

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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## BROCKLEY SOCIETY

### Breakspears Mews Community Garden

See regular opening times on page 3.

**AGM: Sunday 13 June 2pm.** All welcome  
**Art & Crafts as part of  
Brockley Open Studios**

Saturday & Sunday 3 & 4 July  
Visit our stall at Hilly Fields Fayre

### Brockley Society BBQ

Friday 2 July 2021, 7-9pm

Stone Circle on Hilly Fields

Bring friends and family — meet others from the Brockley area. Some food and refreshments provided — or bring your own to cook on our barbecue

**All welcome!**

### Brockley Society Open Meeting

August 2021, 7.30-9pm Date tbc

Lucas Vale Primary School, SE8 tbc

### Penguins, not Polar Bears

The three journeys of Captain William Colbeck (1871-1930) to Antarctica at the start of the Heroic Age of Exploration, told by his granddaughter, Sandra Margolies

*Merchant marine officer William Colbeck went on the Southern Cross expedition of 1898-1900 to the Antarctic. Two years later he captained the Morning to relieve Captain Scott's ship Discovery, frozen in the ice. Food and coal for another year was unloaded and in 1903 Colbeck returned with explosives to blast through the ice and free the Discovery. Colbeck lived in Catford from 1913 to 1930, commemorated by a plaque in Inchmery Road. He is buried in Hither Green Cemetery.*

### Brockley's Historic Mews Walk

-- part of Open House London 2021

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 September 2021

More details on page 7

see: [www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk)

### Coordinated Front Garden Sale (9th year)

11 and 12 September 2021, 11am - 4pm

For details and participating addresses see

[www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk) To join the

list, email [gardensale@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:gardensale@brockleysociety.org.uk) (by 9am on Thursday 9 September)

with your house no. + street + postcode.

State Sat, Sun or both

### Brockley Society AGM and Open Meeting

Wednesday 10 November

### Made in Lewisham (or very near)

Scientist and historian David Perrett's great talk at a Brockley Society open meeting on Zoom on 20 April was about the hundreds of Scientific and Engineering Firms in Deptford and Lewisham over the last 300 years. An account will be in the November newsletter, and meanwhile see photographs from his talk on the Broc Soc website: <http://brockleysociety.org.uk/2021/05/made-in-lewisham-or-very-near-a-talk-by-david-perrett/>

**HILLY FIELDS  
MIDSUMMER  
FAYRE**  
Saturday 17 July 2021 12 noon - 5pm

**I ♥ HF**

**TEA TENT**  
WITH  
**HOMEMADE CAKES**  
Your cake donations on the day are welcome.

**BRIC A BRAC**  
CHILDRENS RIDES  
ARTS & CRAFTS

**DOG SHOW**

**HILLY FIELDS**  
BROCKLEY SE4 1QA

**OUR 46th FAYRE**

For more information and stall application forms visit:  
[www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk)

**BROCKLEY SOCIETY**

**COMPETITIONS**  
Please bring your entries on the day

**CAKE DECORATING**  
Theme: 'Best Thing about Hilly Fields'  
7 years and under / 8-12 / 13-18

**'UPCYCLING' ART** - Any medium  
Create an image of your favourite sea creature from the contents of your recycling bin  
7 years and under / 8-12 / 13-18

**VEGETABLE MODELLING**  
Any Theme - 7 years and under / 8-12

#hillyfieldsfayre

**Tea and cakes:** Our wonderful Tea Tent depends on homemade cakes donated by our community. Thank you for bringing them on the day! **Children's competitions:** Bring entries to the Tea Tent, with name, age and contact details. **Free ice cream voucher for every entry**

BROCKLEY SOCIETY THE PHENOMENALLY POPULAR

## HILLY FIELDS MIDSUMMER FAYRE

IS RETURNING THIS SUMMER ON

**Saturday 17 July 2021 12 noon - 5pm**

To run an enjoyable and safe Fayre

**WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE**



**TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM**

1 hour, 2 hours or all day - we have a role for everyone!

