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Breakspears Mews Community Gardens Construction
Saturday-Sunday 9-10 March (see right)

Fruit Hedge Planting on Hilly Fields

Saturday 16 March 10.30am-2.30pm
Helpers meet at cafe. Soup afterwards. (see right)

Walkabout with Tree Council

Saturday 16 March 1pm

Join Jon Stokes for an informative walk
among Brockley's trees - we live with them
and hardly notice them

See right or <http://brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk>

Brockley (Telephone) Boxes meeting

Wednesday 27 March, 7pm, The Tea Factory (see right)

Brockley Society Open Meeting

Wednesday 10 April, 8pm

Brockley Social Club, 240 Brockley Road, SE4 2SU
(cnr Foxberry Rd., opp. Esso garage)

Nicholas Taylor, architectural historian and former
chair of Lewisham Planning Committee, on *The*
Conservation of Communities

Breakspears Mews Community Gardens AGM

Saturday 20 April, 2pm, at the gardens

Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre

Saturday 22 June 2013 (see right)

Brockley Barbecue

Friday 5 July, 7pm, Hilly Fields Stone Circle

Brockley Market

Local farmers, producers & traders

Every Saturday, 10am-2pm

Lewisham College Car Park, Lewisham Way, SE4.
www.brockleymarket.com

Farmers' Markets on Hilly Fields

Second Saturday of each month 10am-3pm

Copy deadlines for newsletter:

1 February, 1 May, 1 October

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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.*



Significant changes ahead at 180 Brockley Road – see page 2

Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre

22 June, 12noon-5pm

Stall application forms and details for
helping with Brockley's largest
community event will soon be
on our website:

www.brockleysociety.org.uk

More information:

fayre@brockleysociety.org.uk

Calling all 'Builders' and DIY Enthusiasts

Breakspears Mews Community Garden needs you!

*Can you spare a few hours to help us build the
hard landscaping of our garden?*

Saturday and Sunday 9/10 March 2013 (9am-4pm)
Breakspears Mews, Ashby Road Entrance

If you can, bring any of the following:
Screw guns, hand saws, long tape measures, staple
guns, Stanley knives, shovels/spades, buckets &
wheelbarrows for soil shifting. Wear steel-toe-
capped boots or sturdy shoes and wrap up warm.

Donations of soup and cakes gratefully received!

Light refreshments supplied

Sorry - NO CHILDREN! Too many Health &
Safety dangers! Bring your enthusiasm and let's
transform the space. Sowing and planting
weekends soon - when the beds are ready

RSVP mews@brockleysociety.org.uk -

or just turn up

Harmony Sinfonia Concert

'Around Europe'

Saturday 9th March, 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, Wickham Road

Join Harmony Sinfonia, Brockley's own
community orchestra, on a musical
journey around Europe, from Bizet's
'Roma', via Gershwin's 'An American in
Paris', and finishing with Vaughan
Williams' 'London Symphony'.

**Tickets £9 (£6 concessions) on the door
or in advance from**

www.wegotickets.com/event/201939

Brockley Boxes – first meeting



Brockley Society has saved two
listed telephone boxes through
British Telecom's Adopt-a-Kiosk Scheme.
The phones have been removed and the
boxes are now free to be used for, and by,
the local community.

What would you like them to be? A
library, a toy exchange, an art space, or all
of the above? Come and have your say.

First meeting:

Wednesday 27 March, 7pm

Green Tea Architects Meeting Room 104

The Tea Factor, 104 Endwell Rd, SE4 2LX
(close to Brockley station)

Mel on mel.p@uwclub.net

Fruit Hedge planting

**Make sure you're free to join us on
Hilly Fields, Saturday 16 March**

The Tree Council has given the Brockley
Society up to 100 metres of mixed hedge
comprising every fruit you can think of!

So, in conjunction with the Tree Council,
Friends of Hilly Fields and Lewisham
Council are hoping you can join us to hear
about the hedge, how to manage it and
help get it in the ground. - The more who
turn up, the merrier. (Prendergast School
are intending to get involved with
preparation the day before.)

