Organising the 2014 Fayre

The Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre has been going for 39 years, has always been entirely self-funded and proudly community-run. It has also grown over the years, attracting people from far afield, evidence of its success and increasing popularity. The Fayre is organised and run by a large number of volunteers, all of whom are local residents. To ensure that the tradition of being a community-run event continues, we are formalising the way we organise it, with the help of a volunteer project manager, so that residents can continue to volunteer without a huge time commitment.

In 2014, the Fayre organisation will be done through teams, each team responsible for a certain part of it. The Tea-and-cake stall, Stewarding, BBQ, arena entertainments, etc. The responsibilities of each team have been written up to enable teams to organise themselves virtually to accommodate everyone’s busy schedules. There will be a central coordinator who will oversee the event with the use of a project plan.

Details for all will be put on our website in January 2014 so that volunteers can come forward. (I have taken on the role of the central coordinator for a number of years, but it is time to pass on the baton for the 2014 Fayre). If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles, please email chair@brockleysociety.org.uk - the British coast from 100 years of film heritage in the BFI collection, edited by Penny Woolcock, soundtrack by British Sea Power.


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Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 13 November, 7pm
Brockley Social Club
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ALL WELCOME
Details see right
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Letter from the Chair

In this issue we report some of Brockley Society's recent activities. Planting trees, protecting them and publicising their importance and care have been major activities for Brockley Society's Tree Wardens, including street trees, the fruit hedge and Jubilee tree on Hilly Fields. See also brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk

Brockley Mews Community Garden

had its first AGM - a big triumph. Volunteers who work in the garden were able to harvest all kinds of vegetables.

The Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre was bigger than ever and brought the whole community together in a brilliant day. We have new proposals for next year's organisation (see page 1). Two weeks later many people enjoyed the informal Brockley Barbecue at the Stone Circle.

A third phone box has been adopted under the Adopt-a-Kiosk scheme and different activities have taken place in and around them.

Our Coordinated Front Garden Sale in September was unexpectedly popular, with over 70 sale addresses on the website list. We plan to repeat it next year.

Many of us have participated in one way or another in the Lewisham Hospital campaign. The Government appeal against High Court ruling takes place as we go to press and we await the decision anxiously.

I mentioned long-standing Brockley businesses in the last issue. Mark Beesley has moved my attention to Zeki's Cafe at 304 Brockley Road, which has been run by Zeki Dogan for the last 25 years. Two Brockley Conservation Area residents have played Scrabble games there every Thursday afternoon for the last three years.

Brockley is a community organisation run entirely by volunteers. Below are six urgent volunteering opportunities.

- Maintenance of our website
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Newsletter advertisements
- Newsletter distribution
- Fundraiser for Breakspear Mews Community Garden

To find out what these involve please email me or come to the AGM. There are other opportunities as well.

Next year is the anniversary of the start of World War I. Some of you may want to mark it in some way. We also plan to hold a conference on trees, collaborating with other Lewisham conservation societies, the council, and to consider the parks in the area. If you are interested in either of these please email me.chair@brockleysociety.org.uk

Clare Cowen

Religion, Class And The Open Air: Hilly Fields One Hundred

The writer Henry Williamson, best known for 'Tarka the Otter', was born in Brockfield Road SE4 in 1895, and grew up at 21 Eastern Road between 1902 and 1920. Some of his many novels describe life at the time in superb detail when, believe it or not, this was a semi-rural area. In the extract below, the character of Phillip is based on Williamson himself aged 14. St Cyprian's Church (pictured), which featured in Williamson's story, was built in 1901 on the site of 104-120 Adelaide Road (now Avenue). It was bombed on 6th September 1940. Demolition of the ruins was authorised in 1960 and the site sold 1963 to London County Council. The recently opened part of Prendergast girls' school is now on the site, and St Cyprian's Path still connects Adelaide and Ivy Roads.

"...Sunday had to be got through first. This meant church in the morning at St Cyprian's, with his two sisters, and church again in the evening with Mother at St Simon's [St Peter's]. To make the visit to St Cyprian's more interesting, Phillip decided to call for his [older] cousin Gerry... Dressed in their Eton suits, Phillip in a strawhatter and Gerry in a small bowler hat, they walked before the three girls, who in white cotton frocks and black stockings with hight-laced black boots, cotton hoses and large straw hats ornamented with artificial flowers, joined the many family parties walking sedately up Charlotte Road [Adeleline Avenue] to the toll of the single bell in the roof of the red-brick barn-like church.