[www.brockleysociety.org.uk/volunteer/](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk/volunteer/)

or email us at

[volunteer@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@brockleysociety.org.uk)



# The Brockley Garden Archaeology Road Show

Have you got a little pile of garden treasures? Fragments of the past, traces of those who used to live in your house a long time ago? Like bits of broken pottery, glass bottles, metal objects or old broken toys. Strange bits that once were something meaningful.

Bring them to the Fayre and we will help you trace the stories behind your bits and pieces!

Pre-Construct Archaeology have been based in Brockley for 25 years, and we are passionate about rubbish from the past, even from more recent times. We will have a stall with an archaeologist and finds specialists ready to answer questions about your personal garden treasure and about archaeology in London and beyond. We look forward to seeing you!

## Dear Brockley Postcard Exhibition

### Lewisham Arthouse

140 Lewisham Way, SE14 6PD

June 4-13, Thursdays & Fridays 15:00-18:00, Saturdays & Sundays 12:00-18:00

A local postcard project and exhibition celebrating women, creativity and community. The women of Brockley were invited to create a postcard on the theme of **WOMAN**. 12 winners were distributed to 2,000 households across Brockley on International Women's Day 2021. All 45 beautiful submissions will be exhibited, with postcards and artwork for sale. All profits to Brockley-based charities.

Visit our stall at Hilly Fields Fayre.

**Instagram:** @fabricexperiments.

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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.

Breakspears Mews Community Garden..... [breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk)

**Join our occasional email circulation about Brockley Society and local events: email [chair@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:chair@brockleysociety.org.uk)**

*Everyone in the Brockley Conservation Area and its surrounds is a member of the Brockley Society.*

**Brockley Society welcomes all.**

**Newsletter copy deadlines:**

1 February, 1 May, 1 October

**Email to [news@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:news@brockleysociety.org.uk)**

**Advertising rates - back page**

Multicultural Writers' Group will be hosting

### Spoken Word Open Mic

Saturday 26 June 2021, 2-4pm

Join us in celebrating creativity in our Community **FREE**

Looking to take part?

Contact us: 0208 317288 or 07960 742307.

**Deadline Monday 21 June.**

[thedeptfordlounge@thealbany.org.uk](mailto:thedeptfordlounge@thealbany.org.uk)

## BACK TO LIVE

**Ninth Life Catford - under 18s event**

Sun June 27, 3pm-7pm £3

Dishevelled Peaches

Sam Wilkinson (Winner of The Voice Kids UK 2019)

Bee Bran Ivy Pratt

Followed by open mic

*(arrive by 3.30 to register for open mic)*

<https://buytickets.at/obevents/520181>

## Wavelengths Leisure Pool under threat

There are no plans to reopen Deptford's pool now that lockdown has ended. It needs a big refurb and the council must find the money.

This treasured resource for children and families in Lewisham's most ethnically diverse area is vital for children's wellbeing after Covid. With millions from new developments in and around Deptford, we believe the resources can be found.

We call on the Mayor and council to work with the local community to make sure our beloved pool is refurbished and reopened at prices that remain affordable to all.

- Sign and share the petition [www.change.org/savewavelengths](http://www.change.org/savewavelengths)
- Share on your local WhatsApp, Facebook and other groups
- Share children's pictures and messages with your councillors and on social media #savewavelengths
- Email us if you have skills, energy or ideas to contribute: [savewavelengths@gmail.com](mailto:savewavelengths@gmail.com)

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**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/savewavelengths/](https://www.instagram.com/savewavelengths/)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/savewavelengths](https://twitter.com/savewavelengths)

## St Peter's Social Supermarket - Health & Wellbeing Club

Those in food hardship have been able to access food at St Peter's Social Supermarket each Wednesday (12 noon until 4pm). As an 'add on' for those interested in their health, St Peter's offered a Health & Wellbeing Club in April and May.

'As a volunteer with the Supermarket, each Wednesday I would chat with people. Through the work, we gained some idea of the struggles people were facing. These were varied and often complex, including isolation, mental health issues and physical health problems, often exacerbated or complicated by being overweight.'

Our pilot project ran through April and May. As we talked about food (looking at the balanced plate that the NHS recommends, the Eat Well Guide) and also went on

walks together in the local parks, we built friendships and tasted new foods!

