

BROCKLEY SOCIETY



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Brockley Society Barbecue

Friday 8 July, 7.30pm

Stone Circle, Hilly Fields

Bring friends and family – meet others from the Brockley area. Some food and refreshments are provided – or bring your own to cook on BrocSoc's large barbecue.
All welcome!

Brockley: Then & Now

Showcase of photos during Mass photo on Hilly Fields

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 July

Conran Estates, 180 Brockley Rd, SE4 2RR
Display of photos and video clips taken on the day. Call in to have a look or buy the historic Big Photo, which captured a contemporary portrait of who we are today. About 6,000 people took part.

Legacy of the Big Photo project

We need your help. Please send us your own photos from the day, by email or upload them to Brockley Society's Facebook page or twitter feed @broc_soc. We aim to compile them into an exhibition (highest resolution possible: actual file size or the largest file size option from your phones). If you used an actual camera let us know the best way we can obtain these. We'll set up a Dropbox folder to make it easier and we'll credit your images. Email us for this option:

chair@brockleysociety.org.uk

Breakspears Mews Community Garden OPEN DAY

Saturday 16 July, 1-4pm

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Tree Enthusiasts' Summer Special

Sunday 3 July, 10.30am-1pm

Mural Hall, Prendergast Hilly Fields College, SE4 1LE

Luke Fay of UK-wide Treework

Environmental Practice will speak on **The Value of Trees to You and Me**

See details on:

brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk

Coordinated Front Garden Sale

Saturday-Sunday 10-11 September

Brockley Society AGM
Wednesday 16 November

Festival of Ideas for Change
Sunday 19 November
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BROCKLEY OPEN STUDIOS

2nd 3rd & 4th July 2016
Private view on 29 June,
at St. Peter's Brockley
www.brockleyopenstudios.co.uk

HILLY FIELDS midsummer fayre

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Saturday 18th June 2016

12 noon - 5pm

Hilly Fields, Brockley

SE4 1QA



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and stall application forms visit

www.brockleysociety.org.uk

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Tea and Cakes:

Don't forget our wonderful tea tent with homemade cakes.
Thank you for bringing your cake donations on the day!

Children's Competitions

Please bring your entries to the Tea and Cake Tent, with name, age and contact details.

Free ice cream voucher for every entry.

PHOTOGRAPHY Theme: 'Outdoor Dining' - Under 12s and 12-16

CAKE DECORATING Theme: 'The Sea' - Under 12s and 12-16

ART (any medium) A4 size only.

Theme: 'A Favourite Outfit' - Under 12s and 12-16

VEGETABLE MODELLING Any Theme – Under 12's only

Meet Lewisham's very own 3 Peaks Challenge – and help local charities

Join the launch of the new '3 Peaks Green Walk' and take part in a sponsored walk in aid of local charities for young people.

A new circular walking route - the Brockley Three Peaks - links local green space (notably Hilly Fields, Ladywell Fields, Blythe Hill and One Tree Hill) with local shopping streets. The aim is to promote the use of our local green spaces, and the shops, cafes and other businesses near them.

To launch the route, we have linked up with local charities that support children and young people's safety: For Jimmy, and the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. We all benefit from making our neighbourhood a safe place for children to grow up in.

How to get involved

The charity launch party will take place in Hilly Fields at 11.00am on Saturday 16th July.

You can take part in various ways:

- ♦ Anyone can come along to get a free copy of the map and guide. We're hoping there will also be a chance to meet some special guests.
- ♦ You can support the charities by buying a limited edition souvenir t-shirt, designed by local cartoonist, Martin Rowson.
- ♦ Join in the walk. You can do as much or as little of the five miles as you like. But we are encouraging as many people as possible to sign up to be part of the inaugural walk around the green route. All funds raised will go to our partner charities.

♦ The annual For Jimmy Sparkle event will take place on the same day, in Ladywell Fields. So you can join in the fun there, and pick up your '3 Peaks Challenge' badge. For further news, follow @Brockley3Peaks on Twitter.

For Jimmy is also holding its annual fundraising event on 2 July, walking from Richmond Bridge to Tower Bridge. 21 Bridges was started back in 2013 to remember Jimmy Mizen on what would have been his 21st birthday. Now in its fourth year, the charity is once again calling for supporters to join them walking for Jimmy and raising money to help the charity continue to build safer and stronger communities.



