

BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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Brockley Society Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12 November

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

8pm: Ed Holloway, Beep Studio Architects
Improving the High Street and Delivering Design

9pm: AGM business

Committee elections - we have vacancies - and lots of
other opportunities to get involved. See - Page 2

ALL WELCOME!

MidWinter Warmer

Saturday 7 February 2015, 2pm-4pm

Brockley Social Club

All Brockley's seniors are welcome. Entertainment,
singalongs, raffle, tea, cakes and drinks. To help (cakes,
transport, raffle prizes, food, or to help on the day)
contact Cat on 07951 385 435

Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre

Saturday 20 June 2015

Ladywell Christmas Market

Saturday 6 December, 11am-4pm

Ladywell Road <http://ladywell.blogspot.co.uk>

Brockley Cross Action Group

Annual Brockley Christmas Market!

Saturday 13 December, 12 noon to 6pm

Coulgate Street next to Brockley Station.
<http://brockleycrossactiongroup.com>

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

To contribute, please email

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Planners, architects and others with conservation
knowledge or interest are welcome to join our
planning and conservation group. See planning
email above.

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



The Coordinated Front Garden Sale was a glorious event for some - but less successful for others.
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A NIGHT OF DANCING FOR ALL THE FAMILY

New in our
3RD
year

LADYWELL CEILIDH

with Muscadin
a ceilidh band from SE7

Friday 14th November 2014 from 7:30 to 11pm
At St Mary's Centre, Ladywell Road, SE13 7UW

Tickets - £10 (£3 for children and young people).
Bring your own food and drink

For tickets and more information
contact Aileen: aileenryder@hotmail.co.uk

No experience needed - come along and join in!

Remembrance Sunday 9th November 10.55am - 12noon (approx)

The Friends of Brockley & Ladywell
Cemeteries will be holding its
Remembrance Day event again this year.
This will start at the Ladywell Cemetery
Cross of Sacrifice at 10.55am and, after
the two minute silence and wreath laying,
proceed via two or three relevant points
to the war memorial in the Brockley
Cemetery for the laying of another
wreath.

Micro-library's first year

The much-loved and well-respected
Lewisham Micro Library in the phone box
on Lewisham Way has attracted international
interest from Mexico, Catalonia, Norway to
Russia. The brainchild of Sebastian Handley,
it has been brilliantly maintained by Dijana
and Danijel since he moved away.

Watch out for its birthday on 30 November!

Motto: It's not what you get, it's what you
leave behind. Facebook: Lewisham Micro
Library



Saturday 29th November, 2pm,
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill,
SE10 8ES

Brockley Society is offering 150 subsidised
pantomime tickets to children who live in
Brockley Conservation Area or go to
local schools.

Tickets cost £8 for children and £12 for
adults (a huge discount) but be quick -
tickets are going fast.

Please send postal orders or cheques,
payable to Brockley Society. Include your
address, school, number of children /
adult tickets and a stamped, addressed
envelope to: BrocSoc Box-Office, 65b
Tyrwhitt Road, SE4 1QE, by 8 Novem-
ber. No cash please. Your seats will be
booked only when payment is received.

Lewisham Choral Society presents:

Rossini: Petite Messe Solennelle

The 'Little Solemn Mass', a late work by Rossini, is anything but small or solemn: the title was probably conceived by the witty Rossini to fool his audience. The work actually lasts for a lively and joyful 90 minutes. Rossini originally wrote it for a small group of 12 singers, 'men, women and castrati', so this performance by the 150-strong voices of Lewisham Choral Society and soloists may sound a little different! Rossini is probably best known for his operas, and this work certainly has an operatic feel, with glorious solos and exhilarating choral sections. The 'Petite Messe' has an irrepressible vitality and is a delightful work for performers and audience alike, so please come and hear this sparkling, exuberant piece.

We are delighted to be joined by an impressive line-up of soloists and instrumentalists for this performance. The concert will also include works for piano duet.

Lewisham Choral Society

Dan Ludford-Thomas (Conductor)

Soprano: Helen Meyerhoff

Alto: Marie Degodet

Tenor: Mark Chaundy

Bass: tbc

Pianists: Nico de Villiers and Jakob Fichert

Harmonium : Ben Saul

Saturday 15th November 2014, 7.30pm

Great Hall, Goldsmiths,

Lewisham Way SE14 6NW

Tickets : £15, £12 (Concessions),

£2 (under 16s), £5 (full-time students)

Available from www.lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk, 020 8309 0439 or on the door.