The most popular sessions were on using spices (and reducing salt), learning new recipes and hearing about hydration (the importance of drinking enough water). The walks and time to talk were seen as important and helpful.

The pilot was such a success that St Peter's is going to run another Health & Wellbeing Club in June. It is primarily for members of the Social Supermarket but if others are interested, please get in touch. Thank you.

St Peter's Health & Wellbeing Club - [annemcbride@talktalk.net](mailto:annemcbride@talktalk.net).

Volunteers and donations are always gratefully received. More information: [www.stpetersbrockley.org.uk/foodbank](http://www.stpetersbrockley.org.uk/foodbank).

## 'To Rocky' — by Ian Wright

*Twenty years after David Rocastle's death on 31 March 2001, fellow Brockley-raised footballer and friend Ian Wright wrote a tribute in the Arsenal FC match day online programme:*

Everyone knows how close we were. Both Brockley boys, you were up in Turnham, I was just down the road. We would see each other in school despite you being younger. Football meant everything to you, man. Do you remember when you dragged a bunch of us to this football tournament literally minutes before it was due to start? We beat everyone! A bunch of us and our mate who played rugby. Everyone had parents and supporters, we just had each other. It was always just us.

At 15, you were already operating at a totally different level. You always carried yourself with a level of professionalism we couldn't

understand. You would leave Brockley to go all the way to Stoke Newington, just to get picked up by Paul Davis so you could go training. On your way, you would stop by the estate and tell me, 'I don't care how you do it, you have to get into the game.'

<https://arseblog.com/2021/03/to-rocky-by-ian-wright/>

### Ian Wright: Home Truths, BBC iPlayer

Broadcast at 9pm 6 May 2021. Available for 11 months

After detailing his own abusive childhood at the hands of his stepfather, Ian Wright fronts a powerful documentary examining the increase in instances of domestic and psychological violence and its effects on children.

Identify all the shots of Brockley and Turnham School!

# BROCKLEY OPEN STUDIOS

BOS welcome you to our **Summer Garden Event 2021:**

•1-6pm Saturday 3 July

•1-6pm Sunday 4 July

Come and see inspiring prints, painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewellery, and photography by local artists in their garden space.

[www.brockleyopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.brockleyopenstudios.co.uk)



## Lewisham Way Youth and Community Centre

For 44 years from 1972 until 2016 an Afro Caribbean Youth and Community centre. operated continuously at No. 138 Lewisham Way. Sadly, this ceased when funding was cut, due to government austerity measurer.

A retrospective planning application seeking permission for the ongoing, exclusive use of the community centre as business premises by House of Noise Ltd. has been has been refused by Lewisham's planners.

The building has been closed to the local community for over two years. Lewisham Arthouse next door is Grade II listed by English Heritage, and offers local communities flexible, shared workspaces. Next door, no. 138 is still listed on Lewisham Council's website as 'a multi-purpose building that offers educational and enrichment activities for children, young people and adults from within the wider community'. Both buildings are in the Brockley Conservation Area.

Conservation means not just the beauty or importance of bricks-and-mortar buildings, but also their contribution to the area's life, culture and history. There is no benefit in erasing a historic, safe space developed over generations by the Black community. The loss will have a detrimental effect on the community. Lewisham Way Youth and Community Centre is part of the area's heritage and must be protected.

'We had big sound system dances out the back and they used to do everything from black history to martial arts, but reggae was central ... Places like this – they were safe spaces. It's important how close things were – it was a whole world. And it was a black world, hosted by black people. And that was really powerful and important.' — *Dr. Lez Henry*

In 2018, the community hall in the rear yard was demolished by the current leaseholders, without authorisation.

*Professor Les Back* has described the centre's context: 'This part of London played a significant role in the development of reggae in Britain and is home to important sound systems like Jah Shaka and Saxon Studio. It is where Lover's Rock records were first made, and many female Londoners sang an "ethic of loving blackness" into being in politically harsh and hateful times. ... These experiments with telling reggae's story differently offer more open and inclusive forms of learning, for reggae is simultaneously a form of "local knowledge" and an "outernational perspective" that is both embedding in a place but never confined or rooted to it.'