Hilly Fields

Manasseh Discovery

A Friend of Hilly Fields with an eagle eye has spotted that the currently condemned Francis Drake Bowls Club building in the park was designed by the renowned architect Leonard Manasseh. View it at www.hilly.org.uk/leonard-manasseh-at-hilly-fields/. It was created in association with the 1951 Festival of Britain and both Manasseh (retired) and his continuing practice are with us today.

Applications are being made for local and English Heritage listings, with support from the 20th Century Society amongst others. This will be essential in funding the restoration of this significant and hitherto unrecognised part of our local and London architectural history.

Whilst the Bowls Club have intimate knowledge of its use until it was closed due to subsidence-related structural faults, it would be helpful if anyone else who has information or photographs of the building in its earlier days could email these. Comments, support or enquiries of any kind about the building and its restoration or knowledge of any other Manasseh buildings are also invited.
Kindly email: manasseh_bowls@yahoo.co



Farmer's market

Thanks to the support of the monthly farmers' market, the Friends of Hilly Fields have been able to progress some of their long term projects, including ordering new park signs.

The signs have been designed by local artist Sally Adams, who also worked with local children for the playground gate design.

♦ We are looking for a baker to join the farmers' market team on the second Saturday of each month. Anyone interested in this slot should contact the Friends on hillyfields4@googlemail.com

Doctor Bike on Hilly Fields

Every Saturday (weather permitting) a Brockley resident bike mechanic is offering bike maintenance and advice workshops during warm months. Show up or get in touch via facebook page or viadrbikebrockley@mail.com

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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.

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Join our occasional email circulation about Brockley Society and local events:
email_chair@brockleysociety.org.uk

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

Newsletter copy deadlines: 1 February, 1 May, 1 October
Email to news@brockleysociety.org.uk

Advertising rates - back page

Francis Drake Bowls Club

On the May bank Holiday the annual Open Day and Family Fun Day at Francis Drake Bowls Club was even bigger and better than previously. Added attractions were refreshments and a home-made cake stall.

The weather held and Captain Ron and 21



club members welcomed 56 visitors: 38 adults and 18 children, who were given appropriate sized bowls and led through the basics of bowling. Many went on to try activities such as bowls cricket and bowls football or just challenge friends and family to a game.

Participants were full of praise for the warm welcome, the standard of coaching given and the 'huge amount of energy in the club' with several taking up the offer of further free sessions during the following week.

The club continues to look to recruit new members and welcomes casual bowlers (including beginners) to their open sessions held most Wednesdays (6pm) and Sundays (10.30am).

For further information call 020 8291 9243 or contact via the website [www.francisdrakebowlsclub.org](http://francisdrakebowlsclub.org).

Street trees - now it's the pits

Ten street trees were planted at the end of the planting season in early May, paid for with funds raised by BrocSoc Tree Committee from a Brockley Assembly grant, a fundraising concert, businesses, and many private residents. They were the last of forty-four agreed with Lewisham Council for this year.

Some of the forty-four were planted in existing tree-pits. Some were in brand new locations, which were only confirmed viable after excavation. As a matter of policy the council has been considering either option, but clearly, existing tree-pits are the easiest choice for everyone. There are around 2000 empty tree-pits in Lewisham streets ready now for your very own tree, labelled in commemoration or celebration if you wish. Get in touch with the BrocSoc Tree Committee via the link below if this appeals. And keep in mind that the council will almost always dig a hole for you in a new location, for a price, wherever you like.

For a tree-pit map with latest available information, follow the link "Lewisham Tree Map" and choose condition/tree-pits.. Details are also online for our next Tree Enthusiasts' Event. On Sunday July 3rd in the beautiful Mural Hall of Prendergast School, in the old



Hilly Fields building. All welcome and free.
brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk/p/treesponsorship.html. see page 1

Garden trees - help preserve them

Fruit orchards once covered what is now Brockley Conservation Area and we still have many wonderful trees creating a green oasis, and even a few of the original pear trees, which are older than any of our houses. However trees are gradually being lost and not necessarily replaced.

Brockley Society has a successful group of enthusiasts who monitor and add to our stock of street trees but we also need a group who will keep an eye on trees in gardens.

When it is proposed to reduce or fell a garden tree advance notice should be given to Lewisham Council Tree Officer, Leif. Mortensen@lewisham.gov.uk, who notifies

Brockley Society's Planning Group of proposed works so that we can assess the amenity value of the trees in question and comment.