Treevolution

With the Scottish Independence referendum still resonating and Devo Max on the cards, the Brockley Society Tree Committee have decided on a little local devolution.

We are just a few volunteers trying to help with the conservation of Brockley's street trees, but we are threatened with being overwhelmed by an ever-growing to do list. By the end of this year alone, we will have planted 40 new street trees, organised a Spring Tree Conference, liaised with Lewisham Council's Green Scene, monitored applications to do tree works and fell trees, scanned streets for available planting sites, and developed a list of volunteers (Tree Wardens) to help fund, plant and water individual trees. We have also kept up a blog brockleystreetrees.blogspot.co.uk with photos, articles, and links about our trees.

We have a lot of expressions of interest from people wishing to be involved, plant trees, or raise concerns about particular trees - more than we can manage to respond to. How can we keep up the momentum? We are keen for as many people as possible to be involved, so we have decided to organise a series of events every four months for existing Tree Wardens and anyone else who would like to be involved.

The first of these will be on Sunday 23rd November 11.30am-12.30pm in the Talbot (2 Tyrwhitt Rd). Please see brockleystreetrees.blogspot.co.uk for details.

Brockley Society Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 12 November, 7pm (see p.1)

Brockley Society's activities have expanded and diversified amazingly in the last couple of years and we have been looking at our work to ensure we have the best structures and processes in place.

At the AGM we elect our officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. It is also a good opportunity to get involved.

We organise our work in sub-committees so you can choose something that interests you. The main sub-committees are: **Planning and Conservation, Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre, Street Trees, Breakspears Mews Community Garden** and the **MidWinter Warmer** for Brockley's Seniors.

We would also like to establish a **Communications** sub-group to deal with the website, newsletter, Twitter, file-sharing ... We definitely have weaknesses in this area.

Suggestions for new working groups include: updating Brockley Society's **Constitution**, a **remembrance** project to record memories of post-war Brockley and a projected **mass photo** on Hilly Fields.

You can bring suggestions for other projects you would like to happen.

Everyone is welcome at the AGM and speaker before the business meeting should offer a stimulating view of design and High Street development. *We hope to see you.*

St Peter's

Sunday at 10.30am for a Family Communion Service on the first Sunday and Holy Communion with Junior Church all other Sundays and Wednesday at 10.00am for Holy Communion.

There is also a thriving Little Fishes Babies and Toddlers Group which meets every Monday and Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am during term time.

For our Christmas Events, we have already planned to have: The Little Fishes' Nativity and Christmas Party on Monday and Tuesday 15th and 16th December from 9.30am to 11.30am. (Little Fishes resume on 12th and 13th January)

Christmas at St Peter's:

Sunday 21st December at 10.30am:

Children's Nativity Service

Sunday 21st December at 4pm:

Carols by Candlelight for all the Family, followed by mince pies and non alcoholic mulled wine for all

Wednesday 24th December at 11pm:

Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December at 10.30am:

Family Christmas Service

For more details contact

Rev'd C. Tournay, Vicar,

St Peter's Brockley,

Wickham Road SE4 1LT, 020 8469 0013.

www.stpetersbrockley.org.uk

St Andrews Nursery

This community nursery has been at the heart of Brockley since 1983.

To update some of our facilities, we will be hosting a fundraising event in December:

St Andrews Christmas Market
Friday 12th December, 12pm until 6pm
St Andrews Church Hall, SE4 2SA

There will be raffles, Christmas food, and crafts for sale, and a local author will be reading to children and signing books. Please like our Facebook page for more information, or follow us on Twitter.

Facebook: **St Andrews Christmas Market**
Twitter: **@StAndrewsChristmasMarket**

The nursery currently has spaces for 36 local children aged from two to five. Our aim is to provide good quality, affordable childcare which supports children developing to their full potential at their own pace. We have a hugely committed team of staff, the vital ingredient in helping the children and parents to feel comfortable whilst they are with us. We received a 'Good' OFSTED Report.

If you would like any more information, please contact us and we will happily answer any questions.