The centre offered multiple programmes: Community Choir, Music Production, Black Women's Group, Women's Mentoring, Mentoring Group, Young Father's Group, Stop 'n' Soup, Numeracy and Literacy, Heritage Classes, Family Support, Black Father's Support Group, GEMS Group, Discovering Science. These much-needed services provided a safe place for young people during some of the most turbulent times in the area:

'The New Cross area, in particular the London borough of Lewisham, was notorious as a hotbed of National Front activism and racist arson attacks. In 1977, the Moonshot, a black youth and community centre, was fire-bombed. That year Lewisham also witnessed street battles between National Front supporters on the one hand and anti-racists from the Anti-Nazi League, supported by black youths, on the other. In 1978, the Albany Theatre in Deptford was fire-bombed in a suspected racist attack, as was the Lewisham Way Centre in 1980. The New Cross fire was,

therefore, not an isolated act of barbarism, but the latest and most devastating in a history of racist terror.' — *Linton Kwesi Johnson*

People who benefitted from the centre in the past are dismayed at its loss.

'Closure will have an impact on the way young people choose to resolve conflicts... they will have less options unless people are giving them guidance to stay outside of the criminal justice system.' — *Everton Augustus*



Lewisham Way Community Centre in 2016 with access from the street and transparent frontage. Regular opening hours were prominently displayed on a blue noticeboard. The Arthouse is next door on the left.

Former volunteer *C. Carpenter* emphasises the centre's importance:

'When I first came to London in the 90s I volunteered at the Lewisham Way Youth and Community Centre based at 138 Lewisham Way. It was an Afro Caribbean youth centre, providing support, training and activities for the local black community and not just for youth but for all age groups. Due to cuts and austerity measures from government they lost their funding, as did most youth and community services. This was a real blow to the local community. ... The fact [the current leaseholders] are now trying to change its use... seems abhorrent considering what the space used to deliver to the local Community.' — *C. Carpen*

*Lewisham Guns*, a short film about street violence, made by young men in conjunction with their 'Gangs in the Streets of London' project, was supported by Lewisham Way Community Youth Centre.



L to r: Ryan Thomas, Ashley Gordon, Gavin Fowler, Markushaquile Marcus & Tyrone Massiah, Lenroy Kerr, Femi Fatusim, Nebenzial McLean, Tyrell Bennett, Rheiss Narty.

Youtube.com. 2007. *Lewisham Guns*. Available at: <[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks\\_xR1WZ\\_68](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks_xR1WZ_68)> [Accessed 5 May 2021].

**Do you have memories and recollections of the centre? Please send them to [chair@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:chair@brockleysociety.org.uk)**

Online petition

### Return the Lewisham Way Community Centre

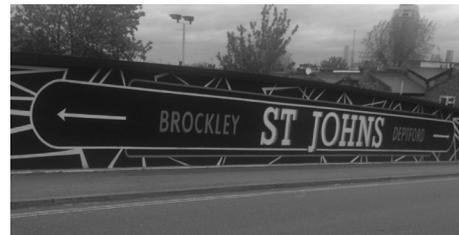
<http://chng.it/XNJCSWcy7b>

*The purpose of this petition is to:*

- Keep 138 Lewisham Way a community centre. Not offices for a media company.
- Enforce local planning laws equally and without prejudice. Lewisham Way community centre would still exist had leasehold terms been maintained.
- Stop the disenfranchisement of Black communities and the erasure of community space

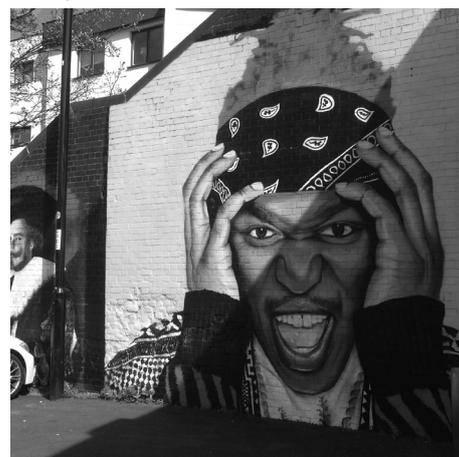
## Around and about ...

