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Open Meeting

Tuesday 18 March, 8pm

Rivoli Ballroom 350 Brockley Road, SE4 2BY

A chance to view the beauty of this historic venue, built as Crofton Park Picture Palace in 1913 and converted into a lavish ballroom in 1959. Items at the meeting will include the Heathrow expansion plans and East London line extension and how they will affect us in Brockley.

Brockley Cross Action Group AGM

Guest speaker:

Dennis Law on Transition Towns

Wednesday 12 March, 8pm

Brockley Baptist Church (Vulcan Terrace entrance)

Refreshments provided

BROCKLEY SOCIETY

We are planning a reunion party in May to celebrate our achievements and to thank all those who have helped over the years. We would like to invite as many as possible, including those who have left the area. Please think of all those you can remember working with and send a list, with contact details if possible, to

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fonemefirst@tiscali.co.uk or

phone 07903 150 099 by Friday 28 March

Telegraph Hill Festival Craft Fair

Saturday 8 March, 11.00am to 4.30pm

St Catherine's Church, Kitto Road, SE14

Teas and light lunches will be available all day

Admission is free and there are also lots of open studios in the area in the afternoon

Copy deadlines for newsletter:

1 February, 1 May, 1 October

to clare@sumner-type.co.uk

Farmers' Markets on Hilly Fields

Second Saturday of each month 10am-3pm

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



Photo Veronica Davis, 2003 Fayre

Are we now facing a tug-of-war with Lewisham's Planning Committee?

Lewisham Planning fails Brockley

Several recent decisions, both by planning officers and the Planning Committee composed of councillors show that Lewisham Planning is not concerned with the Brockley Conservation Area and the people living here.

The first decision was about 2 Wickham Road. When the extension was added in the 1980s so that the building could be converted into flats, a basement was formed so that the levels of windows etc. matched the main house. At the time, the developer wanted to use the basement as a separate flat, which was refused, as there were enough units in the building already. Then they cut off the back garden and built three houses. Since then there have been two further attempts to turn the basement into

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Brockley Society

Hilly Fields Fayre

Midsummer Day - Saturday 21 June

12 noon-5pm

The highlight of the year!

As a community event, dozens of people take part in running the day, each making a small or large contribution, as they are able. Benefitting from long-established systems, help is needed to:

- Co-ordinate the programme and advertising;
- Deliver leaflets to promote the Fayre; Mailings to interested parties; Co-ordinate Sponsorship;
- Stewarding on the day; Car Parking on the day;
- Broc Soc stall on the day; Booking attractions;
- Running the tea stall

If you wish to help please ring 0771 408 4296

This no. is not for stall enquiries.

Stalls at the Fayre: To request an information/application form leave your name and address on 07758 464 195



Photo Veronica Davis, 2003 Fayre

Enjoy the beautiful sweep of Hilly Field Crescent houses while you still can . . .

Lewisham Planning fails Brockley

a separate flat, both of which were refused. Now they have again applied to use the basement and Planning has allowed it. This sends the message: if you keep trying it on, the planning department will give in in the end.

The second decision was a long and lengthy battle, which has been lost, against the erection of an inappropriately designed and excessively large building at **47 Breakspears Rd.** The planners and planning committee took no notice of a very detailed submission of objection by neighbours and by the Brockley Society. The local councillors were supportive, but inadequate. Our view was that as part of a row of seven pairs of identical houses, this is one of the few places where a pastiche building is the best solution.

Please enjoy the beautiful view of Hilly Fields and the attractive sweep of Hilly Fields Crescent while you can. Despite a passionate plea and valid objections at the Planning Committee by the Brockley Society and many objections from neighbours, permission has been granted for a huge three-storey extension to the front, side and rear of **8b Hilly Fields Crescent**, spoiling the appearance of the house, removing the chimneys and doubling it in size. There will also be a dormer window on the front, the only one in the road and completely alien to the character of the other houses facing Hilly Fields. Despite the many objections it appeared that the planners were not concerned at all about the damage these extensions would do to the character of Hilly Fields, the Conservation Area or the amenities of neighbours.

There is more. Permission has been given for a crossover and front garden parking at **59 Harefield Road.** This is against Lewisham's own planning guidance and specifically contrary to the spirit of the Article 4 Directions of just over a year ago.

These are very worrying decisions. It seems the planners preference expediency over doing what is right. If they refuse an application, they have to give detailed reasons why, but not if they approve it. They may be worried that an applicant might appeal against a refusal, which would create more work for them and could be very costly. **An objector cannot appeal against an approval.**

We do not want decisions made out of fear or expediency. We don't want more regard given to the applicants and planners than the objectors, the people of Brockley.