The event will be followed by a **walkabout
Brockley with experts from the Tree
Council**. They will inform us about the tree
history of Brockley, point out fine
specimens, problems, and ways to improve
our natural environment.

We'll be meeting at the cafe in Hilly
Fields (where a light lunch for helpers is
being offered by the Tree Council.)

Further details, including timing, will
soon be available at: <http://brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk>

See Root Cause, p.5

Significant changes ahead at 180 Brockley Road

The narrow site at 180 Brockley Road has been home to Brockley Motors since 1960. Prior to that it was the site of the Ritz, a cinema open between 1913 and 1954 under various names including the Brockley Picture House, the Giralda and the Palladium.

The site is currently the subject of a major planning application to redevelop. New proposals will create 25 new apartments, with units for shops or cafes on the ground floor facing Brockley Road. We think that the developer, McDonald Egan, and his architect have consulted well with local people including groups such as the Brockley Society and Brockley Cross Action Group. They have listened well, and come up with a

scheme that could work for this site. The new retail units should offer Brockley's shopping centre a chance to expand. The design is contemporary but sympathetic, and uses high quality materials and brickwork.

In following this project closely, we have learnt something about the level of public contributions that developers make to the public purse for buildings like these. As part of a deal struck with Lewisham Council if this project goes ahead, McDonald Egan will contribute £41,834 to local education, £32,500 to health, £20,816 for leisure facilities, £37,053 to Lewisham's open spaces, £7,851 for community centres/libraries, £21,206 for employment training, and

£90,000 towards public realm improvements in Coulgate Street. As well as this, the developer will contribute nearly £250,000 through the London Assembly for Crossrail. The eventual profit margins on this building for the developer are likely to be less than 10% - though there will be a further clause in the planning consent that means if profits rise above 20%, then further contributions will be made to Lewisham for affordable housing.

We thought that it is worth pointing this out. Not all development is bad, and not all developers are cynical. We look forward to seeing this project get consent, and for building works to start.

Night Time Aircraft Noise

Many residents of Brockley have noticed a dramatic increase in aircraft noise levels, frequency and duration. Starting as early as 4.30am and often going until after 11pm without break. It negatively affects many of us, waking us & depriving us of sleep.

BAA is running a "pilot scheme". The direct effect is that Brockley and around are the new areas experiencing more aircraft noise (despite BAA claiming that stats show no change). It is on a "rota" basis although the rota is undefined; some weeks are randomly as quiet as they used to be but other weeks (the majority) are unbearable. The scheme is supposed to give "early morning respite" to other areas. This does not explain the noise throughout the rest of the day/night.

This trial period started on 5 November 2012 and is due to complete in March 2013. If it is considered a "success" it may become permanent. Please do not let this happen.

We accept that reasonable noise during "waking hours" may be unavoidable, but we object to "middle of night" noise. If you are experiencing this disruption or want to support your neighbours PLEASE log your complaint at:

- BAA by calling: 0800 344844 or

email noise_complaints@baa.com You need to give your name & address (including postcode) for your complaint to be valid. You should be given a reference number.

- The government are inviting consultation on the issue of night flights generally: email your complaint to night.noise@dft.gsi.gov.uk (more info at: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flights-consultation)
- Contact our Councillor Darren Johnson who is supporting us: Darren.Johnson@london.gov.uk
- Copy in Joan Ruddock MP at joan.ruddock.mp@parliament.uk
- You can email BAA and copy in the others if you are short of time

Although I have been unable to establish the definition of "success", who will be assessing this, or on what basis, I have been assured by BAA that all complaints logged will be taken into consideration. It is VITAL that as many complaints as possible are made. If there is more than one of you at a property, please each log a separate complaint.

For more info or to be kept up to date,

please email me at brockleynoise@hotmail.co.uk. If you are suffering, let me know what street you live in.