St Andrew's Community Nursery
Brockley Road, SE4 2SA
020 8692 5041

ARtHouse Winter Fair

13 December 11-6pm

140 Lewisham Way, SE14 6PD.

<http://lewishamarthouse.org.uk>

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Tree Committee

wants to say

Thank-you

to all you Tree Wardens who have already contributed to a tree in your street.

We will be giving you a label for your tree to show that it has been planted with generous support from local people. We also want to welcome potential new Tree Wardens and generally celebrate the fact that there are a lot of you out there who care about trees in Brockley. Please come to:

The Talbot Public House

(2 Tyrwhitt Road, Brockley, SE4 1QG just in from Lewisham Way)

Sunday November 23rd 11.30am - 12.30pm

for tea/coffee and savouries.

BroSoc Tree Committee in conjunction with the Tree Council and Lewisham Council's Tree Warden scheme.



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Miss Patricia Tidmouth

Many people will remember Miss Patricia Tidmouth whose funeral was in July. She lived for many decades above the eventually derelict shop at 63 Loampit Hill, corner of Tyrwhitt Road and was a well-known figure ambling around the area until she moved to a care home. She had no relatives but had nominated the vicar of St John's church as her next of kin.

Her funeral revealed that she had been a teacher and had led a full and interesting life. Among her papers were pictures of her playing the Spanish guitar in a band, with a flower in her hair and swirling skirts. People who knew her from the church and in her final home spoke warmly of her bright intellect.

It is a pity that we did not record her reminiscences of Brockley as it changed dramatically in the post-war years. Perhaps Brockley Society should initiate a reminiscence project. Are there any volunteers?

It is rumoured that the corner shop will become a cafe before Christmas, which would be very welcome.

O The Batty Folks On The Hill!

Although nicknamed 'flying mice', bats are more closely related to humans. This is just one of the many surprising facts we learnt at the first Friends of Hilly Fields' Bat Walk held on the evening of 18th September. More than 40 people aged 8 to 80 turned out just before sundown, to enjoy an entertaining and fascinating address given by Nick Pond (Ecological Regeneration Manager, Lewisham Council) before setting off on a circuit of the park armed with bat detectors. These are devices used to detect the presence of bats by converting their echolocation ultrasound signals, as they are emitted by the bats, to audible frequencies. The noise we were listening for is like a rapid wet 'slapping' sound, indicating the Common Pipistrelle. Then we excitedly scoured the dark sky above the trees to catch a glimpse as they flitted about in a rapid figure-of-eight pattern, feeding on insects. On arriving back near the Cafe the group agreed it had been an absorbing experience, and most of them intended to look at the Bat Conservation Trust website, to find out more about these misunderstood and endangered creatures in our midst.

The walk followed an earlier success for



the Friends, when Jenny Clark of Sussex Bat Hospital kindly accepted our invitation to display her 'Education Team' of live specimens at the Hilly Fields' Midsummer Fayre in June. Having relocated to a small gazebo shaded by the trees and far away from the noise of the arena's PA system, Jenny used her uniquely engaging presentation skills to amaze and delight scores of children and adults alike. Please go to www.hilly.org.uk for news of past and future events planned as part of our commitment to promoting biodiversity awareness and nature conservation locally.

*Andrew Harper,
Friends of Hilly Fields*

Friends of Hilly Fields

Our last event of the year will be our Friends' meeting on **Tuesday, 9th December, 7.30 to 9.30pm**. Thanks to Ruth and Fred's hospitality, it will take place in the cafe. We'll be providing our usual festive refreshments and propose a sociable meeting with fresh ideas for the new year.

Our first event of the new year will be our regular RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on **Sunday 25th January**, from 10.30 until 12.30. It's a great opportunity to be part of the world's largest bird survey.

If you aren't already aware, Hilly Fields has its very own bird champions who carry out bird surveys every month. The results are shared with the national Birdtrack survey and you can keep up to date with sightings on the Bird Champion Blog: <http://hillyfields.blogspot.co.uk/>

This year's last new sighting was a Little Owl which has the lovely scientific name of

Athene Noctua. It was spotted on 6 October as it perched on a tree house in an adjoining back garden. After about 10 minutes, it flew off into the park. There has been one possible brief sighting since.



