

update

The free newsletter of the St John's Society

'PICNIC IN THE PARK'

Sunday 12th September 2004

After the success of last years 'Party in the Park' we are keen to use the parks' lovely surroundings for another get together. However due to the stress of organising and running the event last year it was thought a more informal gathering would be better. Therefore.....

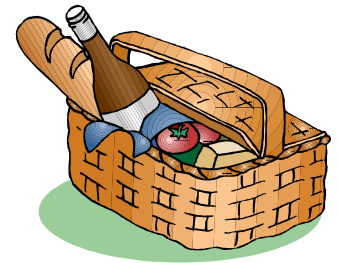
We have organised a jazz band to play for you from around 2pm for about 3 hours. Everyone is welcome to bring a picnic, mingle with your neighbours and relax to the sound of Jazz.



*A raffle will be held to raise funds for the society (and help to pay for the band!!)
Any contributions would be welcomed*



***Kind contributors to include:
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St John's Society

The society is a voluntary organisation formed by local residents who care about the area in which they live.

All residents are encouraged to attend meetings and are invited to contribute to the work and focus of the Society. New input is always welcome. If you feel that you can help in this way, or would like to make any suggestions please ring the number at the back of this issue, email us or attend our next meeting.....

St John's Society Meeting: 8pm Tuesday 14th September

Join us at Tanners Hill Residents Association, Pearson Avenue (corner of Tanners Hill)

SHOPPING TROLLEYS

At last the Tesco's store in Lewisham have implemented a secure trolley scheme.

After years of campaigning and removing their trolleys from the Ravensbourne river they have listened to the local residents and acted.

Thanks to Tesco's for at last taking on board local wishes and thanks also to Fred Aylward and Aiden Fenton for all their hard work.

A successful campaign!!



Did you know?

Deptford has been owned or controlled by William The Conqueror's half-brother, two chief barons of England, the Earl of Suffolk, the Earl of Lincoln, Henry VIII's wife Jane Seymour and the famous diarist John Evelyn.

“It's our borough – let's talk”

Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham will be visiting our area to meet with us, giving us – residents, businesses and the community, the opportunity to tell him what we think. Council managers and the police will also be there to answer questions.

Brockley – Tuesday 7th September '04
6.30pm St Andrew's Centre, Brockley Road, Brockley SE4 2SA

Also:
Blackheath – Thursday 14th October '04
Crofton Park – Thursday 11th November '04

Further information: www.lewisham.gov.uk or telephone Teresa Strolla 020 8314 6864

Update on noisy planes

In issue 9 of the 'Update', (November 2002), we informed you of the levels of noise from planes increasing in the St Johns area and we joined forces with local groups in Blackheath, Brockley and Greenwich in responding to the government consultation on the issue. Due to the force of feeling in the area, BAA have been careful in limiting the number and times of planes passing overhead. However, it has been noticed that these planes are on the increase again starting early in the morning and continuing until late at night.

What you can do and people that you can get in touch with on this matter:

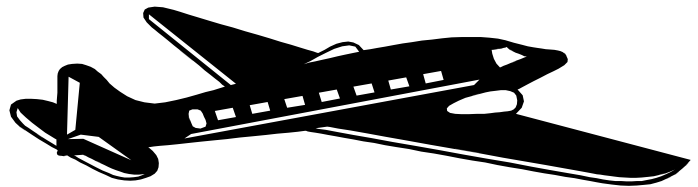
Aircraft Noise Subgroup of the Blackheath Society - Tel: 020 8297 1937

Clear Skies Lobby Group -

www.hacan.org.uk

BAA complaints hotline – Tel: 0800 344 844

While this may not provide immediate relief, it should help in the long-term fight.



Letters

It would be helpful to the St Johns Society if all correspondence written to the Council and others when complaining, lobbying etc on behalf of the St Johns area were copied to:

enquiries@st-johns-soc.org

This enables us to keep a file of what people are complaining about and we will try to support where possible.

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Dear St Johns Society

Dear Sirs,

Has anyone noticed the continual dumping of rubbish at the corner of Albyn Road/St Johns Vale? A sign has been put up by Lewisham Council but alarmingly, this seems to be mostly ignored!

If anyone has any information that might help identify these antisocial persons, I think that we would all be grateful if you would pass on the information to the police.

Also, if everyone would report vandalism, graffiti or dumping of rubbish of any sort (including cars) to Envirocall (020 8314 6000) it would really make a difference to the area. It is time we put things right for everyone concerned and improve and be proud of our surroundings.

(resident of St Johns, name & address supplied)

TRIM YOUR BUSH!!



The St Johns Society sends out a plea for everyone to keep their bushes in check so that pedestrians can walk freely down the pavement. If you have already had a letter from the Council regarding this, it is worth taking action, as the Highway Dept can come and cut back the overhanging bushes and then charge you for the work. The situation is that if someone has already had a letter and the Council spots or someone reports overhanging bushes - the property owner gets 2 weeks to rectify the situation or else the Council will come and cut it down and charge the resident. However, if it is a Council property, they will do it free of charge if the tenant calls and asks for it to be done. A number of houses in the St Johns area have trees and bushes hanging over their boundary, onto the street. In some instances it has become so bad that access to the pavement is very restricted and people (and prams) are forced onto the road. Thanks.

Contact: **Mr Henry Walker at Wearside Service Centre, Wearside Road, Lewisham, SE13 7EZ Tel. 020 8314 2089.**

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Useful Numbers:

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| Community Beat Officer (PC Craig Knight) | 020 8284 8553 |
| Anti Social Behaviour Officers | 020 8314 6233 |
| Noise Nuisance (daytime) | 020 8314 9035 |
| Noise Nuisance (5pm on) | 020 8314 6000 |
| Abandoned Cars | 020 8314 2057 |
| Graffiti | 020 8314 2019 |
| Housing issues/neighbour disputes | 020 8314 6923 |
| Confidential Drugs Hotline (24 hrs) | 020 8314 3656 |
| St Johns Society | 07010 700 610 |

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