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The free newsletter of the St John's Society

'Remember, remember the fifth of November....'



Friday 5th November 2004 – 6.30pm

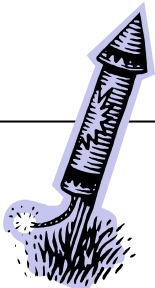
St John's Church

Admission: £1 (includes fireworks, bonfire and BBQ)

Firework fun for all the family at St John's Church (corner of St John's Vale and Lewisham Way), 6.30pm Friday 5th November 2004.

Wear something warm!

Children should be accompanied by an adult.



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 30th November

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

Guest Speaker: Phil Ashford (Conservation Officer – Lewisham)

He will be giving a talk (10 minutes approx) about the planning issues in the Brookmill Road CA and the enforcement process and then answer questions from the floor

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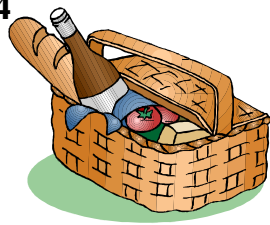
Thames Water Pumping Station Brookmill Rd SE8

Planning Application Number: DC/04/57862

Lewisham Council have just received a planning application to demolish the above building and replace with a two / three storey linked new build to provide offices, classrooms etc. This is the fantastic Victorian building with the circular bay windows which look over the Northern edge of Brookmill Park, to demolish this piece of local history would be appalling – this building needs to be saved and any future planning applications on that site need to include it – please send your objections to Lewisham Council planning department, 5th Floor Laurence House, 1 Catford Road London SE6 by 26th October 2004.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

12th Sept'04



Unusually, (or is it normal?) that after doom and gloom from the weather forecasters the afternoon of Sunday the 12th September turned out to be fine? The sun made a welcome appearance and it was great to see so many people (over 75!!) having picnics and enjoying the fantastic jazz band.

A raffle was organized to help fund payment for the band and kind donations towards this were made by Meze Mangal restaurant and Wellbeloved Butchers (see adverts). It is really gratifying when local businesses support community events – THANK YOU! A few old friends from the past also appeared including a now famous bottle of Emva cream sherry which I think I have seen on two other previous raffles!!

The draw was eagerly awaited and won by... er... me!! (much to my embarrassment), I then also won the second prize (£10 Argos voucher which I promptly gave back to redraw) and later the famous Emva Sherry which I swapped for the first prize (meal for two at Meze Mangal) so we could draw for that again – much to the dismay of my wife!! 'How did you win so many prizes?' asked a small boy – I told him I had bought quite a number of tickets as we were way short of covering the costs of the band.

I also pointed out to him that I only walked away with the sherry after all (which I'm sure will re appear in a future raffle!!).

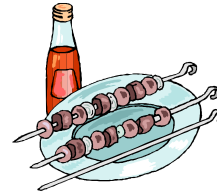
We shall endeavour to repeat the event next year – hopefully the weather will be glorious, more people will attend and we can cover the cost of entertainment otherwise future events may be missing from the diary.

Any contributions, monetary or gifts for future raffles, would be greatly appreciated!!

Please contact:

Robert Whimperley-Dixon
Chair

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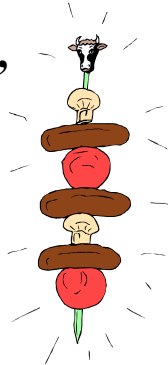
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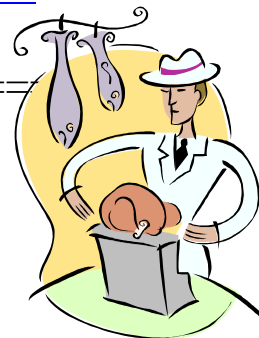
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Letters

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.

Dear St Johns Society.....

We have recently received the following letters from residents in St Johns. We urge all residents to be extra vigilant both to their own properties and to their neighbours. In an emergency- dial 999.

"Please could you alert people in the Ashmead Road area, St Johns that someone is entering gardens at night and causing damage. In the past two weeks my garden's been entered 3 times, twice having cord from tarpaulin and garden equipment cut up into multiple pieces and once having a garden tap turned on so that the water runs against the wall of the house causing damp.

I mentioned it to a neighbour a couple of doors away and they too had had electrical cables for garden equipment chopped into many pieces. It might seem minor but replacement costs add up and it may become even more serious.

Someone is going to a lot of trouble to enter these gardens as we don't have a side access and can't be accessed from the railway line.

So if you could encourage people to watch out and report any crimes on www.online.police.uk - it's quicker than phoning. It's happening to more than one person so people shouldn't ignore it."

Name and address supplied

"I just wanted to let you know that St John's Vale had an intruder in the back gardens last weekend crossing over the fences from garden to garden. Whoever it was tried to get into our house early evening when we were out (but only succeeded in breaking off one of our window locks) and also tried to get in our next door neighbour's house.

They were in our garden again the following evening when we were in though they had done a runner by the time we went out to look. If you want to pass this on please do just to ensure everyone is as vigilant as they can be. A friend of mine who lives in St Johns was also burgled last week in the middle of the night. The burglars used a credit card to open the front door while they slept, so whoever it is is fairly bold."

Name and address supplied

Creating a secure garden (Check the following):

- Fencing in both the front and back gardens (Ensure they are strong and well maintained)
- Plants next to your fences (should be thorny and prickly)
- Paths (gravel makes a lot of noise and you will hear anyone coming)
- Lighting (with PIR which comes on automatically if it detects movement) and ensure they are fixed where intruders cannot reach to take the bulbs out easily.

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Anti Social Behaviour Officers	020 8314 6233
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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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