Elise Parkin

Public Meeting, Friday 8 March, 7.30-9pm with BAA (now known as Heathrow Airport) and HACAN at Greenwich and Southwark Samaritans

1-5 Angus Street, London SE14 6LU (near New Cross Station)

Night 'respite' trials in South East London:

HACAN has been working with Heathrow Airport, BA and Air Traffic Control to trial 'no fly' zones at night to give people in South East London a break from the Heathrow planes until just before 6am. Every second week residents in some areas are getting no planes until almost 6am. However, we know from your feedback that the trial has resulted in more planes pre-6am in other areas. The trials are until the end of March. After that, they will be assessed. If they have not worked out, they will not be resumed or will be adapted.

We want to hear your views!

For more details of the trials: www.heathrowairport.com/noise/noise-in-your-area/early-morning-trial

Summary of Thameslink Programme

William Badenhorst, secretary of Crofton Park Transport Users' Group, told Brockley Society's AGM last November how this major rail upgrade will affect us.

The Thameslink programme is a large rail infrastructure programme and the franchise will be the largest in the country.

It will combine services currently operating though the 'Thameslink core' - i.e. those that pass underground between St Pancras and Farringdon to continue southwards mainly to Sussex and Kent destinations, and also gradually incorporate other services in Southeast London.

The substantial investment has created some flagship central London stations, which provide residents in this part of London with crucial connections to London and international transport arteries; Blackfriars for the tube; Farringdon for eventual Crossrail services to Heathrow; and St Pancras International for Channel tunnel services.

Brockley residents have an important resource therefore from nearby Crofton Park station, which provides trains on this route. This route has historically been underserved, currently having only two trains per hour. CPTUG is working to ensure that the frequency increases. We have support from the Mayor of London; unfortunately though

the Secretary of State for Transport has not been supportive.

Crofton Park station services should be seen in conjunction with the overground services from Brockley station, as giving local residents an integrated transport network connecting to Central London.

We have seen the success of the 'East London line extension' overground line:

- Phase I (2010) from Crystal Palace/Croydon South through Honor Oak Park/Brockley, which has provided excellent services and financial management. This service is very popular and rapidly became over-crowded to the extent that platforms had to be lengthened to accommodate longer trains. In Crofton Park we witnessed people giving up on the very poor quality services from our line, walking or being driven instead to stations like Brockley, contributing to this overflow and overcrowding.
- Phase II (December 2012) from Surrey Quays to Clapham Junction through Peckham Rye/Denmark Hill. Although it is only a few weeks since this new Overground line came into operation, it is already proving so popular that it's causing enormous strain on the 'Catford loop' services through Crofton Park, as a large number of passengers are now changing from the

Overground at Peckham Rye/Denmark Hill and joining the SouthEastern/Thameslink services to Blackfriars and further north or to Sevenoaks. This increase in use was not envisaged when the paltry two trains per hour timetable was drawn up many years ago.

There are two main strategies available:

- Put pressure on the Secretary of State through elected representatives (e.g. Joan Ruddock MP), to ensure a fair deal in the new franchise arrangements. This would mean asking specifically that the train frequency from Crofton Park station should be increased in line with need and demand to four tph, and that these should continue north of Blackfriars (not terminate there).
- To support the Mayor of London's bid to have TfL take over control of 'Catford loop' stations such as Crofton Park. We think that TfL has an excellent track record with their overground services and their financial management.

CPTUG urges the Brockley Society to write to the Mayor of London to support a TfL take-over, with specific reference to a need for 4tph going beyond Blackfriars, as well as to Joan Ruddock, asking her to raise these issues with the Transport Secretary.

Midwinter Warmer for Brockley's seniors – 9 February

The day was a brilliant success thanks to: Brockley Social Club, Brockley Luncheon Club, Almancil Rotary Club, Juliet and Pippa from Pets as Therapy, Taylor's Food Wine and Lottery, Lewisham Pensioners Forum, the Seniors Choir, Christina from Balloon Blossoms, Dave from Bowel Cancer Awareness, helpers on the day and those who donated cakes and raffle prizes. To be involved next year contact ktwoodbyrne@hotmail.co.uk.



Kate, who made it all happen



The crowd filled Brockley Social Club

Pictures: Richard Shaw



The tea ladies



The Seniors' Choir gave a rousing performance



Inspired solo moments as well



Everyone enjoyed the music, food, raffle and good company, including 93-year-old Margaret (right)



Friends of Hilly Fields

We had a busy end to 2012 and equally busy beginning to 2013 with a gloriously crisp, sunny winter's day for our first **midwinter fair** with homemade crafts, a retelling of the gingerbread man, decorating the same and a book reading.

