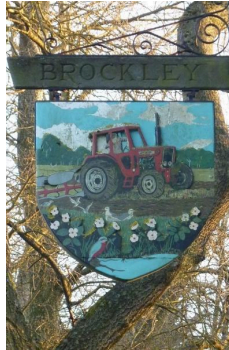


Brockley Newsletter



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The parish council's next meeting is on 22nd May when it will hold the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the Parish Council AGM

There are a few updates to report, detailed below:



CLOSURE OF MILL ROAD/REDE ROAD



1st May to June 13th

I have just learnt that CITYFIBRE will be closing Mill/Rede Road to test the existing BT Openreach network to see whether or not it is usable for the upgrade to our broadband. If everything is fine with the existing infrastructure, this is used and it avoids having to do disruptive trench work. Once the testing is complete CITYFIBRE may have to either 'clear a blockage' in the existing network or install a new 'overlay' to connect parts of the existing network. This work is stage 1 of the PROJECT GIGABIT to upgrade broadband within the village. Stage 2 of the rollout is when the work will take place to connect homes to the network and that is planned to happen in Brockley early next year.

****In terms of the ROAD CLOSURE residents will have access. Gatemens will be at the road closure points to let vehicles through and at night a 'soft closure' will operate which means it will not be blocked off.****

Children's Playground

I am sure many of you saw residents help the parish council paint the fence surrounding the playground. At times it felt as though it was never-ending as both inside and outside had to have a coat of wood preservative. I'm pleased to say that the fence is now in good repair and hopefully may last another 10-15 years. My sincere thanks go to Vic Hill, Carol-Ann Robertson, Barry and Sue Tyler, Nikki Pethurst, Ian Robertson, Sara and Alan Street, Denise and Ray Dinsey and David Rhodes for the power-washing. I also want to thank my husband, Robert Newcombe, for searching DIY stores around Bury to source more paint; the fence was extremely dry and thirsty!

Annual Tree Survey

The survey was conducted earlier in April and I'm pleased to report that, in general, the trees are in good health. There is one tree bordering the B1066 which requires a crown reduction as it is now growing into the overhead power lines. The tree consultant will make a return visit over the next few weeks to check on the health of the Ash Trees and to check out a drain by the kissing gate that is full of tree root.

Speed Restrictions on B1066 Between Brockley and Hartest

The parish council has now received the notice, order, statement of reasons and plan for the proposed speed limit order. The documents are on the village notice board for your information.

Grass Cutting Contract - Village Green

The contract has been awarded to Graham Metson. We are delighted to be able to keep this contract local and support a Brockley business.

CityFibre - Coming to Brockley, Eventually!

I reported earlier in the year that CityFibre would be coming to Brockley to upgrade our broadband and you will have noticed the works on the B1066 in Wepstead putting in the purple fibre cables. Brockley had been due to have the same upgrade around now but this has now been scheduled for next year.

The exact works plan is not yet clear but it appears that most of the village will be able to access full fibre to their premises (FTTP) via telegraph poles. Mill Road from the junction with Chapel Lane out to Rede Road will need groundworks. The fibre can't share a pole with power lines.

We do have fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) already, however, the uplift in speed will be dramatic.

What You Can Do Now

Residents are able to register interest with CityFibre without any obligation on Full Fibre Broadband for homes | CityFibre.

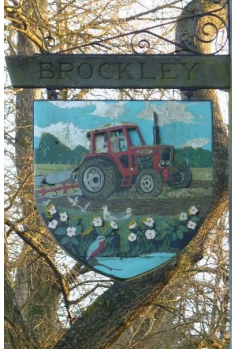
CityFibre have stated that registering won't speed up our upgrade, however information online indicates that it does help. Anyway, registering costs nothing apart from a bit of your time, so please help by letting them know.

Cllr. Dr. Julie Wymer

Chair-Brockley Parish Council

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

22nd MAY 2025

What is it?