But we need people to do this and also to keep an eye open for work that is carried out without advance permission. Not everyone seems to be aware that the Council should be notified.

Do you love trees? Do you want to preserve them in our Conservation Area?

If you think you can help please contact Clare at chair@brockleysociety.org.uk.
see *Trees in Conservation Areas* page 5

Brockley Festival of Ideas

A one-day conference, Sunday 20 November 2016, The Mural Hall, Prendergast School, Hilly Fields, London SE4

We think people in the Brockley area have important things to say that could change lives everywhere for the better. There are things to celebrate, things that need to change. Brockley Society is organising this festival to showcase some interesting ideas for change that relate directly to people's lives.

We're not interested in party politics or business-as-usual. We're putting together a range of speakers on subjects to stimulate broader discussion, understanding and action.

Likely Format: A morning and an afternoon session, each with perhaps four panel speakers for 10 minutes, followed by an hour for questions and discussion and 'pop-up' speakers from the floor, by pre-arrangement.

Suitable subjects may include: democracy (lack of), education (what's it designed for?), international law (lack of effective), ethics for a new age, money-creation (by banks), arms trafficking, inequality, scrutiny of public finance, corruption ... and many other ideas we hope people will contribute.

More details are on the Festival website:

www.brockleyfestivalofideas.com.

If you would like to have your say, please send an expression of interest via the Contact Page on the website.

People who have already expressed interest include:

Sean Coughlin (broadcaster), Orlando von Einsiedel (film-maker), Gabriel Gbadamosi (writer), Adrian Jackson (Theatre Practitioner - Cardboard Citizens), Roger Lewis (Activist), Ivo Mosley (writer), Afsheen Kabir Rashid (Director of Repowering London), Anthony Russell (writer), Jacqueline Walker (author and campaigner).

Brockley Festival of Ideas Committee (www.brockleyfestivalofideas.com)

Harmony Sinfonia - Summer Concert
7.30pm, Saturday 2nd July 2016
St Catherine's Church Pepys Rd SE14 5SG
Orpheus and the Underworld Overture: Offenbach
Pavane: Faure
Karelia Suite: Sibelius
Symphony No. 6: Dvorak
Tickets £10 / £7 concessions, available from <http://www.wegottickets.com/event/356507> or on the door.

WHY ANOTHER TREE ON YOUR STREET?

Tree-lined streets are good for you. They provide homes for birds and blossom for bees; they offer beauty, shade, and even peace. Trees make a well-documented contribution to general health and purer air.

In 2012 Brockley Society Tree Committee formed a partnership with Lewisham Council to plant street-trees.

In 2016, the group Lewisham Street Trees was formed from volunteers in seven wards including Brockley. Using their time, enthusiasm and energy, they look for ways to fund trees across the borough. They work with the council to promote tree planting for the present and future of all. Join them to make a difference to how you and future generations live.

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HOW TO GET ANOTHER TREE ON YOUR STREET

Tree-loving local residents or groups, anywhere in Lewisham, contribute to the planting cost, keep an eye on the tree and water it for two years. It's that simple! Each tree costs £240 so a group of 6 neighbours pays ONLY £40 each. In return Lewisham Council gives: choice of location and species subject to approval, professional planting of 4m tree (approx), two stakes, and insurance against failure or damage. Planting takes place in Winter/early Spring. Since 2012 the scheme has resulted in pledges and planting of over 150 trees.

Interested?

Register online on our website
www.brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk
Simply click on the tab Sponsor Trees
Alternatively write to Brockley Society,
PO Box 63473, London, SE4 9AZ

Breakspears Mews Community Garden

OPEN DAY

Saturday 16 July, 1-4pm

Wander round our lovely community garden, see what's growing, chat with the volunteers and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake in peaceful surroundings.

Access: Breakspears Mews, Ashby Road, SE4 1UW or rear of St Peter's Court, 29-31 Wickham Road, SE4 1NE

Breakspears Mews Community Garden Seniors Gardening Club

Learn about growing vegetables and flowers from seed to plate
8 free sessions 10am - 12pm starting Friday 13th May, continuing every Friday until 1st July.
More information: **07790 642 781** or email breakspearsmews@brockleysociety.org.uk
Access: Breakspears Mews, Ashby Road, SE4 1UW or rear of St Peter's Court, 29-31 Wickham Road, SE4 1NE
In case of heavy rain the session will be cancelled

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).