The Little Owl is indeed little for an owl, being about the same size as a Starling. It hunts from dusk to midnight and just before dawn, but it is not unusual to see it in the early daylight hours. It may have seen a mouse in the back garden and may well return. If you are walking along the path that borders the back gardens of Cliffview Road, look and listen out. If you think you hear a cat miaowing, take another look because the Little Owl's call is rather like that.

Lewisham Foodbank

So far this year, over 1,000 people have visited the Lewisham Trussell Trust Foodbank, and we have fed over 2,500 people, including those on low income, families whose benefits have been delayed, and many people whose money just does not stretch far enough.

Our clients are referred to us by front line professionals using a voucher system. We provide a balanced parcel of long life goods which should feed the household for three or four days. Clients may receive up to 3 vouchers within 6 months.

All food is donated, and our 3 distribution centres, plus warehouse, are staffed by trained volunteers.

Behind the facts and statistics are many heart breaking stories: the ex-soldier with post traumatic stress, the woman escaping traffickers, the mum having to choose between food or rent, the homeless man who doesn't own a tin opener.

Week by week we offer kindness, acceptance, a smile, and practical help. We listen, we signpost people to other agencies, we offer a prayer, and we show respect. Clients have

said 'When I visited Lewisham Foodbank I was given so much more than food'.

For more info contact Carol 07731 846301 or visit www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

• You can drop food donations to 25 Manwood Road SE4 1AA. Things we particularly need at the moment are: tinned meat (not pork), meat soup, tinned Fish, tinned fruit, sponge puddings, custard, fruit juice.



Alcanet and its cousin borage

Alcanet alert!

If you want the plants in your garden to thrive, I'd suggest declaring war on a particularly invasive weed called alcanet (*Pentaglottis sempervirens*). It may look pretty – and some people mistake its small, mid-blue flowers and nettle-like habit for its cousin, borage – but once alcanet takes hold, it spreads like wildfire and smothers everything around it. Take a look down the mews between Manor Avenue and Wickham Road and you'll see what I mean.

Unlike other weeds in the garden, alcanet is difficult to control because it has a tap root. Unless you dig out the whole thing, the plant will simply re-grow even more vigorously. It's also advisable to handle alcanet with great care. Rather like a nettle, the leaves have little spines that can cause a rash. I am an alcanet victim and, believe me, the reaction is annoyingly itchy and lasts for several days.

Some people have told me that bees are fond of alcanet, but I haven't seen our stripy friends making a bee-line (sorry!) for this particular plant. There are less troublesome self-sowing plants such as buddleia that do just a good a job in the honey-making department.

The trick to stop alcanet taking over your garden is to remove the flowers (with garden gloves on) as soon as they appear. This will stop the seeds forming and spreading around the garden. Ideally, the whole plant should be removed by digging right down to the base of the tap root – or you will have to repeat the battle every time the plant flowers in April/May.

On the positive side, I'm told that alcanet can be used as a fertiliser 'tea' to feed the garden plants. A wad of leaves is put in a large container and soaked in water for several weeks until a brown liquid forms. It's best to use a container with a lid as I'm told the liquid is pretty pungent. The feed is then diluted with water at a ratio of 1 part 'tea' to 9 parts water. According to Anne, from the Lewisham Gardens website, the liquid is particularly appreciated by greedy vegetables like courgettes and cucumbers.

Alcanet can also be put on the compost heap, but only once the flowers have been removed, or they may seed into your lovely new soil and start spreading all over again.

My conclusion is that alcanet is great in wilderness areas or alleyways where it covers up a multitude of sins. However, in your garden, it's a prickly pain and should be restrained as much as possible.

Camilla Berens

Nordic Walking

On Hilly Fields or Ladywell Fields you may have come across groups of walkers rhythmically marching along using poles. These walkers are a part of the growing number of Lewisham residents taking up Nordic Walking, a highly effective form of cardiovascular exercise.

Using poles while walking takes the strain off the joints of the lower body, activates the core muscles and upper body, and burns 40% more calories than regular brisk walking.

For more information about learning to Nordic Walk please contact Laura at brockleynordicwalking@gmail.com or visit www.brockleynordicwalking.com.



Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre 21 June



The very popular climbing wall. Thanks to our sponsors Cannon Kallar Estate Agents.



