer help, please email trees@brockleysociety.org.uk or phone Brockley Society chair (see p1).

Nicola

By the way, many thanks to all of you who took heed of Anthony's article and trimmed your front hedges. What a noticeable improvement to the neighbourhood already, while making the pavements easier to negotiate. There were a couple of topiary masterpieces! All the good work did not go unnoticed, thanks!

Gill Fraser



We are sad to report that Gill Fraser, co-organiser of the annual Brockley Max Festival, died unexpectedly on 20 January 2011. Her passion for Brockley Max, the arts and our community shone out, as all who knew her through the festival could see. She was an extraordinary, hugely effective woman who was full of vitality. Brockley Max will not be the same without her. Sadly, she has left behind a son and daughter who were just moving out into the world of work and university. We send them our warmest condolences.

Healthy Brockley

"Brockley and its surrounding area is a pleasant place to live in, inhabited by people who appreciate their surroundings and their neighbours. There are many community based activities in which residents can participate. Residents have the opportunity to influence what happens in their neighbourhood through the Local Assemblies and Safer Neighbourhood Panels." Not surprisingly, many of us would agree with this conclusion of a consultation undertaken by Healthy Brockley during summer 2010 at the Hilly Fields Fayre and Blythe Hill Fields Festival.

Healthy Brockley worked in conjunction with local churches to set up a "Churches Together" stall, which included a graffiti board. People were invited to write and draw their thoughts and feelings about the area on to paper, using markers.

Respondents at both events said that it is the people that make the community great. Friendships with neighbours are valued. Community activities are seen as a way of enhancing community spirit and bringing people together. However, the state of the local environment and the perception of crime were seen as detractors from the good



community feel.

The consultation report made four recommendations for consideration:

- 1 Local organisations, especially park user groups, should continue to work with Lewisham Council to add to the facilities provided in the parks.
- 2 Statutory organisations should listen to, take note of and act on what residents say about their community.
- 3 Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Community Wardens should continue to be seen on the streets and should seek to engage local residents where appropriate.
- 4 Residents should be encouraged to speak about their concerns and be involved in seeing them resolved.

The consultation report has been sent to the ward councillors for Brockley, Crofton Park, Ladywell and Telegraph Hill and local organisations. A copy of the report can be obtained from Andy Parnham of Healthy Brockley, 020 8469 2438, or andrew.parnham@gmail.com.

Barbecue needs new home!

Our large barbecue is hired out for events in the Brockley area. You call the holder, arrange a time, collect it, pay, and return it the next day. It dismantles for easy storage and transport. But its past home is no longer available and we are looking for someone who can store it safely and handle the bookings. Please email or phone me with offers! chair@brockleysociety.org.uk or Clare on 020 8692 3829.

Panto trip breaks record

The Panto trip in December was more popular than ever! A record-breaking 120 young, and not so young, Brockley Panto die-hards, enjoyed Greenwich Theatre's production of Cinderella. This panto made it to my top three,' said Eva aged 9. 'I loved the costumes and songs!' The trip is supported by a contribution from Brockley Society. Watch out for details of this year's Panto trip in the November newsletter or the BrocSoc website.

brockleymax

Brockley's community arts festival: 27 May - 4 June
www.brockleymax.co.uk

Brockley Max will go ahead this year as a tribute to Gill, but she has left a huge hole as the festival programmer, venue and performer liaison, press release writer, and organiser of sponsorship. If you feel you can fill any of these posts or would like to get involved in any way, please email moira@brockleymax.co.uk.

Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre

Saturday 18 June

Excitement is mounting! Performers and events are being booked. A new layout is planned because of the new cricket pitch. Stall application forms will soon be on our website. If you would like to help organise any aspect of the fayre (just a very small task or something momentous) email chair@brockleysociety.org.uk or ring me on 020 8692 3829.

All stall enquiries:
www.brockleysociety.org.uk.

Kent Athletics Club

You might presume that 'Kent Athletics Club' is based somewhere on the outskirts of Maidstone. It is in fact one of our most successful local sports clubs based just on the outskirts of Brockley at Ladywell Running Track behind Lewisham Hospital.