### St John's



The rail bridge at St John's has been painted by local artist *Alma Tischlerwood* in geometric shapes to convey a spirit of diversity and optimism on one side and giving clear directions on the other

### Ladywell



A new mural by *Lionel Stanhope* has replaced Caravaggio's *Supper at Emmaus* in Ladywell, perhaps expressing the spirit of our times

### We Walk Wednesdays

*Meet:* 7:30pm, outside Francis Drake Bowls Club, Hilly Fields  
Laughter therapy to start

*Walk:* till 8:30pm

**All welcome!**

## Henry Hewitt Bridgman's children

Have you ever wondered about the people who gave their names to the roads between Brockley Grove and Chudleigh Road: Phoebeth, Francemary, Arhurdon, Gordonbrock, Amyruth, Henryson and Elsiemaud Roads?

### Gordonbrock - letter

*In 2011 Brockley Society received an email from Sue Hoppe in South Africa*

I am delighted and fascinated to come across your website document about Gordonbrock School, in Brockley. My grandfather was Gordon Brock Bridgman, and until tonight, when I googled his name, I was not even aware of the existence of the school, or that there was a street named after him.

Although we corresponded regularly during my childhood in Harare, Zimbabwe, and I adored him, I only ever met him once, in 1969, when my family travelled to Palma de Mallorca for his 85th birthday. He died just over a year later.

He was an interesting man, and as a prominent architect, was responsible for some major projects in Sudan, including the Bank of Egypt building in Khartoum, and the Mardi's palace.

My dad (Peter Brock Bridgman, who died in 2009 at the age of 91) used to speak fondly about his aunts, Frances and Phoebe. We had several visits from Great Aunt Phoebe when we moved to Port Elizabeth, in South Africa, in the late 1970s. She lived in Kimberley at the time, and had never married.



**Gordon Brock Bridgman in a relaxed picture**

My great aunt Frances sent money for my sister and me to have horse riding lessons when we were four and six, and sent me a lovely pair of oak bookends carved and signed by Robert Thompson. Although I never met her, I have good memories, and some old photos from my dad's family album.

I am attaching a few photos of my grandfather and some of the various great aunts in case you might be interested. The names do not all tally, Olive and Josie might have been nicknames for Amy Ruth and Elsie Maud. It seems that my mother, who annotated the family album, might have been a bit mixed up, as one photo is labelled Elsie Frances, but according to the street names, those were two separate people. I have tried to find out more, but the details are very sketchy.



**Phoebe aged 6**



**Elsie Frances Bridgman**



**Olive Bridgman (perhaps Amy Ruth)**

**Great Aunt Josie Bridgman**

#### Editorial note

During an exhibition about demolition of Gordonbrock School buildings in 2010 I told a man from the construction company that I had grown up in a country in the late 1950s and early 1960s where no buildings were older than about 50 years, apart from ancient ruins. I therefore really valued old buildings. When I told him the country was Zimbabwe, or what was then Rhodesia, it turned out he had been born there. Quite a coincidence.



**HH Bridgman Junior (Henryson)**

Although my teenage years were in Zimbabwe, my primary school years were in Kimberley, South Africa -- where Sue Hoppe's Great Aunt Phoebe lived. Intriguing that a common thread runs through two families, linking Brockley, Harare and Kimberley.

*Clare Cowen*

#### Ladywell Society comments -

The Ladywell double name roads are a curiosity. Walter Heath was the builder of the houses but the road names were chosen by the developer, Henry Hewitt Bridgman, a Devonian architect and surveyor who took a building lease for the Bridge House Farm from the Corporation of London. He designed the layout of the roads and in 1895 proposed names to the London County Council — eight names taken from Mr Bridgman's nine children.

Phoebeth Road was named after Phoebe Elizabeth, the youngest daughter. Francemary after Frances Mary. Arhurdon after Arthur Andrew (Don was perhaps a pet name). Gordonbrock after Gordon Brock, Amyruth after Amy Ruth, Henryson after Henry Hewitt Bridgman junior, the eldest son, and Elsiemaud after Elsie Maud, the eldest child.

Only eight roads for nine children, but Gillian Victoria was not forgotten. Henry Bridgman obtained the lease for land on the north side of Ladywell Road, where he laid out another new road, Gillian Street.