If we ask them, it is the duty of our Ward Councillors to represent us at planning committees - that is what we elected them for. Ideally one of our Brockley councillors should sit on each of the three Planning Committees. So often, decisions are made by other councillors who have little knowledge of the area, and no knowledge of the special measures that we have fought so long for, and which are now part of policy. If a new planning officer is unaware of these constraints then decisions can be made which contravene the guidelines.

We need to be vigilant, to take up any case of clear injustice and, if necessary, take the case to the Ombudsman.

BUT it is better to get it right to start with – once a bad decision has been made, not only will it deface the Conservation Area, but it can be used as a precedent for further desecration.

• See *Planning Applications*, p6

Objecting to a planning application – how it works

When a valid planning application for conservation areas or for listed buildings is received the council should:

- Advertise it in the local paper
- Notify adjacent neighbours
- Erect a yellow notice on or near the site
- Put it on the next ASP (Amenity Societies Panel) Agenda.

The Brockley Society is represented on the ASP.

A cut-off date is given for objections to be lodged to the Council. If two or more objections have been received, the officer will have to write a report. As other objections come in they are also taken into account, until the report is written. The council should acknowledge all objections.

If the Council intends to refuse the application, then it will usually do so under delegated powers, and the objectors will be notified when this has been done, and given the reasons for the refusal. The officer will often weigh the objections and negotiate with the applicant to change the application. This may, or may not satisfy the objectors. If the application is withdrawn and resubmitted with revisions, objectors will be given another chance to object.

Don't think objecting once is enough. You must send in the objection, same letter again if necessary, for it to be registered against the amended application.

This is where we fall down, thinking that the objection will carry through – it won't.

If the Council intends to grant a planning application it can still do so under delegated

powers if there are only a few objections.

But if the planning officers want to approve an application and there are more than ten individual objectors or an amenity society (such as Brockley Society) writes in objection, then the application has to go for decision before the Planning Committee which consists of ward councillors, who may or may not know anything about the application or the area of the borough it is in. If it is important to get the application refused, objectors should turn up in force, but only one may speak on behalf of all, for five minutes. It can also be useful for objectors to contact their ward councillors the week before, and ask them to represent them: they are bound to do this even if they don't agree with the objections.

The councillor is allowed to sit at the table and take part in the discussion. This can be very helpful, although he or she cannot vote. So:

- It is important to write a letter of objection, short and to the point.
- Contact the Brockley Society and discuss your concerns so that we can write a valid letter if necessary.
- Go to the Planning Meeting: the more people there, the earlier it will be heard.

They like to get rid of the masses first and a large crowd shows the depth of feeling about a particular issue!

Gillian

For planning enquiries,
email prbyrne@clara.co.uk or
fonemefirst@tiscali.co.uk or
ring 020 8692 6977

Severe noise increase in Brockley from Heathrow extension

The government plans to build a third runway and a sixth terminal at Heathrow, and increase the number of flights using the existing runways by getting rid of 'runway alternation' which at present gives relief during part of the day to areas that are overflowed.

If these extension plans go ahead, the number of planes using the airport could nearly double from 473,000 a year to over 702,000. Hundreds, even thousands, of homes will have to be demolished and it will increase noise disturbance to a wide area, including Brockley, with increased climate change emissions.

The campaign website www.stopheathrowexpansion.com/ describes the severe effects right across a noise corridor in south east London, although the government is consulting only people who live near Heathrow. Make your views known through the campaign website, which includes a petition. Forward it to friends and neighbours.

The main result will be a very big increase in disturbance all day when the west wind is blowing. Blackheath, Greenwich and Lewisham will have a big increase in aircraft overhead as there will be more flights on the existing runways as well as flights heading for the new runway. Aircraft will land all day long when west wind is blowing, up to 17 hours a day, every 90 seconds.

As we went to press a Mass Rally was planned in Central Halls Westminster on 25 February.

- Brockley Society has been active in past campaigns to control aircraft noise. In 2001 we supported the HACAN ClearSkies campaign which successfully stopped night flights and opposed plans for a third runway, a fifth terminal and the abolition of flight path alternation. Terminal 5 is now being built, but the other changes must continue to be opposed.



A tower block in Hounslow showing the actual planes which went over during the course of one hour (photo montage: Alisdair MacDonald)

Passionate about Brockley? New Year's Resolutions need a boost? Start training for the

1st annual I Love Brockley 5km Fun Run 2008!

