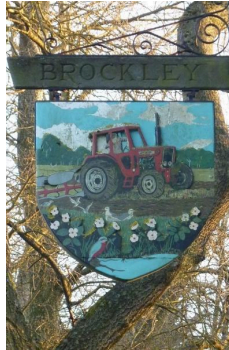


Brockley Newsletter



FIREWORKS!

As the firework season approaches, this is a reminder to Brockley residents to please inform their neighbours of the exact days and times when they plan to have a firework display. This will enable them to make sure their dogs and cats are safely locked up indoors. Most pets are terrified of the sound of fireworks and need to be in a safe place for the duration. Please be aware that when a firework is let off in any part of the village, it can be heard throughout the village. Thank you for your consideration.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

We are busy working behind the scenes getting our applications together for various funding bodies. West Suffolk Council released some funding earlier this month and applications must be submitted by mid-November. There is currently a questionnaire circulating in the village asking residents about their use of the playground, past and future, and it is very important that we collect as many views as possible – please help us by completing the survey and handing it to one of the parish councillors or by following the [LINK TO QUESTIONNAIRE](#)

TRAFFIC CALMING

Parish councillors Ray Dinsey, Steve Holmes and myself met with our county councillor Bobby Bennett and senior engineer Matthew Fox to discuss traffic calming measures on Mill Road. I should be able to report more on this matter next month.

SEPTEMBER MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning raised £308.75 plus gift aid. A big thank you to Claire Hayward for organizing the coffee morning, baking cakes and providing prizes; also a thank you to all who participated and contributed to such a good cause.



VILLAGE HALL PICNIC BENCHES

Two new picnic benches have been ordered. The new benches are made from recycled plastic which will enable us to keep maintenance costs down. Our thanks go to West Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and Driver Farms for their donations.

VILLAGE HALL ENTRANCE

Rob Mott is very kindly getting the final oak posts in around the entrance to the village hall. Let's hope the posts will deter the large lorries from churning up the grass verge. Rob is one of our unsung heroes so a big thank you Rob from the Parish Council for all the small, and not so small, jobs you undertakes for us.

NEWS FROM WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL

West Suffolk Council has recently published a report detailing the results of their Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR).

The latest report to 1st January 2024, highlights that nitrogen dioxide levels across all sites in West Suffolk are below national thresholds, below pre-pandemic levels and are down on the previous year.

Good news for all of us.

REMINDER

For all those who contribute articles to the monthly newsletter please note that we will now be publishing a JANUARY 2025 edition. The deadline will be – **15th December 2024**

Our next Parish Council meeting will be 21 st November @ 7pm. All welcome.

As always, my thanks go to my fellow councillors for their hard work and support – Cllr. Ray Dinsey, Cllr. Felicity Driver, Cllr. Sue Hudson, Cllr. Barry Tyler, Cllr. Steve Holmes and Vice Chair Cllr. Geoffrey Baber. Please contact any of us if you have any matters you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Dr Julie Wymer
October 2024

EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	TIME	WHO
Thurs Social Bowls	7th 21st	14:00 - 16:00	All Welcome
Club Night Bowls	6th 13th	19:30 - 22:30	All Welcome
Book Club	7th	19:00 - 20:30	All Welcome
Breakfast Club	2nd	09:30 - 11:30	All Welcome
Coffee Morning	21st	11:00 - 12:00	All Welcome
Craft Club	23rd	09:30 - 11:30	All Welcome
Dancing with Rob Mott	5th 12th 19th 26th	19:00 - 21:00	All Welcome
Private Hire	9th	13:00 - 23:00	Private Hire
Yoga	4th 11th 18th 25th	19:00 - 20:30	All Welcome
Table Tennis	6th 13th 20th 27th	14:00 - 15:30	All Welcome
Brockley QI Talk	22nd`	19:30	All Welcome
Women in Fellowship	22nd	09:30 - 12:30	Private Hire

Hall Trustees Meeting	26th	15:30	
Parish Council	21st	19:00 - 21:00	All Welcome

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 Cricket Club Bob Fenner fenner50@aol.com
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For further information go to www.brockleyvillagehall.com
 To apply for application to book the village hall, please contact Ian Robertson.