Our final meeting of the year was our **AGM**. (report is on our website: www.hilly.org.uk) A late cold snap held up **planting of the bulbs** secured through the MPGA, but we got them in before Christmas so hopefully we'll soon be seeing snowdrops alongside the existing anemones in the shade garden. We began work on turning the shade garden into the Octavia Hill and Kyrle Society Memorial Garden, with the clearance of some of the municipal planting and pruning of existing shrubs. We're planning two grant applications to fund an accessible footpath and workshops, but need to find the time to make our way through the forms. In the meantime, we'll continue with our clearance and introduction of woodland plants.



The Big Bird Watch was well supported despite very cold weather

We had one of our busiest **Big Bird Watches** Sunday 27 January, with over 30 adults and 20 children, but I'm pretty sure it wasn't a record for bird numbers. There is a full update on the Hilly Fields Bird Champion blog spot <http://hillyfields.blogspot.co.uk/> With spiced ale and apple juice we ended our



Sunday with our third **Wassail**. With the accompaniment of Charlie Hart on accordion and Andrew Harper on violin, our orchard trees were wished good health.

We'll be taking part in the **Big Dig**, on Saturday 16th March, when we plan to plant a **fruit hedge** close to the orchard.

We are on Facebook (the system seems to have given us the number 7: try search for www.facebook.com/hilly.fields.7) and we try to post everything on our website. Willing hands are always welcome.

Rachel Mooney

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!

Applications Granted

The retention of an illuminated fascia sign and an advertisement on the awning to the front elevation at **173 Brockley Road**.

The construction of a single storey extension at the rear of **145 Upper Brockley Road**, together with the installation of a roof light in the rear roof slope and alterations to the rear elevation.

Alterations to **Unit 3, Ashby Mews**, including replacement roofs, the installation of roof lights, doors and a circular window to the front.

The installation of replacement heritage roof lights to the side and rear roof slopes in connection with the conversion of the loft space and the construction of a replacement single storey extension to the rear of **1 Hillyfields Crescent**.

The construction of iron handrail and balustrade to the external staircase at the rear of **212a Tressillian Road**, together with the installation of a double sash window and a lead-clad roof to landing of the external staircase and the replacement of the access door to the landing with timber framed glazed double doors. Replacement single storey extension at the rear of **17 Hilly Fields Crescent**, together with new roof and 4 roof lights.

The replacement of the roof above the kitchen and installation of roof lights at **165 Breakspears Road**, together with the installation of new doors in the rear elevation.

The installation of replacement double glazed timber frame sash bay windows to the front of 'Ground Floor Flat, **32 St Margaret's Road**.

Construction of extensions to the side and rear of **99 Tyrwhitt Road**.

Lawful Development Certificate in respect of a summerhouse in the rear garden at **3 Brockley Gardens**.

The retention of 3 two-bedroom self-contained maisonettes at **10 Malpas Road**, together with associated amenity space and refuse storage. Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) in respect of the use of the side extension at **5 Tressillian Crescent** as a residential dwelling.

The installation of replacement timber double-glazed sliding sash windows to the front elevation and replacement double-glazed timber casement windows at basement level in the rear elevation of **66 Upper Brockley Road**.

The installation of replacement double glazed windows in front, side and rear elevations, and a double doors in the rear elevation of **158 Upper Brockley Road**.

The re-filing of **41 Manor Avenue**, with Rivendale Eternit slates, the replacement of the existing flat roof covering with glass reinforced plastic, the installation of two rooflights to the rear roof slope, and further minor works to the exterior of the property.

The alteration and conversion of **134 Lewisham Way** to provide 2 one-bedroom, 1 two bedroom and 1 three bedroom self-contained flats, together with the construction of a single-storey rear extension with roof terrace above, alterations to the rear elevation and provision of a bin store at the front.

The replacement of the concrete tile roof covering at **36 Tyrwhitt Road**, with natural slate.