Running on Sunday April 27th around Hilly Fields, join your fellow Brockley-ites in a fundraising push for the Brockley Common

Description: A non-competitive measured 5km running and/or walking course

Who for: Runners and walkers. Corporate teams; schools and colleges; individuals; and families

Date: April 27th 2008

Location: Hilly Fields, Brockley

Start time: Registration opens at 8.30am

**Warm up at 9.45am
Run starts at 10am**

The aim is to encourage a family atmosphere as well as an event for regular runners to enjoy. A great chance to learn about your local community as well as fundraise for our large community-led project; The Brockley Common! It will be a friendly and relaxed morning of running and walking for all ages and abilities for a wonderful local cause.

Running in the one of the best parks in South East London this is a safe introduction to racing for all ages as well as a chance to meet your neighbours and enjoy an extremely picturesque landscape with a spectacular start and finish.

The event is held in association with Brockley Cross Action Group and a donation will be made from the entry fees from each runner to the charity. Your entry details will be passed to Brockley Cross Action Group for the purposes of sending you fund raising material but will not be shared with any other organisation or company. A limited edition t-shirt as well as a medal and a goodie bag are included free with your registration.

Prices: Standard entry - £12.00

Concessions - £9.00

Children (under 12) - free entry
(child t-shirt £5.00)

For more info, registration pack and a training schedule please check www.brockley.com/bcag/ You can also register on-line at www.runnersworld.co.uk You can also pick up a registration pack from The Broca coffee shop (4 Coulgate Street, Brockley, SE4 2RW).



brockleymax

Brockley Max 2008

30 May - 7 June

Brockley Max 2008 is coming, promising to be the biggest to date!

For those of you that haven't been in past years, or who have moved into the area recently, The Brockley Max festival is a Music, Arts and Exhibition festival that takes place in the first week of June each year, playing host to every art-form imaginable over a nine-day period and ending with a final night extravaganza, which last year took place on Hilly Fields. The final day comprised a varied series of events for children of all ages, many of which were interactive. For adults, a range of bands and singers on the main stage provided live music across many genres. The day finished with a magnificent fireworks display.

At the end of 2007, rumours were rife about the festival being sized down to just a weekend event. With the stepping down of former organiser Moira Tait to pursue other interests, a new team has been formed to ensure the festival is bigger and better than ever.

The festival is one of the activities created by the Brockley Cross Action Group to improve the cultural life of the area. The new organising team includes David, Terry, Jack and Daniel of FHI Promotions, who put together last year's closing night which had massive public acclaim. This year's festival is scheduled to run from Friday 30th May to Saturday 7th June with an opening live music event by the Brockley MOT centre in Foxberry Road, directly opposite the Brockley Barge public house from 4.00pm.

David, one of the organising team said, "We had no desire to size the festival down, if anything, we want to include adjoining areas, such as Honor Oak Park and Ladywell that currently have nothing comparable to Brockley Max. These areas have a store of talented people and venues that are currently untapped and are begging for a community festival they can contribute to, with around 20,000 people in these local areas alone. Even if a percentage of them come and enjoy the festival, it'll be a big boost."

Inclusion is one of the teams' biggest aims this year, across all spectrums, from young children to the elderly, the disabled, and the wide mix of races and cultures living and working in and around Brockley. David continues, "We have several ideas in the pipeline, including a ballroom dancing competition with a guest judge, workshops for disabled children and a world arts stage for the closing night of the festival."



Photo Felix Glenn

Brockley Max is looking to increase the bill of events this year. Terry goes on to say "We still want to keep the events we've had for the past few years, however we're keen to include new events from contributors who haven't participated in the past. Brockley has become a South London hub for arts of all kinds. With easier ways to get involved, we are hoping to broaden the spectrum of events so that this year has something for everyone."

Being a community festival, relying solely on volunteers and public funding, organising the events is no small feat. David continued, "We need people from every different walk of life, not just event organisers, but photographers, film makers and camera people, stewards, helpers, delivery people and many more besides. Last year requests went out to hundreds of people through the Brockley Max mailing lists, however people who came onto the website didn't know what sorts of people were required, nor how to join in. We're working to change this."

The new Festival website will be the news hub for the months and weeks leading up to Brockley Max, with blog-style news feeds and the ability to easily submit your events for the festival, as well as online-forms for you to offer your services for the festival, whatever they may be. Another member of the organising team Terry said, "Even with our own team, we can't pull off an entire festival without the help of the community. There are masses of talent in Brockley and the surrounding areas which could help to make this year the most successful it has ever been. Join up, get your film work or photography shown off to thousands of people, or at the very least add something different to your CV."