St Cyprian's had been built at the same time as the new row of flats in Charlotte Road; but, as indicated on the blue cover of every monthly parish magazine, without the tower. Many of the inhabitants in what was a new suburb had no interest in any church, old or new, so the money estimated to come in from pew-rents had not materialized. For this reason there had been added upon the ridge of the roof, in lieu of the planned tower with peal of Loughborough bells, a little erection like a louvred ventilator on a stables, housing a single bell. Dong-dong-dong it tolled on Sundays from a quarter to eleven to within a few minutes of the hour of Morning Service, and a dismal sound to Phillip, yet part of the feeling he always had, behind his life, somehow...

...At last they were shuffling in the slow throng moving down the aisles past the rows and rows of emptying rush-chairs, towards the door through which passed which passed about two thousand men, women and children in their best clothes, to the thundering of the organ. Almost the entire congregation was bound for the top of the Hill [Hilly Fields], where every fine Sunday relaxation was sought from the sunshine of self. In the up-and-down walk upon the crest, for half an hour or so before descending to where, from chimney and open window, smells of roast beef, roast mutton, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, onion sauce, and various kinds of cabbage would then be issuing, via gas stoves under the surveillance of thousands of more or less anxious mothers and housekeepers.

...Streams of people were moving up and down the crest by all the paths. When Phillip got the main path on the crest, which lay east and west, he entered the crowd of people moving both ways, passing and repassing one another. Parasols bobbed over all the heads to the far distance. The path was about ten feet wide. A dry and extensive crunching noise filled the air along the ridge, made up of thousands of boots and shoes pressing upon the yellow gravel surface. It was the Sunday parade of Wakenham's [Brockley's] upper classes. Accompanying the parasols was a black bobbing of top-hats. There were all shapes and sizes of faces, some smooth, a few bearded; there were big moustaches, some curling upwards, others drooping at the ends, as though with resignation to middle-class respectability; there were black frock coats and newer morning coats, one or two pairs of lavender kid gloves, a great many brown gloves. Phillip knew by the clothes, shape of starched linen collars, gloves, sticks, and the way they walked which part of Wakenham they came from – from the big houses in Twistleton [Wickham] Road to the new little red-brick ones on the other side of the Hill.

Hundreds of walking stick ferrules tapped on the path. People passed almost in rows four and five abreast, meeting similar rows, weaving and interweaving. All had come out of the churches, Established and Unitarian, Catholic and Episcopalian, High and Low – six or seven thousand people passing and passing, one after another, the path was seven hundred yards of gravel which ancient floods and seas had deposited with the underlying yellow clay from the Woolwich beds.

Wednesday.

To celebrate its centenary, for the last 100 days of 2013 Brockley Social Club is offering Trial Membership at £2 per month.

Club facilities: weekly live entertainment, karaoke and disco on Friday nights, BT Sport screened, pool, darts, bingo, raffles. Meeting rooms and two halls available to members and guests (up to 150 people) for birthday parties, baby showers, retirement parties, anniversary parties, funeral wakes, meetings. Catering and decorations can be arranged.

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Brockley Social Club Centenary Achieved

Brockley Social Club is 100 years old. It is a member of the Club and Institute Union (CIU), the over-arching national institute of the club movement, established in 1862 to meet the need for working men to have a place to go for 'sober social discourse' after work, where they could meet friends, relax, perhaps play some games, read newspapers and books.

The CIU is the largest non-profit making social entertaining and leisure organisation in the UK, with 4 million members.

In Brockley Social Club's early years women and children had a room separate from the men's bar, but much has changed in the last century and it is still an alternative, family friendly place of leisure.

The club faces the same difficulties that have forced many pubs to close, but it is covered by different legislation and can offer wider facilities, such as allowing children to be brought to meetings, children's parties and other celebrations.