You can view planning 18 February–16 May 2016 applications in the

Pending

3 A-B Tressillian Road, SE4. Replacement timber double glazed timber windows on all elevations, timber rear door.

1-1a Brockley Cross SE4. Demolition of buildings; construction of a part two/part three storey building comprising a commercial unit, 3, one-bedroom and 1, two-bedroom self-contained flats; bin and bicycle stores.

48 Adelaide Avenue, SE4. Double glazed timber windows on all elevations; replacement slate roof covering, fascia and soffit, and chimney.

6 Hilly Fields Crescent, SE4. Two dormers to rear roofslope; replacement single storey side extension; replacement timber casement windows to front; insertion of rooflights, one to front and one to side.

13 Crescent Way, SE4. Double glazed timber windows on all elevations, roof replacement.

69 Ermine Road, SE13. Alterations to front elevation including piers and iron gates and replacement stone paving.

Top Flat, 182 Lewisham Way, SE4. Installation of timber sash windows to front and rear.

106 Tressillian Road, SE4. Demolition of the conservatory and external WC to rear; construction of single storey rear extension.

Units A & B, Tavern Apartment, 105-107 Tanners Hill, SE8. Prior approval for the change of use from office (B1a) to residential (C3).

86b Tyrwhitt Road, SE4. Replacement timber window on side; double glazed timber french door at rear.

Sainsbury's, 180 Brockley Road, SE4. Installation of two bollards at the ATM.

1-3 Ashby Road SE4. Soft landscaping for alterations to the existing office building.

291 Brockley Road SE4. Extensions at ground and second floor to create studio flat on ground floor and basement; change of use of the first and second floors to two self contained flats; associated landscaping and bin stores.

76 Tyrwhitt Road SE4. Roof light and roof over side passage; re-glazing and roofing of rear glass outhouse.

Ashby Studio 81 Ashby Mews SE4. Demolition of existing buildings; construction of a part single/part 2 storey live/work unit.

Oaklands House, 90 Cranfield Road, SE4. Gates to driveway and path to the sides.

8 The Parade Upper Brockley Road SE4. Conversion of basement and ground floor from 5 bedsits into 2 x one bedroom self-contained flats.

33A Tressillian Road, SE4. Replacement double glazed timber windows on the rear and side.

46 Vicars Hill, SE13. Replacement side extension on ground floor.

87 Florence Road, SE14. Erection of a studio outbuilding in rear garden.

49 Chalsey Road SE4. Replacement double glazed timber windows on front elevation.

200 Albyn Road, SE8. Retrospective application for retention of a mansard roof extension with two timber sash windows in front and rear roofslopes.

23 Tanners Hill, SE8. Listed Building Consent sought for retention of alterations to living room and refurbishment of ground floor bathroom.

6 Upper Brockley Road, SE4. Double glazed timber windows on the front elevation.

59 Chalsey Road, SE4 Replacement slate patio paving; bike storage on front elevation; new redbrick and metal railing boundary treatment.

5 Brockley Cross, SE4 Replacement of single glazed

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.

Every other week, the Brockley Society joins the other local conservation societies at the Council's Amenity Societies Panel. These meetings help to determine whether planning applications are approved or go on to be raised at the public planning meetings.

To get involved in preserving the character of Brockley or for further guidance on planning issues, contact planning@brockleysociety.org.uk

timber shop front windows; new signage and external lighting.

Granted

157 Upper Brockley Road, SE4 External wheelchair platform lift in the front garden.

46A Manor Avenue, SE4 Demolish single storey extension, new single storey rear extension with rooflight, new lower terrace.

Unit 2, 180 Brockley Road, SE4. The display of 7 back lit LED fascia signs, 2 back lit LED projecting signs and 7 vinyl graphics

Basement Flat, 135 Breakspears Road SE4 Conversion of integral garage to side, alterations to front and rear.

Myatt Garden Primary School, Rokeye Road, SE4. Replace roof and upper elevation asbestos cladding with tatal steel cladding for infant block.

31 Upper Brockley Road, SE4. Construction of a part single, part two storey extension to rear.

92 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4. Retrospective application for retention of rooflight to the front roofslope.

4A Breakspears Road, SE4. Double glazed timber windows on front and rear elevation.