Applications Refused

The installation of two roof lights in the side roof slope at Flat 3, **18 Wickham Road**.

The construction of an infill extension at the rear of **166 Malpas Road**, together with alterations to the rear and side elevations, and alterations to side roof slope.

The construction of a two-storey three bedroom house with associated landscaping and provision of bins and bicycle stores on land south of **Upper Brockley Road** (sited to the rear of **163 Upper Brockley Road**).

The construction of a roof extension and formation of roof terrace to the front of **12A Montague Avenue**, together with the installation of railings around the roof terrace.

The demolition of the existing garages at the rear of **2 Breakspears Road** and the construction of a two storey building to provide 2 three-bedroom semi detached houses.

Replacement of existing public telephone kiosk outside **Brockley Barge Public House**, Brockley Road with combined public telephone service and ATM Service Kiosk.

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

Pending

The alteration and conversion of **Units 1 & 2 Ashby Mews**, together with the replacement of the front boundary wall and the construction of a first floor extension to provide a live/work unit comprising 217.4m² of self contained residential accommodation and a roof terrace at first floor level and 570m² of B1(c) commercial space (as existing) at ground floor level.

The conversion of the existing garage at **24 Garsington Mews**, together with the installation of a window to provide habitable accommodation. Replace 5 single glazed Wooden Sash Windows and 1 single glazed casement window with like for like wooden double glazed windows at **111 Upper Brockley Road**. Raised decking to rear garden of **20 Breakspears Mews**.

= The reinstatement of two flats as one house, the construction of a two storey side extension and the construction of a single storey rear addition, **Flat A, 29 Manor Avenue**.

The construction of a single storey extension at lower ground floor level to the rear of **58 Geoffrey Road**, together with the construction of a dormer window in the rear roof slope and the installation of replacement double glazed windows in front, side and rear elevations.

The installation of telecommunication equipment comprising one Future 600mm dish on existing antenna pole and three replacement jaybeam antennas on the roof of **Lewisham College, Breakspears Road**.

The alteration and change of use of **1-3 Ashby Road**, from Offices (Use Class B1) to Nursery (Use Class D1) together with the construction of two skylights on the single storey roof, alterations to the north and west elevations, installation of boundary fence and gates to the front, associated landscaping and provision of bicycle stores and four car park spaces.

The alteration and conversion of the existing maisonette at **56B Wickham Road** to provide 2 two bedroom self-contained flats together with provision of bin and bicycle stores.

The construction of a two storey extension to the side and rear of **52 Geoffrey Road**. Alterations to the rear of **243a-245 Lewisham Way**, including the construction of a single storey extension, the installation of replacement fire exit door, metal hand railings and staircase at ground floor level.

Conversion of a rear kitchen window into a set of french doors leading onto a decked access terrace with steps to the rear garden at **55B Manor Avenue**.

The demolition of the existing buildings on the site of **180 Brockley Road** and the construction of a part two/ part three/ part four storey block - comprising 482 sqm commercial floor space (Use Classes A1 (Shops), A2 (Financial and Professional), A3 (Restaurants and Cafes), B1 (Business)), 3 studio flats, 11 one bedroom, 9 two bedroom and 2 three bedroom self-contained flats, together with refuse and cycle storage, associated highway and public realm works. The demolition of garages to the rear of **19 Wickham Road** and the construction of a two bedroom bungalow with green roof, together with the provision of a courtyard.

The construction of a lightwell to the front elevation to provide larger casement windows to the basement, **87a Upper Brockley Road**.

The construction of a single storey outbuilding in the rear garden of **121 Breakspears Road**.

The construction of an additional storey above the existing studio and workshop space at **1 Ashby Mews** to provide a 3 bedroom residential unit together with alterations to the front elevation.

The construction of a two storey building to provide a live work unit at **Unit 5 Ashby Mews**, with studio on the ground floor and a two bedroom self-contained flat on the upper floor.

The demolition of the existing buildings at **Unit 4 Ashby Mews**, and the construction of a two storey building to provide a live work unit comprising three bedroom residential unit and Ceramicist studio space.