The club was initially founded over a century ago in 1898; the result of two clubs, Lewisham Hare and Hounds and West Kent Harriers, joining together. In its early days the club never really had a stable venue to call home. Members used to congregate at local public houses such as the Talbot on Tyrwhitt Road and the Brockley Jack along Brockley Road to discuss meets, and administrate club matters. However 1936 proved to be a momentous year in the history of the club, for this is when Ladywell Track was built, culminating in it being used as their headquarters ever since.

From that point, Kent Athletics Club has gone from strength to strength. In track & field, road and cross-country Kent are rated in the top 20 in the UK, an achievement considering that many clubs are not able to compete at a competitive level in all three disciplines. In cross-country, the club won the Kent County Championships for the first time in 2005, and it accomplished a top-ten team spot in the National Cross-Country Championships a short while later in 2007. For the track and field disciplines, the club participates in the British League Division One, which is the second highest division in the UK. Not forgetting road events - the club regularly qualify for the national road relay competitions. Kent's aspirations are to be consistent in all disciplines as well as medal ambitions at major meetings in the future, and the club are targeting a similar level of success in the women's section as their male counterparts.

Kent Athletics Club strive to recruit young people from the Lewisham area to give the club a local identity. This is aided by the many unpaid volunteers who devote their spare time into coaching youths, guiding them from junior to senior levels. Ken Pike, Pete Boxshall and Joe Appiah, to name a few, dedicate many hours nurturing the younger club members. Conrad Williams, Jeffrey Lawal-Balogan and Jermaine Mays are three members of the club who have benefited from this experience, having joined the club as teenagers and since going on to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at events.

Kent provides a friendly and supportive environment to nurture athletics talent, and this attitude galvanises strong ties to the club. And it's not just training either; there are frequent social events, including the summer BBQ and Christmas meal every year, and of course, there are still plenty of post-meeting visits to our local pubs. One important fixture in the club's calendar is its 10 mile road race, which takes place in Sidcup during February. It is a popular event for participants as it is flat, attracting many runners training for the London Marathon. Kent also train in groups and can be found doing sessions around Hilly Fields throughout the week but mainly on a Tuesday evening.

If you are keen to find out more about the club, email info@kentac.org.uk. Kent Athletics Club caters for people of all abilities and event interests.

Nicholas



Our MidWinter Warmer for senior citizens at Brockley Social Club was a resounding success! Full report in next issue.

Storyvault: Recording life's memories

Memories make us who we are, and it is vital that fascinating life experiences be remembered so future generations are able to understand what their ancestors lived through. These remarkable memories from ordinary people should not be allowed to be forgotten. And what better way to remember them than by seeing an eyewitness account from someone who was there?

Storyvault is a non-profit organisation inspired by the BBC Domesday Project, published in 1986, recording everyday people's accounts about geographical, historical or social issues in their local area, or simply about their daily lives. We are expanding on this idea by preserving the memories of friends, families and neighbours through the use of filmed interviews so that future generations can enjoy them and learn from them.

As a Digital Archive Producer for Storyvault and also a resident of Brockley, I am particularly interested in meeting local residents who would be willing to share some of their unique experiences. If you would like to be interviewed, I would love to hear your story. The interview would be informal and more like a chat over a cup of tea and cake!

Perhaps you have taken part in or witnessed an extraordinary event - like the Battle of Britain, the Brixton Riots, or the fall of the Berlin Wall. You may have grown up during The Blitz or perhaps seen a concert by The Beatles or Elvis Presley. Everyone has a story that would be of interest to future generations.

At Storyvault we want you to feel comfortable talking to us, and simply want to hear your stories in an informal setting. If you prefer to have a friend present then we encourage that. This could either be in your own home or somewhere neutral like a community centre or coffee shop.

So please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, or if you would like more information on the project. We would love to hear your stories!

Contact me, Yasmin, yasmin.zadeh@gmail.com, or 07908 593 089. For more information on Storyvault and to see other people's videos, check out our website at www.storyvault.com.