The club succeeded in building flats in its wider facilities, such as allowing children to be brought into the club's main rooms. If you are interested in either of these please email me.chair@brockleysociety.org.uk
**New plans for the Welsh Church**

The Welsh Presbyterian Church on Lewisham Way has been sold. The house, which is linked on the right to the handsome chapel, is believed to be the second oldest building on Lewisham Way. We learned something of the church's history from Gwynnaf Owen, a former deacon.

In the late 18th and throughout the 19th centuries many Welsh people came to work in London, including in Deptford's shipbuilding industry and docks. In 1899 many settled in Tanner's Hill and used the Tanner's Hall as a church. In 1902-3 they built a chapel at the bottom of the hill at Undercliff Road, a brick building (which today is the Loampit Gospel Hall).

They in 1924 the church acquired land from St John's Church and constructed the chapel to the left of the existing house, which had been built in 1823. So the chapel was built 100 years later than the villa.

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The Welsh population in London has a very interesting history. People did all sorts of jobs and Welsh dairies were very popular – the cows were kept in back yards. Welsh chapels were built all over London but the population declined as people died and the cows were kept in back yards. Welsh chapels were built all over London but the population declined as people died and the cows were kept in back yards.

**Hilly Fields Green Fair**

Friends of Hilly Fields and Pichastosó cafe hosted a first time Green Fair to promote local green initiatives on 20 October.

Early morning volunteers were drenched by the first deluge of the day. But fortified by fine coffee and toast from the cafe, they set to with jams was accompanied by music, smoothie making, hat decorating, drawing, badge making, clay modeling and our very own land art and an impressively organised clothes swap. The day ended as it started, with a downpour - but the band played on.

**The Albany**

Just a short journey from Brockley, the Albany is an arts centre with a remarkably diverse programme of events catering for all ages.

At present the building is alive with Yum Yum!, a festival of arts and food running until 17 November, including a range of delicious dining experiences such as Come Rhyme With Me, an evening of spoken word with matching food available for just £5 (8 November) and Mazi Mas's South American pop-up restaurant (14 November).

Adults will enjoy As You Like It (19 - 22 November), a contemporary reinvention of Shakespeare's classic comedy by Transport, the international critically acclaimed theatre company which resonates with contemporary politics.

The venue also has weekly Family Sundays programme, continuing in the run up to Christmas, with shows like POP (3 November), a participatory world of mayhem filled with giant bubbles, flying tables, jumping balls and huge balloons. Pinocchio (17 November) is a sparkling new interpretation of the classic tale by former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen.

This Christmas the theatre will be transformed for One Snowy Night (10 - 29 December), a cozy Christmas tale for 3-7 year olds, based on the book by Nick Butterworth, in which Percy the Park Keeper welcomes the animals from his park, Squirrel, Fox, Badger, Hedgehog and friends, into his home to warm themselves on a cold winter’s night. Filled with great sing-along songs and beautiful furry puppet friends, this show is a real treat for younger children.

www.thealbany.org.uk 020 8692 4446

**Fayre email exchange**

Dog owner: Can you just turn up and join the Dog Show? Our Bedlington terrier Truffy is desperate to join in. BrocSoc: Yes you just turn up. It’s scheduled for 3pm.

Are you sure it’s Truffy, not his mother, who’s keen? Dog owner: Oh yes, he’s been yapping on about it ever since he read the newsletter ...

**Breakspears Mews Community Garden AGM**

The Breakspears Mews Community Garden celebrated its first open-air AGM in July, the culmination of three years of action by local residents. Over summer they gardened together, harvested wheat, fruit and vegetables and gained valuable gardening skills, while making friends.

The Community Garden was also represented at the Hilly Fields Green Fair where they provided the tools and expertise to allow local children (and a few parents) to make bug hotels to put in their own gardens. Also on display were cheap and squirrel proof bird feeders made out of plastic milk bottles tied to washing lines.

• Plans for the coming year’s planting, activities and events are being firm up. If you want to be involved in the garden, email mews@brockleysociety.org.uk

• Bugs and creepy crawlies: gardeners are being asked to report any sightings of the Spanish Stealth Slug (Arion Flagellus) which is causing a big problem for farms and gardens in the UK. Easily differentiated from UK slugs by their orange/red skirt and the fact they can grow up to 6” (10cm), these slugs can lay up to 400 eggs and are immune to most pellets and sprays. Any sightings should be reported to www.slugwatch.co.uk.
Applications Granted
The construction of a two storey building at 43 Cranfield Road; the installation of replacement sliding sash windows in the rear elevation of 43 Cranfield Road; and the installation of replacement sliding sash windows and door in the front elevation of 43 Cranfield Road.