Trees

161 Upper Brockley Road - Front Garden - ONE Chestnut Reduce by up to 25% Rear Garden - ONE Sycamore FELL.

18 Upper Brockley Road - Rear Garden - ONE White Mulberry FELL.

8 Wickham Gardens - Rear Garden - FOUR Conifer FELL, ONE Maple Remove One Lower Branch and One Stump End Branch Over Garden & ONE Fig Remove Low Right Hand Branch and Lower Branch Almost Touching House.

1 Manor Avenue - Rear Garden - ONE Elm FELL.

43 Wickham Road - Front Garden - TWO Lime (T2 & T3 within the Order) Reduce Overall Height by 2.5 m and Overall Width by 2.5 m to Reduce the Height of the trees from 10 m to 7.5 m.

Flat A, 55 Upper Brockley Road - Rear Garden - FELL One Immediately Dangerous Chestnut As According to the Town and Country Planning (Trees Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/605) section 14 Exceptions.

69 Tressillian Road - Frontage - SEVEN Lime and ONE Ash Crown Reduce to 1 m Below the Previous Reduction Points This is an Overall Crown Reduction of 3 m and Remove Epicormic Growth.

58 Breakspears Road - Rear Garden - TWO Eucalyptus FELL, ONE Eucalyptus Prune Back the Branches which are growing Towards the Wall and the Summer House by 50%, ONE Plum Reduce the Upright Growth, ONE Sycamore Reduce the Height to the height of the Guttering on the House on the Back Boundary.

40 Tyrwhitt Road - Rear Garden - TWO Lime Re-Pollard & NOTICE of Section 14 Exceptions ONE Silver Birch (Immediately Dangerous) FELL & Replace with Prunus 'Amanogawa'.

1 Brockley Gardens, Upper Brockley Road - Rear Garden - ONE Eucalyptus FELL & ONE Sycamore Crown Thin by 20%

21 Tressillian Crescent - Front Garden - TWO London Plane Crown Reduce by 30% Back to Original Cut Points in 2008, Rear Garden - TWO Ash Crown Reduce by 30% Back to Original Cut Points in 2008.

15 Breakspears Mews - Front Garden - ONE London Plane Crown Lift to 4 meters Above Ground Level and Crown Thin by 20%.

Craig Court - Front Garden - ONE Acacia Crown THIN by 25% & ONE Horse Chestnut Lateral and Vertical Reduction to Suitable Growth Points of the Crown In Order that there is 2 meter Clearance between the Lamp Column and the Crown of the Horse Chestnut.

9 Rovston Court Ashby Road - Western Boundary - Eight Lime Re-Pollard.

95 Upper Brockley Road - Front Garden - ONE Sycamore FELL.

49 Breakspears Road - Front Garden - ONE Holly FELL & ONE Sycamore Remove the Three Lowest Branches on the Southern, Western, Northern Crown of the Sycamore.

6A Vicars Hill - North East Corner of the Rear Garden - ONE Eucalyptus (T1) 30% Reduction and ONE Fir (T2) FELL.

33 Crescent Way - Rear Garden; - ONE Ash FELL.

90 Adelaide Avenue - Rear Garden - ONE Pear T1 FELL.

Flat 1, 53 St Margarets Road - Frontage - ONE London Plane (Known as T1 within the Order & T5 on the TPO Application Plan) FELL.

119 Breakspears Road - Front Garden - ONE Turkey Oak (T1) FELL - replant more suitable species

137A Breakspears Road - Rear Garden - ONE Ash Reduce Back to Pollard Points, ONE Maple Reduction of 6 meters in order that the tree as a Spread of Approx 6 meters and a Height of 14 meters & ONE Hawthorn Cut Back Over Hanging Branches from Neighbours by 2 meters.

46 Vicars Hill - Rear Garden:- G1 TWO Strawberry Trees FELL T2 ONE Prunus Cut Back 4 Limbs Growing Towards All Compass Points T3 ONE Catalpa Vertical and Lateral Reduction by Approx 2 meters T4 ONE Elder FELL T5 ONE Pear Shoot Prune for Fruit Production Front Garden:- T6 ONE Magnolia Vertical and Lateral Reduction by Approx 1.5 meters

33 Tyrwhitt Road - Rear Garden - TWO Sycamore and TWO Ash Crown Lift by up 5 meters Above Ground Level and Prune Back to Boundary to Abate the Nuisance of Trees Branches Over Growing the Neighbouring Property.