The dog show is always a big attraction



The field was thronged with crowds of people all day



Fairground rides are a favourite with the children

This must have been the busiest fayre ever! The brilliantly sunny weather brought out the crowds in their thousands for this event which is at the heart of Brockley's calendar. As well as over 150 craft, community, bric-a-brac and food stalls, all the usual attractions were there for all ages to enjoy, including Surrey Docks Farm, Raptorxotics birds of prey, the land train, events in the arena and Brockley Brewing Company. No wet grass prevented the tug of war happening. An unexpectedly popular attraction was Jenny Clark of Sussex Bat Hospital (see page 3).

Our new system of organising the fayre in separate teams made a big difference to the preparations and will be refined for next year. Tasks broken down into manageable parts made it a lot of fun. Thank you to our sponsors, Cannon Kallar, Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward and Saxton & Co. Estate Agents, and to all the participants and volunteers who helped make it a successful day. If you want to be involved next year (preparations start around February) email fayre@brockleysociety.org.uk.

Coordinated front garden sale

Ninety-seven people registered for the sale on Saturday and Sunday 6 -7 September. The weather was excellent and most people had an excellent time from passing trade or people wandering round with a printout of the list from Brockley Society's website.

Here are a few comments: great community feeling - the feel of an end of summer festival - it brought the community together because loads of people talked to each other - we



raised £65 for Muscular Dystrophy research - vintage kitsch all the way! -

Although it was very successful for some, not everyone did so well. The tall ships in Greenwich and the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday may have been a factor, and some participants were a bit isolated or felt the publicity was inadequate. It was clear that a cluster of participants in one street worked best.

We plan to do it on the same weekend next year, 5-6 September. Publicity suggestions include flyers in car windows, posting flyers

My partner, who works in construction, rescued some mirrors, pictures and prints that were being thrown on a skip at a hotel refurbishment. We sold them at the garden sale to raise funds for our voluntary work in Honduras: he trains unskilled building labourers and I teach English and mentor young, inexperienced volunteers for a local education NGO, the Honduras Child Alliance. We raised £120, which will pay for basic toolkits and safety wear so that two local labourers can be trained and equipped to earn a better living for their families.

In Honduras many children suffer from malnutrition. Safe drinking water is twice as expensive as Pepsi so diabetes is becoming a major health problem. Many children do not attend school, which is free, but they need school uniforms, shoes and exercise books/pencils.

So the garden sale will help two families!

in your street beforehand, school newsletters, Lewisham Life - as well as persuading your neighbours to do a sale as well.

Beecroft Garden Children's Centre

Beecroft Garden Children's Centre, is run by Beecroft Garden School, and is open to all local families, offering free activities and sessions including under 5's play and learn sessions, baby groups, employment advice for parents looking for work, ESOL courses for adults to help support their child's learning, parenting advice and workshops. The centre is also a local distributor of 'food bank' vouchers and vitamin D for the under 4's and pregnant mums.



Our Family Support team works closely with health professionals, schools, charities and can help with housing, benefit advice, child health, educational and developmental issues. Our aim is to provide practical support to parents to help their children thrive.

In September we celebrated our first Birthday with many of the 100-plus local families that have used our services. It was a wonderful afternoon where children, parents, and carers enjoyed songs, games, face painting, balloons, a bouncy castle, healthy snacks and a delicious cake.

To find out more about the services on offer drop by the centre or telephone 020 8692 2762, 020 8694 4958 or checkout the website at www.beecroftgarden.lewisham.sch.uk/childrenscentre

Number 57 Art Fair

Number 57 is holding an (affordable) Art Fair 21st - 30th November exhibiting the work of local artists, reflecting the diverse talent that flourishes in Lewisham and its environs. It should be great - do come along and have a look for yourselves. Open Saturdays & Sundays, Fridays pm and other times as listed on website and window information.

57 Loampit Hill,
SE13 7SZ
07599 988 004.
www.57arts.co.uk
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Breakspears Mews Community Garden

Thanks to a glorious summer we have had a very successful year. The open day in July attracted around 130 visitors who were impressed with the progress the garden has made. This has been followed by regular openings two to three times a week throughout the summer with a steady flow of prospective gardeners who have come along to help tend and pick. Everyone has gone away with a share of the bountiful harvest and what has been so pleasurable is the atmosphere as one builds up friendships with everyone. We're now planning what needs to be sown to start the harvest for next year. If you want to participate and are not on the mailing list then please email mews@brockleysociety.org.uk. We would also welcome experienced gardeners to help organise the garden.