The Storyvault Team

Bowling into Spring at Hilly Fields Park

Tucked away behind the hedge at one corner of Hilly Fields is your local bowls club. It's a little square of green offering peace, fun and exercise. Sunday mornings, 10.30 to 11.30am from May onwards, there are light-hearted coaching sessions, great for families to enjoy together. On Wednesday evenings we offer coaching for an hour from about 6.30pm for those of you who work. You can come along, get a bit of coaching and enjoy stretching muscle and mind. All we ask is that you wear flat shoes to protect the green and a couple of pounds per person for hire of bowls (and shoes if need be) and a bit of coaching to get

you going. Oh, and there's tea, coffee and biscuits thrown in and jolly good company. And the great thing about bowls is beginners can play experienced players and not spoil the latters' game; women play equally against men; and a young whippersnapper can play a octogenarian (and either might win!). So why not wander along some time this spring, see what it's all about, have a cuppa and a chat, and soak up the peaceful atmosphere?

Contact our coaches Jeanette Singer on 0208 291 9243 or Ron Phillips on 0208 692 3669.

Jill

New Life for Brockley's Discarded Items

One of the things I love best about Brockley is the local generosity of spirit, exemplified by the habit of placing unwanted items on the edges of garden walls, and the generosity of most skip hirers to allow material to be taken back out. Recycling, reducing and reusing are equally important principles. I have taken massive advantage of this.

I'm a stop motion animator and puppet maker. I look at the discarded items on garden walls for the potential of what it could BECOME. We work in miniature...so a toothpaste tube top for us is a potential cup, a lampshade can become a robot's body, and scrap wood can become the frame of a mini set – and much, much more... .

Wonder where your CD rack went to? Or that broken light? Chances are it's here with us, evolving into a wonderful tiny world. As stop motion artists, this found aesthetic is what we are actually looking for – so we thank you again!

Over the last few years the streets of Brockley have provided us with so many

resources, vital components for us in saving raw materials costs.

We have taken entire computer desks, metals, cardboard, polystyrene, paint, dead car radios, and recently an entire industrial kitchen's steel surfaces – now evolving into a space station!

If you think you recognise anything in the picture, you probably do. We are building a series of short films and hope to involve these in future Brockley based art events. We're always happy to talk about our work, which is increasingly involved in educational animation.

Though Brockley based, our collaborators are world-wide. Today we got an email from a collaborating model maker artist in San Francisco!

Anyone with things you think we may find useful – get in touch. There is not too much we can't find a use for!

John
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Brockley Sings!

You might have seen posters around Brockley, before Christmas, advertising 'Brockley Sings!' This was the second workshop run by Brenda Rattray in Brockley, intending to build confidence and enjoyment with singing. It was a fantastic thing to do in the run-up to Christmas. For two hours on a Saturday afternoon, you could forget about the presents that hadn't been bought and the tree that wasn't yet decorated and sing your hearts out! At the end of the first session, our group could sing a whole African song, from Namibia, in three-part harmony.

At the end of the four weeks, we joined in a concert at St. Andrew's Church and entertained our family and friends with new-found talents.

Brenda is a charismatic and inspiring teacher. She is hoping to run another workshop in April and I would encourage everyone to attend. It was one of the most positive and enjoyable things that I did last year. Look out for the posters and join in!

Anita

Brenda Rattray is a performer, composer and inspirational teacher who has been running Voice Expressive Workshops in all areas of the community.

The Crown & Sceptre on film

Thanks to Elizabeth Stratton for providing us with the answer to our question regarding the use of the Crown & Sceptre pub as a location for a recent film. She has responded with more information:

"I was living in Strickland Street in 2000, when the Canadian director David Cronenberg (of 'The Fly') brought the cast and crew of 'Spider' (starring Joseph Fiennes and Miranda Richardson) to film in Friendly Street. He had the road closed off, it was a sunny day in the school holidays, and so my daughter, lots of neighbours and I sat on the kerb and watched the process for most of the day; I chatted to Mr Cronenberg who commented that he thoroughly enjoyed filming in the area as it was "easy" to create a convincing fifties feel in the street. All his crew really did was obliterate the yellow lines with compost, hose the street for shiny pavements and erect a period detail lamp-post outside the Crown and Sceptre. He also commented on how good it was to find an original and unadulterated pub facade matching the period of the story. The pub was used for several interior shots as well. We watched while a boy actor (playing the Joseph Fiennes character