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Root Cause: Tree Warden Report

Whilst much of our work as Tree Wardens for the Brockley Society centres on the care and maintenance of our street trees, we also monitor applications for tree works on private property within the conservation area.

Many of the applications that come before the Planning Department are for pruning or pollarding, or for removal of trees that are not intrinsically valuable. But the most



Brockley Society's tree wardens ran a Christmas Hamper Prize Draw at Brockley Market to raise funds for Brockley street trees and to talk to people about the importance of trees. A splendid £205.07 was raised and Ian, with pink ticket No.51, walked away with the magnificent hamper.

difficult decisions involve subsidence attributed to tree root damage. These applications often involve large, irreplaceable mature trees of considerable value. The Brockley conservation area has some wonderful examples of mature trees

including St. Margaret's Road and Adelaide Avenue.

Most trees near buildings cause no damage. Subsidence has other causes such as poor foundations and soil conditions (particularly in erratic weather). A commonly held belief is that there is as much tree beneath the ground as above it. In fact most trees, especially natives, are shallow rooted. Even the largest trees have roots only a few inches deep. Anyone who has seen an uprooted tree on its side with just a few roots in the ground yet still growing may wonder how the tree survives. In our climate, trees need relatively little root mass to sustain them. Roots spread mainly to aid the stability of the tree.

Even where a tree is contributing to subsidence, removing it can worsen the problem. Without the tree soaking up moisture in wet weather the soil can swell causing 'heave'.

The loss of mature trees in London was investigated in the 2007 London Assembly report "Chainsaw Massacre" (chaired by Darren Johnson). Worryingly, in some boroughs, up to 40% of trees lost every year were due to subsidence claims, with insurance companies pressurising councils to remove trees with little or no evidence they were causing a problem. Councils wishing to avoid legal disputes are liable to give in. The result is the loss of mature trees and a trend to plant smaller trees.

Your Tree Wardens have developed a constructive relationship with Green Scene (who manage green public space and street trees) and we are actively seeking to establish a clearer working relationship with the Planning Department who manage tree applications in the conservation area.

We will keep you updated with our progress here and on our blog: www.brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk

Eamonn & James

Tree Wardens, The Brockley Society

Francis Drake Bowls Club – New Season Starts Soon

It's not long now until sounds of laughter and various strange shouts/ comments will once more be heard from behind the hedge on Hilly Fields!

Yes the gate will soon open again to welcome members, casual players and visitors to Francis Drake Bowls Club

The season starts at the end of April and will be packed with both competitive and fun events. There will be friendly and League matches (a new Lewisham based League is being sponsored by the Mayor!), club matches and competitions – some with accompanying barbecues! And still plenty of opportunity for casual play.

Bowling at Francis Drake Bowls Club offers fresh air, exercise, chance to meet new

people, shared goals, team spirit, an opportunity to learn something new, and competitiveness.

Regardless of your age or ability - why not come along and see what it is all about! Come alone or in a group.

A session for non-members is only £2.50, including refreshments and loan of all equipment, including bowls and shoes. Coaching is also available for no extra charge.

• **Bring this article with you to claim your first 2 sessions free**

For further information contact Mick and Jeanette Singer 0208 291 9243 or Email: m.singer542@btinternet.com

PLAY BOWLS – IT'S BRILLIANT!

Sunday Art Salon

After a successful launch party last December, Brockley's latest pop up gallery is gearing up for the new season.

Salon director David Bottomley says it is perhaps the craziest time to be launching a small business in a place like Brockley but the sheer lack of commercial properties and desire to offer a personalised art experience has meant throwing open the doors of his artist studio.

Sunday Art Salon launches its exclusive

Spring Collection on **St. Patrick's Day, Sunday 17th March from 11am to 5pm** with a wonderful array of bold contemporary art by south London artists and a unique collection of vintage art, furniture and collectables.