The Albany, Deptford

The Albany, South East London's leading arts centre, offers a rich programme of theatre, music, dance, cabaret, exhibitions, spoken word, family theatre, community events and festivals. This season, forthcoming highlights include: Façade, a circus dining experience (13 and 14 November); the brass juggernaut, Hackney Colliery Band (15 November); and families will be entertained in the Christmas Holidays with Michael Rosen's thrilling and

funny adventure, We're Going on a Bear Hunt (10 December – 4 January), featuring entrancing puppetry and captivating storytelling from Little Angel Theatre.

Next season will go on sale from December. Look out for the £1 tickets scheme: ten are available for every show and go on sale on Deptford Market the day the season launches. Sign up to the newsletter to hear more.

www.thealbany.org.uk / 020 8692 4446

Birth Choices Group at the Sunflower Centre

In the heart of the Brockley Conservation Area, at the centre of a thriving and diverse community, sits the Sunflower Centre. Perched on the junction of Tressillian Road, Montague Avenue and Hilly Fields Crescent, SE4 1XZ, with glorious views across the park, the centre offers a comprehensive range of natural and complementary therapies and exercise classes delivered by a dedicated and experienced group of practitioners.

A key element of these services is our programme of treatments and guidance for expectant mothers. We have specialist therapists from across the disciplines of Osteopathy, Homeopathy, Acupuncture, Herbal Medicine, Massage and Reflexology, delivering bespoke therapeutic approaches and group exercise classes; our antenatal and post-natal yoga and pilates classes are renowned.

We are pleased to announce that we are now hosting a monthly Birth Choices Group on behalf of Lewisham Birth Centre. Our resident Homeopath, Penny Heywood, will be co-ordinating these meetings on the first Sunday of every month between 4.30 and 6.30pm. If you are pregnant and undecided where you would like to have your baby, come along and meet other mums-to-be, their partners, midwives from the Birth Centre as well as new parents happy to share their birth experiences.

Our first Birth Choices Group will meet on Sunday 2nd November at 4:30pm. If you would like more information, contact Penny on 07843 422 542 or by email, penny@thesunflowercentre.co.uk. We hope other therapists will join us from time to time. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to speak to anyone about how their individual approach might be able to help you. Therapists' email addresses are available alongside each approach on our website (www.thesunflowercentre.co.uk) or you can contact our reception team on 0208 694 2714 or by email, info@thesunflowercentre.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you into the tranquil and restful atmosphere of the Sunflower Centre!



'You couldn't wish for a sweeter introduction to theatre.'
★★★★★ Time Out

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

10 Dec 2014 – 4 Jan 2015

The Albany, Deptford
Book Online thealbany.org.uk
Box Office **020 8692 4446**
£10, £8 Concs, £32 Family Ticket, £7 groups 8+



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Christmas at
the Albany
Ages 2 +

The Sunflower Centre

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Acupuncture	Mum & Baby Classes
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Homeopathy	Herbalism
Counselling	Alexander Technique
Psychotherapy	Feldenkrais

Easy parking & disabled access
020 8694 2714
81 Tressillian Road, SE4
www.thesunflowercentre.co.uk



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Before you start making decisions on any changes to your property, we strongly advise you to look at the Council's guidelines at: www.lewisham.gov.uk. Click through myservices / Planning/ Conservation and urban design / Conservation areas / Brockley. The Brockley Conservation Area Supplementary Planning Document describes what building modifications will be allowed. Under the Article 4 direction external changes visible from public viewpoints require planning permission (doors, windows, roof, driveways, gates, walls, fences, painting the exterior).

Applications Granted

The construction of single storey extensions to the rear of **2 Hilly Fields Crescent**.

The provision of replacement boundary treatment at **1 Hilly Fields Crescent**.

The replacement of the roof covering with Eternit Rivendale tiles at **74 Tressillian Road**.

Lawful Development Certificate for the construction of a single storey rear extension at **18 Cranfield Road**

Listed Building Consent for the cleaning of the exterior of the building at **239 Lewisham Way**.