10 Beverley Court, Breakspears Road SE4, Replacement double glazed uPVC windows and composite front door.

122 Tressillian Road, SE4, Double glazed timber windows on all elevations, double glazed timber doors

164 Tressillian Road, SE4. Double glazed timber windows on front; double-glazed uPVC windows on flank and rear, uPVC rear door.

65B Breakspears Road, SE4. Rear roof extension; two dormer windows; rooflights to top and side.

Flat 1, 4 Hilly Fields Crescent, SE4. The construction of an outbuilding in the rear garden.

11 Beverley Court, SE4. Replacement double glazed uPVC windows and front door.

Flat 5, 135 Breakspears Road SE4. Removal of an existing lantern from the roof; 6 new rooflights to the side, rear and flat roofslopes.

294A Brockley Road, SE4. Details of living roof/garden, road noise, dust minimisation, sound insulation

1 Avon Road, SE4. Replace roof with natural slates.

Flat 5, 13 Breakspears Road, SE4. Timber windows on the first floor, front elevation.

Refused

143 Upper Brockley Road SE4 construction of an additional storey at land to the rear to provide a live/work unit.

Flat 5, 8 Tyrwhitt Road SE4 Retrospective application for alteration and reconfiguration into 1 one-bedroom and 1 two-bedroom self-contained flats; extensions to side and rear roofslopes; rooflights in the side and rear roofslopes.

1 Mantle Road, London, SE4. Change of use, conversion to 1 two-bed and 1 three-bed flats.

44 Malpas Road, SE4. The construction of a single-storey rear extension to the basement level of.

1 Tressillian Crescent, SE4 Alterations to boundary wall to form a driveway entrance with brick piers, metal gate, hard standing/driveway.

70 Manor Avenue, SE4. Amendments to the rear extension, rear roof dormer, rear roof lights above lower ground floor extension and installation of a new front conservation style roof light.

Land Adjacent to 42 St Norbert Road SE4. Construction of a two-storey, three bedroom dwelling house.

137 Lewisham Way SE14 Part change of use and construction of a 3-storey extension to rear to provide 1

two-bedroom maisonette.

306 Brockley Road SE4 Prior Approval for the change of use of Class A1 unit at ground floor level to Class C3 (residential).

Flat 5, 8 Tyrwhitt Road SE4. Alteration and reconfiguration into 1 one bedroom and 1 two bedroom self-contained flats.

Trees

5 Wickham Road, SE4. Indian Bean reduce and remove epicormic growth.

106 Tressillian Road, SE4. Beech remove

14A Tyrwhitt Road, SE4. Sycamore: tip reduction, crown thin 10-15%

The Coach House, 14 Wickham Road, SE4 Turkey Oak: Fell to ground.

25 And A Half, Wickham Road, SE4 Heavily leaning Eucalyptus tree on rear boundary

96 Manor Avenue, SE4 Formal Reduction of Catalpa tree in front garden

26 Wickham Road, SE4 Prune Cherry Tree

33 Chalsey Road, SE4 Fell Lime Tree

24 Harefield Road, SE4 30% crown reduction of Ash Tree

44 Wickham Road, SE4 Remove two Fir Trees; trim Sycamore

12A Montague Ave, SE4 Fell Cypress & Laburnum; treat Laburnum stump.

13 Montague Ave, SE4 Fell Weeping Willow to ground level and grind out the stump.

82 Upper Brockley Road, SE4 Fell sycamore

1 Drake Road, SE4 Fell two Silver Birch

65B Breakspears Road, SE4 Crown Thin Goat Willow & crown reduce 4 Leyland Cypress

1 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4 3 Lime reduce; 1 Lime fell Rear: 3 Ash and 1 Horse Chestnut: reduce.

Jasmine House, Wickham Road, SE4 London Plane: remove branches, crown lift and thin.

FLAT 1, Oaklands House, 90 Cranfield Road, SE4 Weeping Willow: fell.

8A Tyrwhitt Road, SE4 Fell 2 Sycamores

43 Breakspears Road, SE4 Lime: crown reduce, 2 Limes on back boundary reduce to previous reduction points. Sycamore: crown reduce.

Flat B, 88 Manor Avenue, SE4 Laurel: coppice.

119 Breakspears Road, SE4 Purple Leafed Plum: reduce and thin crown Apple x 2: reduce crown. Ceanothus: reduce crown. Cherry: reduce crown and reshape. Bay: remove.