The 1891 census shows the Bridgman family at 1 Camden Square, Camden Town.

*Information from Lewisham Local History and Archives Centre*

## Brockley Station



**Brockley Cross Action Group's gardens at Brockley Station have made this a venue to be enjoyed at all times**



**Scratchy (Chris) a volunteer "warden" at the recently enhanced area between the sloping path and the railway line, which Brockley Cross Action Group have lovingly cleared and planted**

## Brockley & Ladywell Cemeteries Annual Open Day

**Sunday 11 July 2021, 11 am to 4.30 pm.**

The Friends of Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries (FoBLC) has regularly held an Open Day to promote the cemeteries' peaceful and historic Victorian landscape. We aim to enable visitors to gain an insight into the history of the cemetery, discover its beauty, flora and fauna and its importance to the Brockley and Ladywell environs.

We lead tours, mount exhibitions on the cemetery's history, its memorials, famous persons interred there, and current and future conservation work. We also sell refreshments and publications.

The last Open Day, in conjunction with Lewisham Borough Council, was a larger and more widely publicised event attended by several hundred visitors. Local community and charity groups joined us with stalls providing information on their activities and an opportunity to raise funds. We aim to build on this success on Sunday **12 July 2021 from 11 am to 4.30 pm. Visit [www.foblc.org.uk](http://www.foblc.org.uk)**

## Aladdin's Cave 72 Loampit Hill

An application for a Premises Licence was submitted for the above address, 'to provide a wide range of facilities to the public', including food, non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks between 10am and midnight, seven days a week. Brockley Society and 43 other objectors opposed the application, and Lewisham's Licensing authority have informed us that it has been withdrawn 'to enable full consideration of the comments'.

## 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](http://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

### Pending

**64A Tyrwhitt Road** The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of ground floor flat, together with creation of a new door to the side boundary wall

**114 Upper Brockley Road, SE4** Replacement of concrete tiles with natural slate, together with the insertion of 5 photovoltaic panels and conservation rooflight to the rear slope.

**Flat 1, 17 Darling Road SE4** The construction of a single storey infill extension to the rear.

**37 Wickham Road, SE4** The construction of an outbuilding in the rear garden

**6 Albyn Road, SE4** The construction of a single storey extension to the rear elevation

**42C Manor Avenue, SE4** - Roof extension to the rear roofslope, installation of two roof lights in the front roof slope and internal alterations to the communal staircase.

**151 Upper Brockley Road, SE4** Single storey rear extension and raising roof of existing first floor extension, removal of render and repointing of brickwork, replacement timber windows and new roof lights, removal of existing front porch and installation of new door with fanlight over and re-roofing.

**43 St John's Vale, SE8** - Replacement timber windows, repairs to windows, new light and CCTV, repairs to render. New front boundary wall and railings, new bin store.

**52 Manor Avenue SE4** - Dormer extension to the side and rear roof slopes at, replacement of the roof, installation of balustrade to the existing balcony and bin store in front garden.

**Chester Lodge, 25 1/2, Wickham Road, SE4** - Replacement door and enlargement of window opening to form new doorway with double-glazed single leaf aluminium casement style door to the rear elevation, decking to rear garden and

associated landscape works.

**15B Cliff Terrace, SE8** - replacement timber windows

**90 Cranbrook Road, SE8** - Alterations to the front garden. including the replacement of front boundary wall, black metal railings and the boundary wall with No. 92, planting of a hedge and natural stone paving

**13 and 13A Tressillian Crescent, SE4** - Demolition of conservatory, replacement single storey rear extensions.

**92 Upper Brockley Road, SE4** - Installation of metal railings to the front and side boundary of the front garden.

**Second Floor Flat, 7 Wickham Road, SE4** - Installation of replacement wooden bathroom window (side of house) with a UPVC equivalent.

**42 Tyrwhitt Road SE4** - Alterations and conversion of the existing flats at into a single family home a bicycle storage in the front garden.

**13 Bolden Street, SE8** - Mansard roof extension with two dormer windows to the front roofslope and two windows to the rear.