Email: villagehallbrockley21@gmail.com
 Phone: 01284-830730 (leave a message)

Write to: 8, Woodcrofts Close, Brockley, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4BA

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sunday 10 th November Remembrance Service with Whepstead Church and
 Whepstead Baptist Chapel at Whepstead at 10.15am
 Sunday 17 th November Evening Prayer at 3.30pm with Craig Young.
 Sunday 24 th November Shared Eucharist with Whepstead at 9.30am at
 Whepstead with Rev Adrian Holdstock

NEW RECTOR

We are very pleased to announce that Rev. Anita Rooney has been appointed Rector of the Horringer Benefice and will be taking up her new post at a date to be arranged in the New Year. Anita is currently a Curate at the Cathedral.

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BROCKLEY VILLAGE HALL

Our Village Hall is owned by a charity, which is run by five trustees, none of whom receive any fees nor expenses. It is independent of the Parish Council although three of the trustees are also Parish Councillors.

It is the role of all Trustees to ensure the charity is always accountable, carrying out its purposes for the public benefit. The Trustees act in the best interests of the charity in making balanced and informed decisions using their individual and collective skills and experience. We ensure that the resources are managed responsibly, managing risks and ensuring appropriate controls and procedures, including up to date filings of accounts and returns to meet legal accounting and reporting requirements.

The Trustees are; Ian Robertson (Chairman), Geoffrey Baber, Ray Dinsey, Andrew English and Julie Wymer.

Our Honorary Treasurer is Sarah Rhodes, and we are further supported by Carol-Anne Robertson our Honorary Minute Secretary, Amanda Keighley (formerly Chair of the Community Council) who advises on social events and David Andrew who undertakes a health and safety role.

The trustees would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions as to how your Village Hall might better serve the people of Brockley.

Any suggestions can be sent to: gbaber@roots.co.uk

BROCKLEY ARCHIVE

It may not be common knowledge in today's age, however, Brockley used to have its very own mill. This picture, captured in 1880, shows photographer John Clarke's photo of the old Mill. The Mill was situated in front of Mill Cottage with the hedge that circumnavigated the building all that is remaining.



Brockley Archive is a new section of the Brockley Newsletter, put forward by Sheila. You are encouraged to submit any old photos of the village with a short summary of what is going on in the image and we will do our best to fit it into the Newsletter.

GARDENING

AUTUMN AT CLOCK POND

After the breakfast club on Saturday 5th October, a work party gathered to weed around the new hedging planted earlier in the year. Together with some clearing behind the 'copse' area to make it easier for walkers to venture around this area. The rough grass next to the pond has developed well to provide shelter for the newts and invertebrates. Our recent higher rainfall has also raised the water level.

The Mallard ducklings have fully grown and left the pond.

Hopefully they will give the

pond a rest next year as the Water Lilly was completely eaten by them this year.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust has identified that ducks significantly reduce the wildlife value of a pond especially for priority species like newts. Fingers crossed for next year and if they do return we MUST avoid feeding them. There will also be additional planting of pond sedges, a marginal plant that helps provide shelter for invertebrates that ducks don't eat.

The pond continues to be visited by a variety of dragonflies, damselflies and darters. And the hornets continue to build their nest in and on the bird box well into October but this should stop very soon.

Please have a look at the pond and let me know of what you find.

Dave Rhodes

HARTEST AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Firstly, a quick update from our Annual Show – which was an excellent event. The trophies were shared, with John Kemp collecting three, Roger Quince got two, as did Carol Penny, and Thelma Quince, Elizabeth Dunn, and Mary Scott all getting one. Finley Ryan-Mason won the shield for the Best Exhibit from the school. Well done to you all, and thank you to everyone that was involved. There was a very good attendance at the October meeting when we learnt all about propagation, so hopefully lots of donations will be coming our way for



the Plant Sale in May!

The subject for the meeting on November 4th is “Good in Bed – Long Season Interest Plants”, to be given by Annie Godfrey. Annie has been working in horticulture all of her adult life, training as a garden designer in 1995 at Capel Manor College and starting Daisy Roots nursery in 1999.