Sunday Art Salon, Hilly Fields Studio, 12 Montague Avenue, London SE4 1YP. Refreshments available.

www.sundayartsalon.co.uk

David Hunter

We are sorry to report that Dave Hunter of Sounds Around, 195 Brockley Road, unexpectedly passed away in January. Widely known in the area, he was an integral part of the Brockley community. He delivered our Brockley Society newsletter and followed local planning issues. For years his shop has been a special establishment, selling an astonishing range of useful items. Brockley has lost a valued character. We send our condolences to his family.

Free ukulele workshops for complete beginners

You must be over ten years old and have your own ukulele. Meet your neighbours at workshops which will take place at Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust, Tressillian Road. Dates and time: To be arranged (subject to funding). To register an interest please Jacqueline at jackiemusicgrant@hotmail.com

Jacqueline

Lewisham Foodbank



Feeding Families in Crisis

Lewisham foodbank is a charity which is part of the Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network. Launched at Malham Christian Centre in November 2012, it is run by volunteers from a range of backgrounds and ages. Since our launch we have fed over 200 people in crisis.

We get our food and financial donations from individuals, groups, schools, churches and supermarkets. Families are referred to us by front line care agencies including health visitors, social workers, church pastoral workers, doctors surgeries, schools, carers, care centres, community mental health teams, citizen advice bureaus, and job centres.

Agencies issue food vouchers to the identified clients, who take them to the Foodbank. Clients are given a generous bag of a variety of tinned foods to last at least 3 days.

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www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

The Malham Christian Centre is open on Wednesday 10-12 and Fridays 2-4pm.

Saira Bohan-Croft Team Member

• All Lewisham food banks are staffed by volunteers and rely on donations from the public. A list of suggested foodstuffs is at www.lewisham.gov.uk - search for 'food banks'.

As well as the Malham Christian Centre (see above) other drop-off points are:

- **We Care food Bank**
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- **Amarda Community Centre,**
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- **Deptford Lounge, Tidemills Street SE8**
- **Sebastian Roche Estate Agents,**
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37 Plough Way SE16 2LS

**Millfields Cricket Club
based at Hilly Fields
Fixtures List**

Dates	Home Team
Sunday 28th April	Hobgoblins
Sunday 5th May	Hobgoblins
Saturday 11th May	Beckenham
Sunday 12th May	Millfields
Saturday 18th May	Hobgoblins
Saturday 19th May	Hobgoblins
Sunday 26th May	Millfields
Sunday 2nd June AM	Lewisham District under 12s
Sunday 2nd June PM	Hobgoblins
Monday 3rd June	Millfields
Sunday 9th June	Hobgoblins
Saturday 15th June	Hobgoblins
Sunday 16th June	Millfields
Saturday 22nd June	Beckenham
Sunday 23rd June	Millfields
Sunday 30th June	Hobgoblins
Sunday 7th July	Hobgoblins
Sunday 14th July	Hobgoblins
Saturday 20th July	Beckenham
Sunday 21st July	Millfields
Sunday 28th July	Hobgoblins
Saturday 3rd August	Beckenham
Sunday 4th August	Hobgoblins
Sunday 11th August	Millfields
Sunday 18th August	Hobgoblins
Saturday 24th August	Millfields
Sunday 25th August	Hobgoblins
Sunday 1st September	Millfields
Saturday 7th September	Hobgoblins
Saturday 14th September	Hobgoblins
Sunday 22nd September	Hobgoblins
Sunday 29th September	Hobgoblins

All Matches start approx 1pm unless stated

Spring bulbs

Keep your eyes on the Memorial Gardens this Spring. Two members of the Brockley Society planted over 1000 bulbs among the shrubs between Upper Brockley Road and Wickham Road during the week before Christmas. The narcissi, grape hyacinths, crocuses and snowdrops were a free gift from the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association/Taylor's bulbs of Holbeach. Sadly there are no signs of life yet and we are hoping that they weren't too late in going into the ground and haven't been eaten by the squirrels. So keep looking out for Spring flowers - or very fat squirrels!

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