**75A Manor Avenue, SE4** - Replacement double-glazed timber sash windows to the front and rear elevation.

**3 Wickham Road, SE4** Demolition of the existing building and the construction of a replacement building at the rear.

### Granted

**84 Geoffrey Road, SE4** - Installation of replacement uPVC rear door and double glazed windows to the front, side and rear elevations of the ground floor maisonette flat.

**58 Breakspears Road, SE4** Installation of metal railings and pedestrian/vehicle gates to front boundary wall, together with new landscaping.

**25 Cranfield Road, SE4** - Installation of replacement double glazed wooden sash window

planning permission (doors, windows, roof, driveways, gates, walls, fences, painting the exterior).

You can view planning applications in the Planning section of the website, and then select 'Search and comment ...' You must log in to make a comment supporting or objecting to an application.

To get involved in preserving the character of Brockley or for further guidance on planning issues, contact [planning@brockleysociety.org.uk](mailto:planning@brockleysociety.org.uk)

to the front elevation.

**137 Upper Brockley Road, SE4** Demolition of existing lean-to structure and construction of two storey side and rear extension (wrap around).

**8 Admiral Street, SE8** Infill extension to the rear, replacement windows to the front elevation.

**16C Breakspears Road, SE4** - Replacement double glazed timber sash windows to the rear and side elevation.

**Flat 1, 56 Cranfield Road SE4** - Installation of replacement timber framed double glazed windows in the front elevation.

**Basement flat, 73 Manor Avenue, SE4** - Infill extension at the lower ground floor level to the rear, enlargement of the patio.

**1 Wickham Gardens SE4** - Partial demolition of the existing building to remove largely uninhabited area and construction of new two storey, two bed roomed dwelling.

### Refused

**Unit 5, Ashby Mews, SE4** - Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for use of the entire property as a single dwelling house and retention of terrace and screening on flat roof at first floor level.

**Flat 8, 1-3 Ashby Road, SE4** - Change of use of from residential (C3 Use Class) to holiday let

### Trees

**84 Wickham Road** - fell one sycamore, rear, damaging brick wall.

**53 1/2 Tressillian Road SE4** - Sycamore: pollard back to previous pruning points and remove ivy.

**6 Darling Road SE4** - birch, rear fell and replace

**8 Admiral Street SE8** - rear - fell one eucalyptus

**Flat B, 32 Tyrwhitt Road SE4** - Front and rear - 8 trees, fell three, works to five.

**1 Drake Road SE4** - Prune tree, front.

## Irish history and Brockley

Charles Stewart Parnell MP was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1846. Of Anglo-Irish heritage, he was an Anglican Protestant. A proud Irish nationalist, over the course of this career Parnell came to believe that freedom could be achieved peacefully through the electoral process.

In the 1880s Parnell argued not for complete independence from the United Kingdom, but for Home Rule within the UK. Above all Parnell called for the restoration of the Irish Parliament in Dublin, which had been abolished following the Act of Union 1801.

After 1801 MPs from Irish constituencies - Parnell represented County Meath and Cork City as MP at different points during his career - had to take their seats at Westminster. The 1885 election produced a hung parliament and Parnell, as leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party (the grouping of nationalist MPs who favoured Irish Home Rule) formed an alliance with William Gladstone's Liberal Party. Home Rule became a central Liberal policy.

Brockley residents may be interested to know that in the 1880s Parnell MP, his partner Kitty O'Shea and their three children (born out of wedlock) lived for a time in the Victorian house at 112 Tressillian Road when it was newly built.

Throughout this period Kitty remained married to British Army Captain William O'Shea. Divorce was still taboo and the fact that Kitty was a Catholic also complicated

matters.

The O'Shea family home was in nearby Eltham and it appears Parnell also lived there for a period in the 1880s but ultimately renounced his tenancy of 112 Tressillian Road in 1888, according to a document at the Irish National Archives in Dublin.

William O'Shea eventually ceased to tolerate his wife's extramarital relationship and initiated divorce proceedings against Kitty in 1890, citing her long-running affair



**The house at 112 Tressillian Road**

with Parnell. The subsequent public scandal led to Parnell's resignation and was a huge setback for the cause of Irish Home Rule.

Following the divorce, Parnell and O'Shea married, but their marriage was short-lived as Parnell died on 6 October 1891. There

is no blue plaque or any other marker on 112 Tressillian Road, perhaps befitting their 'amour interdit' and Parnell's political downfall.