as a young lad), was required to walk down the street, wait for his Dad, played by Gabriel Byrne, to come out of the pub and get sent away. It was a long day with lots of repetitive takes and Joseph Fiennes wandered back and forth when not needed on set, visiting the local Post Office and shop, making a striking figure in a long, flapping Great Coat. I am certainly not to be alone in remembering such a unique day - our whole neighbourhood enjoyed seeing the process; the film itself was highly acclaimed when it was first released."

If you'd like to see streamed link video footage of the Crown & Sceptre on Friendly Street from the film 'Spider' then try searching "crown sceptre brockley" at www.youtube.com.

Sadly, the Crown & Sceptre has recently been developed into residential flats, and the exterior of the pub has been removed of the original Victorian tiles, windows and doors. This is contrary to the planning permission granted, and Brockley Society are liaising closely with Lewisham Planning Enforcement to ensure that the current owner returns the pub to its previous state.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Before you start making decisions on any changes to your property, we strongly advise that you look at the Council's guidelines for preserving the Brockley Conservation Area. These will give you a good idea of what is acceptable development:

www.lewisham.gov.uk. Click through Environment, Planning, Conservation and urban design, Conservation Areas, Brockley

If you would like to object to plans for unsympathetic or inappropriate development, please advise the Brockley Society. The more objections the council receives, the more likely the development is to be questioned. If you would like to support something, again, let us know – community pressure does actually work!

Every other week, the Brockley Society joins the other local conservation societies at the Council's Amenity Panel Meeting. Here we raise formal objections, ask questions, and give our input on local development. These meetings help to determine whether planning applications are approved or go on to be raised at the public planning meetings. The public meetings give applicants and objectors a chance to have their say to enable the Council to reach a decision. If you would like to get involved in preserving the character of Brockley or for further guidance on planning issues, including making an application, raising an objection, or the processes involved, contact Rob on 07813 120 773 or planning@brockleysociety.org.uk

Applications Granted

The installation of replacement timber-framed, double-glazed windows in the front elevation and at first and second floor levels in the rear elevation of **10 Avon Road SE4**.

The installation of timber frame double glazed replacement windows to **Flat A & B, 35 Harefield Road SE4**, together with two replacement rear doors.

The provision of a new spiral staircase, together with the installation of a replacement timber door and sliding doors at lower ground level to the rear elevation at **32 Wickham Road SE4** and the removal of the paintwork and coal hole to the front elevation.

The demolition of the existing single storey extension and the construction of a single storey glazed extension at the rear of **172 Lewisham Way SE4**.

The retention of electrical trunking to the front elevation of **158 Lewisham Way SE14**.

The display of 4 internally illuminated signs on the front and side elevations of **155 Lewisham Way SE14** (revised application).

Conversion of the existing integral garage, together with alterations to the front elevation of **4 Wickham Mews SE4**, to provide living accommodation.

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of **10 Avon Road SE4**.

The construction of a single storey extension with steps at ground floor level to the rear of **14 Darling Road SE4**, together with alterations to the front and side elevations, including installation of replacement timber sliding sash windows, alterations to existing window openings and formation of a new window opening in the flank elevation.

The construction of a garden/storage shed in the rear garden at **40 Tyrwhitt Road SE4** in connection with the existing day nursery.

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of **107 Tyrwhitt Road SE4**.

The installation of an electrical intake cabinet and new electrical trunking to the rear elevation of **1-39 Adelaide Avenue SE4**.

The installation of an electrical intake cabinet and new electrical trunking to the front and side elevations at **1-12, 17-28 & 33-44 Ivy Road, SE4**.

The construction of a single storey infill extension to the rear of **148 Tressillian Road SE4**, together with installation of timber sliding sash replacement windows and door in the front elevation, alterations to windows at basement level, paving and formation of a wall in the front garden.

Applications Refused

The retention of a two storey extension to the rear, in

connection with the use of **20 Cranfield Road SE4**.