An opportunity to meet your parish councillors and hear what they and other village organisations have been up to in the past year. It is a chance to ask questions and voice your ideas.

Who Will Be There?

Members of the parish council and our District Councillor Sarah Pugh and County Councillor Bobby Bennett. Several of our group activity leaders will also be present.

When and Where?

Thursday 22th May in the Village Hall

18:30 – A glass of Pimms and a chat with councillors

19:00 – Annual Parish Meeting

19:45 – Parish Council AGM

Cllr. Dr. Julie Wymer

Chair – Brockley Parish Council

V E DAY 80

1945—2025



Dancing to the music of the 1940's

From 7.30 pm

The play list will feature those Big Bands reminiscent of the era with our very own DJ Barry helping us all celebrate in style.

The dance is free to all—just bring your own drinks and snacks along.

CELEBRATING VE DAY - 80th ANNIVERSARY
LET'S CELEBRATE IN STYLE



Are you ready to decorate your house?



Judging will
take place from 5th May
Are you ready to eat delicious
croissants, join in the quiz, put on
your costumes and have some fun?



11am Village Hall



Have you bought your tickets for
the fish & chip supper? 6pm for 6.30pm. £5
per person. Last Orders 5th May
17:00

Have you polished your dancing shoes
for an evening of celebration from
19:30

Please contact Andrew English on
07496279145/01284 830219

Email: ajenglish@btinternet.com



VE Day Celebrations – SAVE THE DATE

8th May 2025

Get out your union jack flags and bunting and let's get decorating. You are encouraged to take part in dressing up the front of your home and or gardens and win a prize.

Come and enjoy the oh la la....

'Allo Allo' themed coffee morning – 11am

Will you come as René or Edith, Madame Fanny La Fan or Yvette Carle-Blanche or possibly Herr Flick and of course Officer Crabtree!! Onions and garlic to the ready

Indulge in Croissant and coffee, join in the quiz and take a seat in an army jeep (weather dependent)

FISH & CHIPS – Thursday 8th May @ 6.30pm

Tickets for the Fish & Chip supper will be on sale from 1st April on a first come, first served basis. Andrew English will be selling the tickets for both the fish & chip supper and the evening dance. The supper is being sponsored by the Baptist Chapel and the cost for a ticket will be £5.00. Unlike last year the Chippy has had to reduce its menu because of rising costs but I'm sure you will find there is something available that you would like to eat. The choices are:

Cod & Chips
Double Sausage & Chips
Chicken & Chips
Scampi & Chips
Vegetable Spring Roll and Chips

Ice-Cream

Please contact Andrew English on 07496279145/01284 830219
Email: ajenglish@btinternet.com

Last orders for fish & chips 5th May @ 5pm

Sunday 11th May 2025 @ 10.30am

VILLAGE HALL UPDATES

Suffolk Winter Response Fund

The Trustees applied for the above fund last November and were given a grant of £1400.

The grant had to specifically be used to provide a warm space for Brockley residents to meet and The Trustees did this by making no hiring charges to the regular resident groups for January, February and March.

We therefore supported 9 regular groups giving 106.50 hours of free hall usage and also paid for the refreshments for the Carols Round the Tree event in December and contributed a large amount to the December Christmas Coffee morning. We also provided free refreshments for the three Saturday Breakfast events January to March.

This left a small excess towards the hall's increased electricity bill.

In all we had an estimated 822 attendees at the above events.

We hope residents enjoyed using the hall and hopefully more people were able to come to events.

Ian Robertson, Chair of Trustees.