## Brockley's urban forest

Retaining and planting trees, shrubs and hedges in Brockley maintains the character of the conservation area, connects wildlife habitats and biodiversity, mitigates climate change and air pollution, and assists health and wellbeing.

Brockley's many long gardens contribute to the character and spacious setting of the conservation area. Only small-scale developments which preserve views across gardens and do not cause the removal of existing trees are considered.

In the conservation area trees are protected. Before carrying out any works to them (including lopping as well as felling) you must contact the council: [planning@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewisham.gov.uk). To develop a natural canopy that reflects the wooded character of Brockley's rear gardens, replanting schemes are encouraged. Suggested species are wild cherry, Tibetan cherry, Robinia, crab apple, whitebeam, birch, strawberry tree, hawthorn, holly, wild service tree, paperbark maple, field maple, small leaved lime.

Retaining lying felled timber and log piles benefits wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

# Street Trees for Living



We're pleased to report we've managed to grow despite pandemic and drought. Our most recent achievement is a Spring tree audit, involving visits to all our trees by a team of

60 volunteers, who sent us info and photos on Smartphones. We planted another 250 street trees last winter, a total of 1150 trees since 2012! We now have over 100 volunteers across, even outside, the borough. Register on [www.streettreesforliving.org](http://www.streettreesforliving.org) to offer time, especially right now to join our mobile Tree Maintenance Team (with or without car). Please read [www.streettreesforliving.org/water-a-tree](http://www.streettreesforliving.org/water-a-tree) about watering and drought, and WATER dry trees if you can!.

## We're planting trees outside schools

Seven malus trees have been planted outside Launcelot Primary School this winter. The



Launcelot Primary School tree planting on Earth Day 2021

South East London Humanist Group funded one as part of Earth Day in April and went down to water it with the pupils (below).

We will plant approximately 100 street trees with primary schools next winter: two in Brockley - Lucas Vale and St James Hatcham Primary. Places are now full, but we aim to run it again for winter 2022-23 and have a lot of spaces available still.

Coopers Lane Primary School in Grove Park have 13 new street trees outside and near the school.

"We LOVE the trees! We can't wait to see them in full bloom. Thank you, this is such a wonderful improvement to our street." — Paul Hooper, Headteacher, Coopers Lane Primary School, Grove Park

# BROCKLEY SOCIETY

## Brockley's Historic Mews Walk

Part of Open House London 2021

**Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 September 2021**

Brockley Conservation Area's quirky mews are a mixture of leafy lanes and industrial units intertwined harmoniously with Victorian and radical modern architecture, and public rights of way which allow community contact with nature.

**Meet:** Wickham Arms, from 10.30am,

**Saturday 4 / Sunday 5 September**

*This is a repeat of our successful walk in 2020*

**Tours** by Brockley Society: 11am, 12.30 and 2pm, Saturday and Sunday

(about 45 minutes, through Ashby, Wickham and Breakspears Mews)

**Self-guided walks** at other times with a map and information leaflet

**Breakspears Mews Community Garden** open 12 to 4pm for refreshments

The tour and printed material on the day will describe Brockley's early history; 19th century High Victorian development; careful street layout with mews; the 1970s battle to protect mews and gardens from development; and several stunning modern buildings. See: [www.brockleysociety.org.uk](http://www.brockleysociety.org.uk)

### Also participating:

**Brockley 3 Peaks Walk:** self-guided, or buy a map between 10.30am and 2.30pm on both days at Pistachio's Hilly Fields Cafe, SE13 7JN

**Brookmill Park** Self-guided walk in any order or start at Elverson Road Station, SE8 4LA. Map: [brookmillpark.deptfordcreek.net](http://brookmillpark.deptfordcreek.net)

## Ashby Mews gates

An enforcement notice was issued by Lewisham Council on 8 April requiring the removal of the gates at the northern end of Ashby Mews. The owner had until the 18 May to appeal the notice, after which it came into force. They then have a further three months to comply with the notice. Should the gates not be removed after this time, they can be prosecuted for non-compliance, which can result in an unlimited fine and a criminal record.

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