The installation of replacement timber double glazed windows to the front elevations and PVCu double glazed windows to the rear elevation at **211 Brockley Road**.

The construction of a single storey extension to r/o **86 Tressillian Road**.

The construction of a conservatory to the rear of **84 Breakspears Road**.

The construction of a single-storey extension to the rear of **8 Harefield Road**.

Replacement timber, double glazed, sliding sash windows, casement window and replacement French doors at **70 Rokeby Road**.

New Rivendale slate roof tiles to **13 The Parade, Upper Brockley Road**.

Replacement Upvc double glazed windows, **13 Beverley Court, Breakspears Road**.

Change of use of **47 Harefield Road** from care home to a single residential dwelling.

Demolition of disused stable building to r/o **237 Lewisham Way**, construction of 2 three storey, four bedroom semi-detached houses. Conversion of the upper floors of **237 Lewisham Way**, construction of a two storey extension to provide 2 one bedroom and 1 three bedroom self contained flats.

The construction of a replacement pitched roof to the outbuilding to the rear of **187 Brockley Road** together with alterations including the installation of eight roof lights.

Replacement dormer window in the rear roof slope of **46 Wickham Road**, replacement conservation style rooflight in the side roof, construction of a lantern light to the main roof.

Demolition of the existing two storey side extension at **8 Tyrwhitt Road**; construction of a two storey side extension at basement and ground floor levels; part one/part two storey rear extension at basement and ground floor levels; changes to the internal layout in connection with the re-use as 4 one bedroom and 1, two bedroom flats; alterations and replacement of existing windows.

Replacement timber framed, double-glazed, sliding-sash windows in front and rear of **4 Tyrwhitt Road**; replacement hardwood entrance door.

The installation of a timber panelled entrance door, door opening to front elevation at ground floor level, construction of a low wall adjacent to the front entrance steps at **28B Manor Avenue**.

Prior approval for the change of use of **1-3 Ashby Road SE14**, from office use (Class B1(a)) to residential (Class C3) to create 6 self-contained units.

Construction of part single, part two storey and basement extension to r/o **117 Upper Brockley Road**, installation of 3 roof lights to the rear roof slope, replacement timber, double glazed windows to front and rear.

Replacement timber framed double glazed sliding sash windows to the lower ground floor front elevation of **51G Wickham Road**.

The demolition of the existing garage to r/o **2 Manor Avenue**, construction of enlarged garage, store and extension to rear, with external terrace at upper ground floor level, external steps to the rear garden, alterations to the elevations, installation of replacement ground and first floor front elevation windows.

Erection of a single storey extension to lower ground floor rear flat at **110 Manor Avenue**.

Restrospective demolition of three garages to the rear of **68 Upper Brockley Road** and the installation of a 1.8m high close boarded timber boundary fence.

Conversion of roof space to provide additional living space, installation of 3 roof lights in rear roof slope and 1 roof light in front roof slope at **154C Tressillian Road**.

The construction of an extension to the rear roof slope of **137C Breakspears Road**, installation of a roof light in rear roof slope.

29 Crescent Way: installation of replacement PVCu windows in the front elevation; construction of a part single/part two storey extension at the rear; Certificate of Lawful Development for construction of a single-storey extension to the rear; replacement timber, double-glazed windows at front; alterations to front elevation; conversion of integral garage to provide additional living space.

The construction of a single storey side extension to the ground floor flat of **29 Chalsey Road**.

Re-covering of the roof at **7 Montague Avenue** with natural slate to the front roof slope and Eternit Rivendale tiles to the side and rear roof slopes.

Applications Refused
Rooflights in the front and rear roof slopes at **14 Harefield Road**.

Certificate Of Lawful Development (Existing) in respect of the use of **34 Tyrwhitt Road** as a 1 one bedroom flat (ground floor) and a two bedroom flat (first and second floors).

The construction of an extension to the rear roof slope of **58 Manor Avenue**.

Replacement timber double glazed sliding sash windows at **29 Vicars Hill SE13**; installation of a rooflight to rear roof slope.

The installation of 5 roof lights in the front and rear roof slope at **154C Tressillian Road**.

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Cranfield Road

Lime: remove epicormic growth, thin by up to 30%. **Lilac House, Breakspears Road**.