86 Tyrwhitt Road, SE4 Rear garden Leyland cypress: fell.

St Peter's Vicarage, Wickham Road, SE4 Rear Garden Conifer x 2: remove to ground level

251 Lewisham Way Fell Sycamore, reduce Sycamore, Bay and Oak x 2

Ground Floor flat, 5 Glendale Road, SE4. Tree works to Holly, Pear and Elder.

35A Breakspears Road, SE4 Box Elder tree works.

84 Tressillian Road, SE4 Fell Cherry, Cotoneaster, reduce Oak.

59 Tressillian Road, SE4 Reduce Ash x 2

39 Tressillian Road, SE4 Fell Ash, Sycamore x 2

6A Manor Avenue, SE4. Reduce Sycamore.

95 Wickham Road, SE4 Lime: pollard

79A Tyrwhitt Road, SE4. Horse chestnut: fell

8 Manor Ave, SE4. Fell sycamore; reduce Lime, sycamore x 2

30 St Margaret's Road, SE4. Acer, plum: remove



Front Garden Sale

Many houses had a coordinated front garden sale in April. The next one will be on Saturday and Sunday 10 and 11 September. The list will be displayed on Brockley Society's website. To join the list email gardensale@brockleysociety.org.uk

The life of Spike Milligan



Comedy legend Spike Milligan was born 1918 in India. When he was 14 his family moved back to the UK: to 4 Ringstead Road, Catford, and later to Gabriel Street and Riseldine Road in Honor Oak Park.

April's Brockley Society meeting enjoyed Charlotte Knowland's illustrated talk about Spike's early life in Catford and Brockley, followed by video clips assembled by Richard Freeson.

Struggling to adapt to pre-war Catford, music proved a great distraction. Spike taught himself guitar, double-bass and trumpet, and played in several local bands.

He worked at Stones' Engineering in Deptford, had cinema dates with girlfriends at the Rivoli Ballroom, played in bands regularly, including at dances in the former St Cyprian's Hall on Brockley Road, opposite today's Brockley Mess.

In an army entertainment band during WW2, he met Harry Secombe. The rest, as they say, is history,

A Huge amount of material about Spike is available, both online and in numerous biographies and his own writings. Some online highlights are listed on our website, including his poem 'Catford 1933'.

The meeting felt Spike's connection with area should be documented in time for the anniversary of his birth on 16 April 2018. Suggestions included a 'Spike Milligan heritage trail' around the area, and the re-dedication of a palm tree he planted near Rushey Green in the 1980s.

Lewisham Local History Society

Interesting monthly talks on last Friday of each month
Methodist Church Hall, Albion Way, Lewisham SE13 6BT

At 7.45pm, Tea/coffee/refreshments from 7.30pm

The Society welcomes new members, who will receive free copies of the quarterly Newsletter and the annual Lewisham History Journal. For further information

www.lewishamhistory.org.uk

Lewisham Living Streets

Living Streets (formerly known as The Pedestrians Association, established in 1929) is the charity originally responsible, amongst other things, for Zebra Crossings and 30 mph town speed limits. (www.livingstreets.org.uk).

Lewisham Living Streets, the new local branch, is liaising with the Council over design proposals for the 'Brockley Corridor', the main road (B218) between St. Andrews Church and the South Circular. Currently, the focus is on the Crofton section (Brockley Rd.) approx. between St. Hilda's Church and Beecroft Primary School. There also have been concerns about the TfL decision to alter the A20 between Lewisham College and Glassmill and highway alterations in the Lewisham Station area with particular difficulties for pedestrians and cyclists. Anyone with any comments, concerns or improvement suggestions for these areas or anywhere else in the borough, however large or small, please contact LewishamLS@yahoo.com.

Brockley Conservation Area – advantages and responsibilities

Because of its special architectural and historic interest, Brockley Conservation Area was designated by the council in 1973 and extended in 1991, 1993 and 2005.

Building of this speculatively-developed Victorian suburb began in the 1830s. Most houses were built in the second half of the 19th century, with southern parts completed in the 1900s. The special character comes from the variety of architectural styles and detail, the leafiness of gardens and trees, and the distinctive street layout. Distinctive detailing includes stucco capitals and window surrounds, tile paths, terracotta details and spacious front gardens.

The 2005 Character Appraisal on Lewisham's website is a beautiful three-part document with many pictures. It assesses Brockley's special historic and architectural interest and makes fascinating reading.