Her nursery specialises in growing healthy, hardy, perennial plants that will give years of pleasure but can’t necessarily be found in your average local garden centre. They have been exhibiting at RHS shows such as Hampton Court Palace since 2007 and in 2012, they exhibited at Chelsea for the first time and were awarded a Silver-Gilt Medal for their efforts, going on to win Gold in 2017 & 2018.

Our AGM will be included in this meeting, so entry is free, but we will be collecting the Annual Subscription of £14, which was agreed at the AGM last year. This needs to be cash or cheque, please, or paid online.

The website address is hartestgardeningclub.info, and for any queries about the Gardening Club, please email us on hartestgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Geraldine Ross

Tai Chi or Not Tai Chi?

That is the question!

I’m wondering if any other folks are interested in doing this if we can get enough interest to bring a teacher to Brockley? Tai Chi is an ancient form of martial art that builds strength , balance , flexibility and is generally felt to be safe for all ages as it does not put too much stress on muscles and joints. The movements are slow with an emphasis on breathing . Some studies have shown that it helps prevent trips and falls .

Do let me know too if any friends from neighboring villages would be interested in coming ...

Please email me and also mention if you are more inclined to day time or evening if a class becomes possible

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CREATIVE BROCKLEY!

Last month we put out a notice to see if anyone was interested in taking part in an exhibition next Spring to show off the creative talent in Brockley. We are delighted to say that several people have come forward to express an interest. This is really just a reminder because we are pretty sure there are more of you out there. Are you a knitter or stitcher? Do you paint or draw? Are you a wood turner or model maker? Are you a flower arranger or a cake decorator? Do you make jewellery or cards? Whatever your creative activity please make yourself known to one of us. It would be great if we could get any young people involved too, even very little people! We look forward to hearing from you.

Marion Curnow marion.curnow1@gmail.com
Carol-Anne Robertson caroboe@btinternet.com

NAUGHTY DOG OWNERS

I have been hit by a 'Lazy Dog Owner' who allowed their pooch to defecate on my property and then obviously walked away! Naturally, I do understand that accidents happen and that it is not the dog's fault at all.

However, if pet owners kept their dogs on a 'controlled lead' in the village area (not the extendable ones where the owner strolls along with the dog way behind them!) then they would know when a 'parcel' belonging to them, needed to be taken away.

It is definitely not the responsibility of the village residents to clean up after them. In this particular instance my neighbour spotted it and very kindly did the honours on behalf of the very lazy owner.

This is an issue which affects a lot of villagers and while we are all happy to share the open countryside with walkers and their pooches, we should not have our private areas in this beautiful village blighted by doggy poo!. 🐾

Several dog owners from outside the village use the lane from the village hall parking area, so perhaps we need some signage to increase their awareness of correct doggy ownership behaviour?

Colleen Antrobus

THANK YOU

I would like to thank who ever printed and delivered the October news letter.

Have felt quite cut off from the village since the paper newsletter stopped.

I have lived here 37 years.

My husband Ian was on the village hall committee for years, did lots of repairs to the hall, and made various stalls when we used to have the Fetes every year.

I was on the community Council and very involved especially with the jumble sale with Val Hill and Penny Morris. Happy days.

I'm now housebound, but lucky for me I have a fantastic family friends and neighbours who take me out, you need to be strong to push a wheel chair!!

Barbara Clark

K6 PROJECT

The K6 project is an adventure up and down the country to find old red telephone boxes and adopt and repurpose them.

Finding working red phone boxes is a challenge. As BT battles to control its costs, the boxes are quickly disappearing from public sight. The British icon has become history, there is, however, a future in adopting and repurposing them. The K6 project aims to visit as many local telephone boxes as they can throughout the country to find out what communities do to repurpose them.

The project has visited almost 6,000 boxes and has found multiple uses for them, such as, a defibrillator site, recycling centres, local book exchanges and local village guide booths. The project visited Brockley on 15th September 2023 and noticed a trend among more rural boxes all based around being 'local centric'.



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BROCKLEY COME DANCING

Dancing for Beginners
Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm
At Brockley Village Hall

Learn Modern Ballroom and
Latin with Robb Mott

Cost £2.50 per person each session
including tea and coffee



Come and have a go! Everyone Welcome

Dates for September and October 2024

September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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