The organisers want to assure everyone that they are keeping very firmly with the existing ethos of the festival. "We don't want to charge patrons to come to the majority of the festival events. In the past, very few events have had a cover charge, we don't want to move from this. It's a community festival, let's keep it free and available to all!"

For more information, or to join in with this year's festival, visit www.brockleymax.co.uk. The Brockley Cross Action Group website is www.brockley.com/bcag

New Friends of Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries Group Formed

Friends of Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries (FOBLC) is a new group which has been formed to protect and improve these beautiful and historic Victorian cemeteries. A Nature Conservation site of Borough Importance Grade 1, the Cemeteries were made part of the Brockley Conservation area in 2006 because of their historic importance as one of the first Victorian public cemeteries and the many fine monuments contained therein.

So far the group has had a number of well-attended meetings and organised volunteer clear-up days as well as a guided walk around the cemeteries as part of the 'Healthy Brockley' event. It has already been

successful in lobbying the Council for improvements including repairing and painting the Victorian railings and new noticeboards with information about the plants and wildlife that can be observed in the cemeteries.

Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting of the FOBLC at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th March at the Envirowork Centre, 113 Brockley Grove, opposite the Baptist Church.

Membership of the FOBLC is just £3 a year. To join or to find out more information please go to www.foblc.org.uk or phone Patrick Napier on 07710 367157.





Brockley Common

At the time of going to press Brockley Common has just received Planning Permission. There were no objections, reflecting the long and open way we have developed this project with local people.

However, there are a number of significant issues that we are now grappling with. Negotiations with Lewisham Highways in relation to Planning Application took a lot longer than anyone anticipated and it looks like we will not be able to get on site and complete the ramp phase by this April - calling into question whether Transport for London's (TfL) £112,000 contribution can be rolled over into the next financial year. Equally taxing is the fact that TfL are due to take over responsibility for the station and network in 2009 and may want to alter the ticket Hall, to install ticket barriers etc and that they will certainly have views on station access and signage. Rumour has it they have £0.5m to spend on each station!

So, the project seems to be getting more complicated by the day, but the Brockley Commoners carry on - not just with this project, but new wonderful flowerbeds in other parts of Brockley - most noticeably the Wickham Estate last November. If you are interested in helping do please e-mail me: stuart@woodin-dechamps.co.uk.

*Stuart Woodin,
Brockley Commoners, BXAG*

Station access

The Access for All Programme is part of the Railways for All Strategy, launched in 2006 to address the issues faced by disabled passengers using railway stations in Great Britain. Central to the Strategy is the ring-fencing of £35m funding per year, until 2015, for provision of an obstacle free, accessible route to and between platforms at priority stations. This generally includes the provision of lifts or ramps, as well as associated works and refurbishment along the defined route.

Stations targeted for Access for All funding include Brockley, Lewisham, New Cross and New Cross Gate stations (but not St Johns or Crofton Park), subject to Network Rail carrying out a feasibility study to identify how access can be improved. Brockley station falls in the final 2012-2015 slot.

Further information on the Railways for All Strategy may be viewed at: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/transportforyou/access/rail/rfa/>

Cut the VAT Coalition

The Civic Trust has joined forces with the Federation of Master Builders and other organisations to campaign for VAT on building repairs and renovation to be cut from 17.5% to 5%. Because demolition and rebuilding are VAT free it can currently cost less to demolish and rebuild an old building than to repair it!

We would also urge you to lobby your MP in support of Early Day Motion 669 which calls for a reduction of the VAT on repairs to existing buildings. Arguably it will bring empty homes (700,000 in England) back into use, reduce the number of people in substandard housing, protect the countryside and UK heritage, help tackle fuel poverty, and reduce rogue builders. It would also help home owners to make energy efficient improvements to their properties.

To support this campaign a petition was signed online at www.cutthevat.co.uk.

Brockley Cross Action Group - continuing to improve Brockley!

The group was formed in November 2000 by local residents, it held a public meeting to ascertain the key priorities that people felt needed addressing locally. Over the last seven years BCAG has continued to listen to local opinion and has achieved considerable success in making Brockley a better place to live and work.