Cherry (*Prunus* spp.) reduce height and laterals, lift crown and thin by 20%. Walnut: reduce height and laterals, lift crown. **Syringa House, Wickham Road**.

Conifer: fell to ground level, Horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*): thin crown up to 30%. **Veronica House, Wickham Road**

Lime: fell. Pear: remove deadwood. Sycamore: fell, Crap apple: crown reduce by 30%. Flat B, 1 Wickham Road.

Yew (*Taxus baccata*) fell to ground level. **49 Wickham Road**

56 Manor Avenue, Apricot Tree: fell.

Formal Reduction (20/30%) of Catalpa tree in front garden. **96 Manor Avenue**

Remove dead Cherry, 100 Manor Avenue.

Cypress (*Chamaecyparis* spp.): fell. **65 Tressillian Road**

152 Upper Brockley Road, Elderberry (*Sambucus* spp) cut back overhang. Rear Garden **154 Upper Brockley Road**. Bay Tree: reduce.

Neighbouring Rear Garden: Cut back overhanging Leylandii vegetation to boundary line. Unit 1, Ashby Mews

Pending

Construction of extension to rear roof slope of **89C Tressillian Road**; installation of roof lights in the front roof slope.

Alterations and the conversion of the former **Brockley Police Station, 4 Howson Road** into 4 self contained dwellings; construction of 5 two storey terraced houses fronting **Kneller Road**; associated refuse store/ bicycle storage and associated landscaping.

Replacement sash window to the rear elevation of **Flat A, 50 Geoffrey Road**.

The construction of a part single, part two-storey three bedroom house; associated landscaping, bins and bicycle stores on land sited to the rear of **163 Upper Brockley Road**.

The construction of an additional storey at the land to the rear of **143 Upper Brockley Road**, to provide a live/work unit.

Construction of a single storey dwelling on land to the rear of **111 Upper Brockley Road**; provision of one car parking space.

Demolition of existing garages, construction of 2, two storey plus basement houses on land to the rear of **153-155 Upper Brockley Road**.

The installation of a Velux type rooflight to the front roof slope of **46 Wickham Road**.

Demolition of existing rear extension at **54 Breakspears Road**; replace with single-storey rear and side extensions, construction of a balcony on rear extension roof, a first floor opening on rear elevation, enlargement of 3 existing rooflights on the rear elevation, replacement rooflights to front, alterations to the front boundary to form vehicular access.

Three dormer extensions to front roof slope, enlargement of one dormer extension to rear roof slope of **Flat C, 179 Lewisham Way**.

The construction of a rear extension to the existing ground floor flat at **134 Lewisham Way SE14** in connection with alteration and conversion of the existing flat to provide 2 one-bedroom self-contained flats, together with the formation of lightwells at basement level to the front and an external staircase to the existing basement flat from the forecourt, the installation of railings, bin store and bike storage to the forecourt and alterations to the front elevations.

The reduction of the chimney stack to the rear extension at **35A Breakspears Road**.

The formation of a vehicular crossover at **1 Tressillian Crescent**.

Replacement double glazed timber sash windows to front and rear of **35A Breakspears Road**; replacement double glazed timber french doors to the rear.

Details submitted in compliance with Enforcement Notice for the reinstallation of tiles and retention of existing windows on the **Friendly Street and Cranbrook Road elevations at Crown and Sceptre, 92 Friendly Street SE8**.

The change of use of **148 Lewisham Way SE14** to a take away restaurant.

Cherry (*Prunus* spp.) fell to ground level and poison stump. **138B Tressillian Road**.

Fell one Cherry to ground level. **138A Tressillian Road**.

Lime: reduce by 2m, remove epicormic growth. Conifer: Fell. Lime: reduce by approximately 30%, reduce side laterals. Conifer: fell. **26C Breakspears Road**.

Myatt Garden School, **1 Upper Brockley Road** rear garden: (Eucalyptus species), Reduce overhanging.

London Plane: crown lift 6m; reshape and crown reduce. Acacia: crown lift, cut back from building. **3A Tressillian Crescent**.

Cherry (*Malus* spp.) crown reduce by 30%, crown thin by 15%. **54 Breakspears Road**

Walnut (*Juglans regia*) fell to ground level and replace. **14**

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