Post-war buildings exist almost entirely as a result of bomb destruction during the war. Large houses were requisitioned by the government for families made homeless by bombing and the council later bought up properties falling into dereliction, which explains the large number of council properties in the conservation area and its mixed character.

Today's varied ownership includes individual family homes, houses subdivided into flats, council homes, housing association properties, hostels. All houses benefit from the advantage of being in a conservation area and all are subject to the responsibilities it entails.

Under the Planning Act 1990 the council must pay special attention to preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas. In 2006 an Article 4 direction was made for Brockley Conservation Area to encourage the retention of high quality architectural features and to control small-scale, but cumulatively intrusive developments such as the installation of uPVC windows and doors or the changing of roofing materials.

This means that planning permission must be sought for any of the following:

- Enlargement, improvement or any other alteration (including demolitions) and any alterations visible from the highway, including to windows, doors, chimneys or alterations to the roof.
- Laying a hard surface, including alterations to garden paths, or erecting, altering or demolishing a gate, fence or wall.
- Painting the exterior of the house or a building in its grounds.
- Don't be tempted to replace your front wall or windows for example, even with like-for-like until you have contacted the Council planning department.

Be warned: if you or landlords have replaced elements such as windows without permission, enforcement action may be taken by LB Lewisham's Enforcement Team (see link below). If in doubt, ask! At www.lewisham.gov.uk you will find documents for Brockley Conservation area, including the Supplementary Planning Document which explains the restrictions. For planning enquiries ring

020 8314 7400, or email planning@lewisham.gov.uk.

You can report a breach of planning control by completing a form on the website or by email at [planningenforcement@leisham.gov.uk](mailto:planningenforcement@lewisham.gov.uk).

Brockley Society's planning group

Twelve people, elected at our AGM, meet monthly to consider planning applications in the conservation area and make comments or objections to the planning officers. Residents sometimes approach us for advice before submitting an application. We also look out for unauthorised work, which contributes to the creeping destruction of the conservation area. The fortnightly Amenity Societies' Panel which used to consider applications in all conservation areas has been suspended by the council.

Trees in conservation areas

Trees are often very important to the character of conservation areas, either in groups or as single specimens. They provide a valuable habitat for wildlife and act as a barrier to noise and air pollution. Individual trees or groups of trees which make a particularly important contribution to the public amenity of an area are often protected by a tree preservation order. This may be because of their contribution to

the landscape, intrinsic beauty, scarcity, or simply because they screen an eyesore. To justify a preservation order the trees are usually visible from a public place.

It is an offence to cut down or wilfully damage any tree in a conservation area without giving six weeks written notice first.

See Garden Trees, page 5

A chance to bring more solar energy to SE London

A group of solar energy pioneers is inviting Brockley residents to find out how they can help to increase the amount of solar energy in SE London.

South East London Community Energy (SELCE) is holding a Q&A session on the evening of Tuesday 14th June which will be attended by the mayor of Lewisham.

Last year, the 12-strong co-operative raised £250,000 to install solar panels on four local primary schools. The cash was raised through a 'community share offer'.

Now SELCE is launching a second share offer to install solar panels on seven schools and

other local community buildings.

'The government recently changed the rules on community-based solar projects so this is the last time we will be able to launch this type of share offer,' says SELCE's chair, Camilla Berens. 'It's a great opportunity for local people to help generate sustainable energy that benefits everyone.'

Anyone can buy shares in the project and all investors will receive 4% interest on their initial investment for 20 years. Shares can be bought for between £250 and £20,000. More details on the Q&A can be found at: www.selce.org.uk



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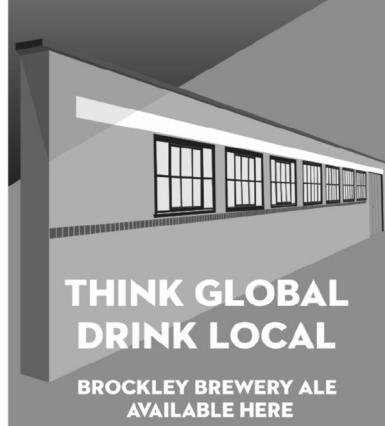
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Anybody Interested please contact Rebecca Long, Director, for more details on what is involved and how to enter or help out and support our local charity on 020 8691 5911 /rlong@marshaphoenix.org



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