Some of those achievements have gone almost unnoticed: tree planting in Brockley Road, more litter bins, the underneath of the railway bridge cleaned and netted to stop pigeons nesting there, poor paving and kerbs repaired, the list goes on and on. Other successes have been far more high profile - the Brockley Max annual Arts and Music festival, the poem in Shardeloes Road (longest in Europe), the Station garden and of course the Brockley Common which is now entering its final phase.

The BCAG represents YOU and, as a charity, its trustees and active supporters are all local residents. The group will be holding its annual general meeting on the 12th March at the Brockley Baptist Church, Upper Brockley Rd at 8pm. Come along and tell us what YOU would do to improve the local area, maybe volunteer to get involved in making those improvements happen.

Details of the work and current activities of the group can be found on its website - www.brockley.com/bcag.

LETS Trade!

LETS (Local Exchange Trading Systems) are revitalising communities throughout Britain. As grassroots initiatives they are open to everyone - people of all ages, skills and abilities; local clubs and associations; voluntary groups, charities, community initiatives; housing co-operatives, small businesses and local services - helping everyone to give and take, connect to new resources, and find a genuine community identity.

LETS are local community-based mutual aid networks in which people exchange all kinds of goods and services with one another without the need for money. A group of people within a local community pool their resources and compile a directory of their skills, services and goods, along with requests for anything they want to buy, try out or loan. Each member gets a personal account which they use to pay for whatever goods or services they choose. Each LETS scheme has its own currency system, using a unit that measures the value of each exchanged. Local systems choose a currency name to reflect the locality; Lewisham LETS currency is called Anchors. This credit system means members do not have to make direct exchanges.

LETS offers equal opportunities to all - whether employed or unemployed, financially secure or on low income, ethnicity, creed or disability. People earn LETS credits by providing a service or trading goods and can then spend the credits on whatever is offered by others on the scheme, like transport, food, home repairs, the hire of tools and equipment, alternative therapies.

To join Lets Lewisham, visit www.letslewisam.org or call Liz Wright on 07956 076912.

New Badgers in the Woods

As a newcomer to the Brockley Society I have thrown myself in the deep end by volunteering to write an article for the newsletter about other Broca newcomers.

When I was growing up here, Brockley was completely unknown (friends would say, "Is that in Kent?") However, since the influx of young professionals to the area during the 90's, half the train empties out here!

In my absence, there have been many changes and additions in the locality and upon my return from my travels around the world, I was surprised and pleased to discover an abundance of new cafes, restaurants and businesses including three new specialist food shops, Shop on the Hill, Degustation and Dandelion Blue that have sprung up within the last two months.

Shop on the Hill, next to Chez Ecosium on Harefield Road, is a whole foods shop stocking health and wellness products for adults and babies and when I visited, it was very busy for a Sunday afternoon and they had already sold out of bread, cheese, etc. They have a very good selection of fresh vegetables, mostly local, organic and fairly traded and a wide range of chilled foods, together with an affordable range of all the other items one can want from a health food shop, including cosmetics.

One of two fine food shops in Brockley, Degustation now occupies the premises that used to be the Pavilion Property Services. A small, friendly, delicatessen, run by a French Broca, selling predominantly French produce including cheese, cold meats, bread (the small loaf of rye bread that I sought out, however, had a rather hefty price tag of £3), pastries, chocolate, lots of wine and assorted other items. Try the Quince Jelly, it's absolutely delicious!

Just around the corner on Coulgate Street, opposite the railway station, is Dandelion Blue, a haven for all kinds of goodies. They sell a broad range of produce including cheeses, salamis, hams, sausages, oils, olives, antipasti, anchovies, fresh pastas, organic fruit and vegetables and easy-to-prepare meals. It is a pleasure just to go in and browse at all the hitherto unknown (to me) delicacies. They also have a good range of bread and I did buy a loaf of wholemeal bread (not the same as 'Vollkornbrot' that I know from Germany, but nevertheless, tasty) and some yummy spicy olives. They also stay open late enough for commuters.

It's great to see Brockley coming to life. The diversity of these newcomers complement and augment the good mix of 'everyday' shops that already exist in this area, along with new cafes and restaurants, making Brockley more of a gem.

And who knows - if they get their pricing right, they may yet attract a lot of Brocas whose budget presently precludes them from shopping in such places.

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You don't have to suffer!

If noisy neighbours disturb you by playing music late at night, call the Lewisham Noise Team on 020 8314 6000. They will come out and ensure the noise is stopped.