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear garden of 22 Marden Avenue.

The construction of a single storey extended building at Unit 4 Ashly Mead, and the construction of a two storey building to provide a live work unit comprising three bedroom residential unit and Creche.

The construction of a two storey building to provide a live work unit on the ground floor and a two bedroom self-contained flat on the upper floor. The installation of replacement timber framed, double glazed timber windows and door in the front and rear elevations.

The installation of replacement roof covering with Eternit Resinad fibre cement slates at 49 Brockley Cross, a L-shaped extension to the rear garden, a replacement flat roof to 26 Cranfield Road, together with repairs to the flashing, insulation and pointing.

The construction of a single storey extension to the rear of 31 Harefield Road.

The installation of replacement brown uPVC windows and door at 31 Harefield Road.

The change of use, alteration and conversion of the former coach house and three garages at Stone's Garages, Garrison Mews, to provide five apartments, together with the construction of a front entrance extension and infill conservation, alterations to the elevations and installation of rooflights.

The continued use of the Lewisham College Car Park, Lewisham Way, as a farmers market operating on Saturdays between 10am - 2pm.

The installation of replacement timber double-glazed windows to the rear elevation of 66 Upper Brockley Road.

The conversion of a single storey extension to the side and rear of 42 Geoffrey Road.

The conversion of a single storey studio and garden room located in the basement of 56 Cranfield Road.

The installation of 7 replacement double-glazed timber sash windows at 18a Tressillian Road.

The installation of a new door and windows at 15a Tressillian Crescent, and the construction of a replacement front boundary wall and the construction of a pathway/porch area and installation of secure bicycle storage unit.

Alterations to the front elevation to provide access to the basement flat at 40 Manor Avenue, together with the construction of a single storey rear extension.

The construction of a single storey and part two storey extension to the rear of 34 Manor Avenue.

The installation of replacement double-glazed, sliding timber windows to the front elevation of Flats 2, 3 Cranfield Way.

The construction of a dormer extension to the rear roof slope of the Hillsley Crescent.

The installation of a new roof extension to the rear roof slope of 33 Chasy Road, together with the installation of a roof light to the front roof slope.

The installation of a single storey extension replacement at ground floor level and a conservatory at first floor level to the rear of 40 Manor Avenue, together with the installation of a new rooflight to the rear roof slope and alterations to the elevations.

The installation of replacement plastic windows to the rear elevation of 22 St Margaret's Road.

The installation of 2 roof lights to the rear roof slope, and 1 roof light to the side roof slope of 22 St Margaret's Road.

Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed) in respect of the blockage up of an existing window and door in the front elevation of 22 St Margaret's Road together with the formation of a new opening in the rear elevation and the installation of patio doors. The installation of a replacement door and window in the rear and flank elevations of 135 Tressillian Road.

Applications Refused
The alteration and conversion of the existing second floor flat into a one-bedroom flat at 40B Wildford Road, together with the creation of four windows in the rear elevation. The construction of a single storey basement extension and an extension to the existing garage at 135 Tressillian Road.

The construction of a new flat roof extension to the rear of the main entrance at Lewisham College, Lewisham Way, together with alterations to the front elevation.

The construction of an extension to the rear roof slope of 16 Manor Avenue, together with the installation of two rooflights in the front roof slope.

The installation of 2 roof lights to the rear roof slope of 105B Brockley Road, and the installation of a two storey extension at 66 Upper Brockley Road.

The installation of replacement double-glazed windows in the front and rear elevations.

The construction of a two storey replacement extension at 24 Manor Avenue.

The alteration and conversion of 70 Manor Avenue to provide 1, three-bedroom self-contained flat and 2, two-bedroom self-contained flats. The installation of a one-storey extension to lower ground floor level, the enlargement of the garage to the rear roof slope and alterations to the front and rear elevations.

The construction of single storey building to the side of the Scout Hut at 36 Cranfield Road.