The retention of an above ground swimming pool and replacement timber doors to the garage at the rear of **39 Wickham Road SE4**.

The display of 2 internally illuminated fascia signs on the front elevation of **155 Lewisham Way SE14**.

The construction of a two storey extension to the rear of **18B Tressillian Road SE4**, together with a replacement extension at upper ground floor level incorporating a balcony, steps down to garden level and an increase in height of the south-facing parapet wall.

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of **20 Breakspears Mews SE4**.

The conversion and enlargement of the basement flat at **68 Wickham Road SE4**, to provide 2 one bedroom self-contained flats, together with alterations to the side and rear elevations.

The installation of PVCu, double-glazed replacement windows at second floor level, in the front elevation of **60C Tressillian Road SE4**.

The formation of a hard standing and vehicular access to the front of **117 Breakspears Road SE4**.

Trees

Crown reduce by 25%, remove lowest limbs and dead wood from an Acacia tree in the rear garden at **60a Tyrwhitt Road, SE4**.

Cut back to boundary branches of a Sycamore tree in the rear garden at **37 Tressillian Road, SE4**.

Reduce back to boundary branches of a Horse Chestnut tree in the rear garden at **35 Tressillian Road, SE4**.

Fell two Ailanthus trees in the rear garden and a Bay tree at **75 Harefield Road, SE4**.

Repollard a Lime tree T1 to the front of **118 Upper Brockley Road, SE4**.

Fell an Ailanthus tree at the rear of **138 Upper Brockley Road, SE4**.

Fell or reduce by 60% an Elder, reduce by 30% an Apple tree and by 40% a Cherry tree at **6 Tressillian Crescent, SE4**.

Repollard a Lime tree at the rear of **82 Wickham Road, SE4**.

Repollard a London Plane tree at the rear of **84 Wickham Road, SE4**.

Remove epicormic growth from a Mulberry tree and two Lime trees, crown lift and remove epicormic growth from a Holly tree, crown lift two Purple Plum and a Contorted Willow tree at **Raymount Hall, Wickham Road, SE4**.

Crown reduce by up to 40% and crown thin by 15% a Pear, a Horse Chestnut and a Lime tree in the rear garden at **95 Manor Avenue, SE4**.

Cut back from footway, thin and reduce by 2m eight of two Conifer trees, reduce by 3m height of a Eucalyptus

tree all in the front garden; crown thin a Holly in the rear garden of **88 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4**.

Fell an Ash tree in the front garden of **78 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4**.

Fell a Fig tree in the rear garden at **10 Avon Road, SE4**.

Fell a Sycamore tree adjacent to the front boundary wall at **78 Upper Brockley Road, SE4**.

Crown reduce by 30% (amended details) a Silver Birch tree to the front of **95 Upper Brockley Road, SE4**.

Crown reduce and crown thin a Horse Chestnut tree at **2 Garsington Mews, SE4**.

Minimal crown reduce and reshape a Whitebeam, crown thin by 15% an Oak tree and remove suckers and limb growing into Whitebeam, reduce and

reshape by up to 1m. a Holly tree; prune back lower limbs of a Pear tree all at the rear of **104 Tressillian Road, SE4**.

Fell two Sycamore trees and carry out minor remedial and maintenance work as detailed in the schedule to remaining Sycamore trees; crown thin, crown reduce and crown lift a Turkey Oak at **84 Breakspears Road, SE4**.

Pending

The construction of a single storey extension at the rear of **143 Breakspears Road SE4**.

The installation of replacement PVCu doubled glazed windows at **31 Crescent Way SE4**.

Erection of one 20 metre high monopole mast complete with one radio equipment cabinet at **St John's Railway Station, St John's Vale SE8**.

The alteration and conversion of the basement flat at **40a Wickham Road SE4**, to provide 1, one bedroom self-contained flat and 1, two bedroom self-contained flat.

The installation of PVCu double glazed sliding sash replacement windows and front door at **13 Tressillian Crescent SE4**.

Alterations to the front and side of **The Talbot (PH), 2 Tyrwhitt Road SE4**, including the construction of a front wall, boundary fencing and a parasol to the front.

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