Footpaths on Hilly Fields

The Hilly Fields Park User Group and Francis Drake Bowling Club are petitioning the council for new footpaths for Hilly Fields. So if you are tired of tripping on uneven surfaces, scooting round pot holes, pushing prams up bumpy hills or consoling your child with grazed knees, please help us on our quest to improve access, by signing. We will try and make the petition widely available and hope to leave them in the local schools, the Sunflower Centre, Toad's Mouth and local newsagents.



Mr Patel (right) and his wife (centre) used to run the Post Office on Loampit Vale until it was closed. Now they have retired to Brent, and are enjoying keeping fit.

Have you heard the news?

What? There's a new gate opening on Hilly Fields.

Where? At the entrance to Francis Drake Bowls Club.

When? In the middle of April, for the start of the 2008 bowls season.

Who? It's been designed by Sixth Form art students at Prendergast School.

How? The students came to the bowls club to study bowlers at play. They then made scaled drawings on paper, incorporating the patterns of a bowls game along with some nature motifs. Local artist/blacksmith, Heather Burrell, will be transforming the designs into forged iron at her studio in Deptford.

Why? The bowls green is a special and historic place. The members feel it deserves an entrance which reflects its uniqueness. It will be a gate that warmly invites entry to all. Members of the club, visiting club members and all who wish to visit: whether to learn to play bowls, watch a game or even just to enjoy a cup of tea in the clubhouse. The gate will be larger than the present one, and should be a deterrent to trespassers whose activities abuse the delicate lawn.

Our gate will be opening in the middle of April. Anyone interested in learning more about the club and the game of bowls is invited to walk through it. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2.00-5.00, for casual play; Wednesdays, 6.00-8.00, when free coaching is available.

Contact Jill or Bill on 020 8691 8926

BrocSoc Bowls Beano

Ever wondered what goes on behind the hedge of your very own Stadium of Balm on Hilly Fields? We're talking bowls. And your chance to see whether you've got what it takes to perhaps one day represent your local side on the green stuff.

On Sunday 4 and 11 May from 10am - 12 noon, the Francis Drake Club are running two taster sessions for Brockley Society members (that's anyone who lives in the conservation area). And it's absolutely free!

You'll be given some basic coaching by the club's two qualified EBA coaches, offered the statutory coffee (or tea) and biscuits, then let loose in a short head-to-head game.

The only requirements are flat-soled shoes (no heels), perhaps a white shirt or jumper (we're talking aesthetics here) and a sense of humour (but you can be deadily serious too)!! The age range is 10 to infinity (although under 16's must be accompanied by a guardian or parent).

To ensure maximum hands on bowling, each session is limited to a maximum of SIX people. So sign up NOW!

Contact: Jill or Billon 020 8691 8926

Spectators welcome as long as you don't fall about laughing.

FLOWERING HILLY FIELDS

Come and spend a few hours to join other volunteers from the local community to help improve the fields of Hilly Fields!



HEDGE PLANTING

15th March 2008 - 11am-2pm

We will be planting a mix of native hedgerow species.



PLUG PLANTING

29th March 2008 11am-2pm

We will be planting a mix of native plant species.



Tools, instructions and refreshments will be provided, but please dress for the weather!

For both events please meet at 10.45am by the nature reserve on Eastern Road

For more details, please contact
Glendale on: 020 8318 3986
or lewisham@glendale-services.co.uk

Searching for the whereabouts of Mr. Leroy Augustus March

Formerly of Brockley SE4, regarding the ownership of a missing freehold. Any information, please contact freehold@live.co.uk

Hillyfields park user group meeting

11th March 2008 7.30pm

in the Park Keeper's Room by toilet block at top of the hill

ALL WELCOME

Note new venue

Contact email:

hillyfields4@googlemail.com

• Good news! The money for a permanent solid table tennis table on Hilly Fields has been confirmed, to be installed before the summer.

Tea Leaf Arts

A new community art space is being offered to us, the people of Brockley, by the developers, rent free for two years. It is one of four street level units in the renovated Tea Factory at 100-106 Endwell Road SE4, due for completion in May 2008. After the two year period, we will have the opportunity to continue to occupy the unit on business terms.

Having met with Andrew Carmichael from the Creative Lewisham Agency, we have discussed the possibility of creating a co-operative, non-profit making organisation which would be beneficial for all involved.

We hope to accommodate both the artwork of the co-operative, and have an area for hire, available for exhibitions to outside artists. Various workshops will be run from the space, generating a shared celebration amongst the community and promoting cross-cultural understanding.

We feel that this is an exciting opportunity for Brockley, furthering social, economic and environmental well being in the borough. The art space will support and promote the arts, encouraging personal and community development.