EVENTS

EVENT	WHEN	TIME	WHO
Annual Parish Meeting	22nd	18:30	All Welcome
Modern Dance	6th 13th 20th 27th	19:00 - 21:00	All Welcome
Carpet Bowls	7th 14th	19:00 - 22:00	
Social Bowls	8th 22nd	14:00 - 16:00	All Welcome
Tai Chi	6th 13th 20th 27th	15:15 - 16:15	All Welcome
Sue Barker Tea	10th	Afternoon	Ticket Only
Private Hire	4th	12:00 - 17:00	
Coffee Morning - VE Day	8th	11:00	All Welcome
Table Tennis	7th 14th 21st 28th	14:30 - 16:00	All Welcome
Yoga	5th 12th 19th 26th	19:00 - 20:15	All Welcome
Women in Fellowship	9th	09:30 - 12:30	
Saturday Breakfast	3rd	09:30 - 11:30	All Welcome
Craft Club	24th	09:30 - 11:30	All Welcome
QI	23rd	19:30	

Creative Brockley	31st	10:00 - 16:00	All Welcome
VE Day Supper	8th	18:30	Ticket - All Welcome
VE Dance	8th	19:30	Ticket - All Welcome
VE Joint Service	11th	11:00	All Welcome

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Phone: 01284 830730 - leave a message

ST ANDREWS CHURCH

Sunday 11th May - Eucharist at 09:30 with Rev Anita Rooney

Sunday 18th May - Evening Prayer at 18:30 with Craig Young

Sunday 25th May - Shared Eucharist at 09:30 at Whepstead

Churchwardens

Sheila Andrew 830520 Geoffrey Baber 830766

Churches Bike Ride

In September there is an opportunity to support the many churches and chapels in Suffolk by taking part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on Saturday 13th September 2025.

You can raise money through sponsorship. Any money raised is split 50 / 50 between your dominated church or chapel and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The money raised goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of these important buildings.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Andrew English on 07496 279145 or ajenglish@btinternet.com



St Andrew's Church, Brockley

Afternoon Tea with

Sue Barker CBE

**talking about her life and experiences in and around
Tennis**

Saturday 10th May 15:00

Brockley Village Hall

**You will be welcomed with a Glass of Prosecco
followed by a traditional afternoon tea**

A Limited number of tickets remaining

Tickets £30 reserved in advance please from

Andrew English

01284 830219

Or

07496 279145

or

ajenglish@btinternet.com



BROCKLEY CRICKET CLUB

May Fixtures

Sat 3rd Home v Nacton

Sun 4th Away v Melton St Audrey

Sat 10th Away v Battisford

Sun 11th Home v Risby

Sat 17th Home v Nowton

Sun 18th 1 st team Home v Walsham

Sun 18th 2 nd team Away v Mildenhall

Sat 24th Away v Chappel & amp; Wakes Colne

Sun 25th Home v Haverhill

Sat 31st Home v Mildenhall 3s

Brockley Cricket Club has been in existence for around one hundred years, and we now offer the facilities for some 80 members, including Life Members, Vice Presidents, Players and a Youth Section.

Our first XI play on Saturdays and on Sundays we run two sides. Friday evenings we have training sessions for our Youth section, usually numbering around 25 youngsters from the ages of 5 up to 18, run by qualified coaches. Parents are most welcome to come along and enjoy watching and the clubhouse is open to all with offers of refreshment and a licensed bar. We are always on the lookout for any young enthusiasts to come and be put through their paces.

On match days all are most welcome to come and join us for a relaxed afternoon watching the game. There is plenty of parking and seating and teas and coffees readily available.

Games start at 1.30.

Senior nets, open to all, will be held every Wednesday at 6.00pm starting on 9th April and the Youth training sessions run from 6 - 7.30pm on Friday evenings starting on 25th April. If you would like any further information, I should be happy to hear from you - my mobile number is 07710 781 766

Bob Fenner - Chairman Brockley CC

BROCKLEY CHAPEL



Brockley Chapel Dates April – June 2025

11:00am	April 20 th	Easter Sunday (Simon Ladd)
11:00am	May 4 th	Paul Davies

10:30am May 11th
Remembering VE Day
United Service with Brockley,
St Andrews in the Village Hall



11:00am	May 18 th	Simon Ladd
11:00am	June 1 st	Simon Robinson
11:00am	June 15 th	Simon Ladd

TAI CHI

We are Tai Chi Practitioners or so we are reliably informed by our ever patient and encouraging Instructor Martin!