The installation of displacement, double-glazed, timber framed windows in the front elevation and double-glazed, aluminium windows and door in the rear elevation of Flats A-C, 5 Drake Road.

The installation of a replacement lift adjacent to the main entrance.

The installation of replacement, double-glazed, timber framed windows in the front elevation and double-glazed, aluminium windows and door in the rear elevation of Flats A-C, 5 Drake Road.

The alteration and conversion of 105B Brockley Road into 2, two-bedroom self-contained flats.

Conversion of a rear kitchen window into a set of french doors.

Pending
The conversion of the existing external store at 1 Drake Road into an internal access way.

Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) in respect of the continued use of the land to the rear of 81-83 Upper Brockley Road as a workshop and yard storage.

The installation of additional storey above the existing studio and workshop space at 1 Ashly Meads to provide a 3 bedroom residential unit together with alterations to the front elevation.
TREE UPDATE - The Brockley we deserve...

Are you aware of the ethos of the Brockley Society’s Tree Wardens? You can find this on our blog (see below) but in essence it is; a) to liaise with local authorities and build good relationships; b) to look for sources of funding and plant street trees; c) to keep residents informed and enthuse them to get involved.

We believe we are making good progress with all these aims. We have developed an excellent working relationship with the local council and other amenities groups. We now have a fundraising team and eight more trees will be planted this autumn and more in the spring. We’re also getting record numbers of hits on our blog, with residents informing us and joining up to help out in any way they can.

But we are not complacent about the challenges we face. Even with the achievements so far, our remarkable inherited tree stock is still being diminished by disease, insurance claims, vandalism, and theft. The council has no money to replace trees and old tree pits are increasingly being lost, especially to new pavement cabling and a worrying lack of coordination in local service provision.

We are making a difference, but we need more help before we can claim to have reversed the alarming trend. If you care for Brockley and ‘people-power’, get in touch. You can join the already 35 Tree Wardens or take on a particular task. The greater our number, the more empowered we are and the more we can shape our community how we want it.

At our latest committee meeting, we agreed a particular need for a part-time volunteer Coordinator. This would be someone who could field enquiries, liaise with residents and help the committee by coordinating appropriate action. Do you have the spare time to work with a friendly bunch and help us to help Brockley?

The built and natural environment, care for residents and the promotion of cooperation and hospitality are key aims of the Brockley Society. But all these individual intentions amount to one end; a commitment to ever strengthening the community’s sense of belonging by simply empowering residents to care for our local community both physical and social, because both these are crucially interdependent.

In short, the more individuals there are that care for a community and get involved, the stronger and happier that community becomes. Brockley is gaining a growing reputation as an empowered community; one that cares about itself and everyone in it.

The government may talk about community cohesion and empowerment, but Brockley is busy putting it into action, so come and join the revolution!

http://brockleystreettrees.blogspot.co.uk
If you’d like to help in any way please email: trees@brockleysociety.org.uk.
Anthony Russell is one of the Society’s Tree Wardens, founder of The Chandos and author of the book ‘Evolving the Spirit - From Democracy to Peace.’ (www.thechandos.com)

Hilly Fields Mudsummer Fayre 2013 - THANKS!

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Entertainers: Forest Hill Folk Orchestra, Montage Theatre Arts, Icarus Falconry, vet John Hankinson, Sound & Communications, Surrey Docks Farm

Prizegivers and other organisations who helped make the fayre successful.
Volunteers who plan, manage, run and clear up after the event. Without them it wouldn’t happen.

To help next year, visit www.brockleysociety.org.uk or contact chair@brockleysociety.org.uk.
Next year’s Fayre: 21 June 2014 - Midsummer’s Day
All pictures: Ali Kati unless otherwise stated

A prize winner (Pic: Alison Basa)
Brockley’s Adopt-a-Kiosk showed possible uses of the adopted phone boxes
Children enjoyed the rides
Icarus Falconry gave a thrilling display of birds of prey in the arena
The view from inside the main marquee (Pic: Carolyn Mumby)
The Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign was central on the field
Cannon Kallar’s stilt-walker gave a warm welcome
Surrey Docks Farm’s wide selection of animals delighted all ages
The dog show was a very popular item on the programme
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