Rebecca Glover

• For more information or to get involved contact info@tea-leaf-arts.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The use of **14 Harefield Mews**, as a two bedroom dwelling house. *Granted*

Listed Building Consent for the demolition of the greenhouse at **Stone House, 281 Lewisham Way**. *Granted*
The alteration and conversion of **25 Manor Avenue** and construction of an extension at lower ground floor level to the rear, together with the installation of roof lights in the front and rear roof slopes and alterations to the rear elevation, to provide 2 one bedroom and 1 two bedroom self-contained flats and 1 two bedroom self-contained maisonette. *Granted*

The alteration and conversion of the basement void at **2 Wickham Road** including alterations to the elevations and the formation of a basement area, steps and entrance door to the side, to provide 1 one bedroom self-contained flat, together with the provision of a bin store and bicycle space. *Granted at Committee*

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of **9 The Parade, Upper Brockley Road**. *Granted at Committee*

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of **148A Upper Brockley Road**. *Granted*

The formation of a vehicle hardstanding and alterations to the front wall of **59 Harefield Road**. *Refused*

The construction of a part one/part two storey extension at ground and lower ground floor levels to the rear of **156 Upper Brockley Road**, to provide additional living accommodation. *Refused*

The demolition of existing additions to the side and rear of **4 Tressillian Crescent**, together with the construction of single storey extensions to the side and rear, to provide additional living accommodation. *Refused*
The change of use, alteration and conversion of **33 Wickham Road**, together with the construction of a single storey extension, plus basement, to the rear, alterations to the rear and side elevations, including the installation of roof lights and dormer windows, formation of a terrace to the rear at first floor level and light wells, to provide 2 one bedroom, 5 two bedroom and 1 three bedroom, self-contained residential units, associated landscaping and provision of refuse/recycling and cycle stores. *Refused*

The change of use, alteration and conversion of **33 Wickham Road**, together with the construction of a single storey, plus basement, extension to the rear, alterations to the side and rear elevations, including the installation of roof lights and dormer windows and formation of light wells to the front and rear, to provide 7 two bedroom and 1 three bedroom, self-contained flats, associated landscaping and provision of refuse/recycling and cycle stores. (Revised plans) *Granted*
The installation of PVCu, replacement windows and doors in the front and rear elevations of **Lilac House, Alder House, Breakspears Road**. *Granted*

The construction of a single storey timber building to the rear of **63 Tyrwhitt Road**, to provide a garden room with storage. *Granted*

The replacement of the existing path and driveway with tiles and self-binding gravel, together with the creation of a front garden at **50 Tressillian Road**. *Granted*

The construction of a two storey, three bedroom house, with integral garage, at the rear of **181 Brockley Road (fronting Harefield Mews)**, together with associated landscaping and provision of a bin store. *Granted*
The installation of a conservation style rooflight in the side elevation of **40 Tyrwhitt Road**. *Granted*

The installation of PVCu replacement windows and doors in the front and rear elevations of **Walter Taylor Court, Breakspears Road., Wadcroft Court, Geoffrey Road, Hazel House, Ash Tree House, Lime Tree House, Wickham Gardens, Geoffrey Court, Wickham Road**. *Granted*

The re-covering of the roof in Rivendale slates, together with the installation of a roof light in the side roof slope, new windows to the rear and side elevations, replacement front door, alterations to the existing two storey rear addition to form a flat roof and replacement of the existing footpath to the front of **38 Cranfield Road**. *Granted*

The installation of replacement, double glazed, timber sash windows in the front elevation of **31A Chalsey Road**. *Granted*

The formation of a vehicular crossover to the front of **59 Harefield Road**. *Granted*

The alteration and conversion of **2 Manor Avenue**, including the demolition of the garage to provide a patio garden for the basement flat, the construction of a lightwell to the front, alterations to the front, side and rear elevations, to provide 2 one bedroom self-contained flats and a three bedroom self-contained maisonette with roof terrace, together with the installation of a 2.2m boundary wall and gates to the side, a 1.8m high timber trellis fence to the rear, steel railings, gates and bin storage to the front. *Granted*

The demolition of existing building and the construction of a part three/part four storey, plus roofspace building at **47 Breakspears Road**, comprising 1 two bedroom flat, 2 two bedroom maisonettes and 1 three bedroom maisonette, including the construction of light wells to the front and rear, provision of 1 car parking space, associated landscaping and refuse store. *Granted at Committee*

The alteration and conversion of **8b Hilly Fields Crescent**, together with the construction of a 2 storey extension to the side, a single storey to the rear, installation of dormer windows in the front and rear roof slopes and roof lights to the front and side roof slopes to provide 1 one bedroom, 3 two bedroom and 1 three bedroom self-contained flats, with the provision for refuse and bicycle stores and a car parking space in the front garden. *Granted at Committee*

The creation of a new public open space incorporating a new ramp and steps to provide access to **Brockley Station**, including footpaths, terracing, planting, lighting and seating at **Brockley Common, Coulgate Street**. *Granted*

Trees

Remove a Sycamore tree from the rear of **75 Tyrwhitt Road**.