Noticeable improvements in the group are definitely taking place, especially noted by people like me who have not been able to fit it in each week and can see just how far the group has come in just a few weeks.

We are now mostly outside with blackbirds and skylarks for company. Whatever else is happening within the hour, it is a good feeling.

It is the Yang style, the most popular style of Tai Chi, the movements are slow, large and circular making them accessible for people of any age and physical fitness.

If posture, strength and balance work with a dedicated time to clear the mind and have a few laughs sounds appealing then the class remains open to beginners every Tuesday 3.15-4.15 pm on the **Green or in the Hall**.

£7 pay as you go

Further information from denise.dinsey@btinternet.com

BROCKLEY BOOK CLUB

We are delighted to say that the group of 11 continue to meet every few weeks on a Thursday evening in the Hall with the host for the month choosing a title for all from Bury Library. We are now on our 115th book!

It has taken us over 10 years but what a wonderful accomplishment.

We are proud that we are a mixed group with a variety of tastes which makes for a range of reads. Some of the recent highlights have been Animal Farm, George Orwell, The Doll Factory, Elizabeth Macneal and White Chrysanthemum, Mary Brecht.

Further information from denise.dinsey@btinternet.com

I would like to thank the Village Hall Trustees for their continued generous support of local groups for residents.

CREATIVE BROCKLEY

Come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 31st May for an exhibition of work from some very creative people in our community.

The exhibition will be open from 10 – 4 and is free!

Tea/coffee and cake will be available (donations to help cover hall hire costs).

Some of the exhibitors may be selling items and some will be available to demonstrate or talk about their work.

A SPARKLING EVENING!

A SPARKLING EVENING

of fizz and finery, gems and jewels!

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE 2025

at 6pm at Hawkedon Village Hall, IP29 4NP

An illustrated talk by master craftsman Andrew Prince, designer and maker of jewellery worn by the stars.

Many of the jewels worn in the DOWNTON ABBEY films and TV series were designed and made in Long Melford by Andrew.

We are delighted to invite you to share the glamour, see some of the jewels (maybe even win something!) and learn about the extraordinary years at the turn of the 20th century when the great couturiers collaborated with the finest jewellers to produce gowns and regalia of outstanding quality and glittering opulence.

Tickets, which are limited, cost £25 to include a glass of fizz and light refreshments and the proceeds are in aid of Hawkedon St Mary's fine mediaeval Church.

Please reserve your place by e-mailing Heather Phillips on htapr@dircon.co.uk or calling 01284 789 250/07774 275656. You can then send a cheque to The White House, Scoles Gate, Brockley, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 4AU or pay directly into the Heather Phillips Charity Account. 30-91-49. A/c 02436383 clearly identifying your name.

GARDEN CHAIRS

Two of each garden chairs (as per photo) £5 per pair which will be donated to the Parish Council. To be collected.

Please contact Ray or Joan on 01284 830933





IP29 4BE **REDE** IP29 4BE

ART FESTIVAL with Summer Flowers

Saturday 31st May, Sunday 1st June, 11am to 4pm

**Art Exhibition in Rede Village Hall
Summer Flowers in All Saints' Church**

Teas on the green • Plant stall • Raffle

Artworks are by professional and amateur artists and are for sale

IN AID OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, REDE



Creative Brockley

An exhibition of the creative talent in our community

Brockley Village Hall

Saturday 31st May
10am-4pm

Free entry. Tea/coffee & cake

BROCKLEY QI

TITANIC

Her true story from launch to loss



FRIDAY 23RD MAY

7.30PM

BROCKLEY VILLAGE HALL

Some audience participation but you won't need a lifejacket!

Tickets £5. Contact Ian Robertson 01284 830730 / 07986011892.



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