Remove a Conifer tree from the rear of **186 Lewisham Way**.

Reduce height by 3.5m, reshape crown and remove dead and dangerous branches from three Cypress trees at **22 Tyrwhitt Road**.

Fell a Sycamore tree to the rear of **5 Darling Road**. Lower crown, thin and prune a Pear tree; thin and reduce by up to 30% a Copper Beech tree to the rear of **12 Breakspears Road**.

Cut back to boundary overhanging branches of an adjacent Oak tree, reduce and reshape by 20-25% a Silver Birch tree and reduce by 4.5-5m, the height of two Conifer trees in the rear garden at **68 Manor Avenue**

Reduce back to previous reduction points and reshape a Sycamore tree to the front of the property; reduce back to previous reduction points and reshape an Oak tree, reduce crown by 1-2metres and prune to reshape a Beech tree, remove a decayed lower limb and reduce remaining crown back to previous reduction points and prune to reshape a Willow tree to the rear of **1 Glensdale Road**.

Crown thin by 25%, crown lift to clear 5.2m, and cut back to clear building by 2m a Beech to the front; crown thin by 25% and remove trunk growth from a Beech tree at the rear of **9 Crescent Way**.

Fell two Juniper trees at the rear of **7 St. Margarets Road**. Crown reduce by a third a Fig tree to the rear of **2 Upper Brockley Road**.

Reduce and reshape a Bay tree to the front; shoot prune vertical growth to a Pear and a Crab Apple tree and prune a Catalpa, all in the rear garden at **46 Vicars Hill, SE13**.

Remove a Lime tree from **Lewisham College car park** at **Tressillian Road**.

Fell Lilac, Conifer and Elder trees at the rear of **98 Tyrwhitt Road**.

Fell a Lime tree to the rear of **112 Tressillian Road**.

Fell an Apple and an Elder tree and a group of self seeded trees at the rear of **80 Breakspears Road**.

Crown lift to 5m, crown reduce by 25%, crown thin by 10% and remove dead wood from a Sycamore and a London Plane tree at the rear of **49 Wickham Road**. Crown reduce by 30% a Sycamore tree to the front of **96 Breakspears Road**.

Brockley Jack Theatre

Planned development of the Brockley Jack Pub had implications for the future of the Brockley Jack Theatre. We had been notified that the theatre was to be relocated to an upstairs room, with no disabled access. Costs of the relocation were to be met by the theatre company itself, which would have made it impossible for the theatre to continue.

We can now share some good news. We gather from both Greene King and Lewisham Planning Department that the plans to situate toilets in the theatre space have been withdrawn! The most recent plans

show the theatre space remaining the same, which we hope will mean a positive future for this venue with no further issues.

While this has been an anxious time for all of us at the theatre, we were overwhelmed by the countless letters and emails of support from local residents and the London-wide theatre community.

We would like to thank everyone for expressing their support and concerns for the theatre's future.

*Karl, Kate & all at
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Tree preservation

There is an important update on the law with regards to trees with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). It means that an insurance claim by the applicant to fell a tree does not necessarily mean that the tree must be felled.

The purpose of making a tree preservation order was to provide amenity to local inhabitants. Therefore, where the encroachment of the preserved tree's roots damaged or threatened to damage the foundations of a neighbour's house the planning authority, in reliance on s 198(6)(b) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Act, was entitled to consider means of abating the nuisance, such as engineering works, which would avoid the need for the tree itself to be cut down, uprooted, topped or lopped.

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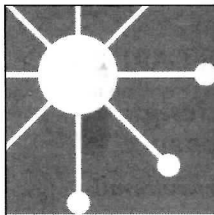
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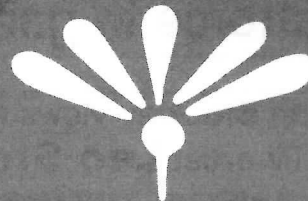
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