

BTC JUBILEE



DJ



BBQ



Saturday 27th
July 2024

you are all invited!



3:30-9pm



Face
Painting



popcorn



bouncy
castle



connect 4



Large Jenga

FREE

Contact us by email admin@brockley.coop or telephone 020 8691 5898 to secure your tickets to this special event.



BIRTHDAY

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BTC Jubilee Party News ! Roll Up Roll up – Get your FREE Tickets NOW

Tickets are now available for our 50th Birthday Party being held after our AGM on Saturday 27th July at St Mary Magdalene school, Howson Road, Brockley SE4 2AU. Please ensure you secure your tickets for this once in 50 years event. Bring your family along we will have bouncy castles, face painters, ice cream, music, drinks, and an afternoon/evening BBQ. Best of all everything is FREE. Howson Road is a short walk from the 122, 171 and 172 bus routes and there is plenty of parking in the roads nearby.

Our AGM, just for members, will start at 2pm and be followed by our traditional Caribbean meal provided by Jerk Garden following favourable reviews last year. We have extended the range of food on offer this year and ordered twice as many meals as we anticipate members will make the effort to attend this special AGM

After the AGM meeting family members are welcome to come along and enjoy the rest of the day from 3.30 pm onwards to 9 pm. Tickets are numbered and, on the day, will be entered into a prize draw (so don't forget to bring them with you!). There will be some workshops for children to enjoy and we will be filling a time capsule of memories of the day and information about our Cooperative – so please bring along any documents you would like to be included. We are hoping that children will write a letter to their future selves and that members will write about what the Coop has meant to them, their current lives, their jobs, hobbies, families and the things that matter to you in 2024.

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The fire brigade carry out free home safety visits, if you would like to arrange this with them, they can be contacted by calling 0800 028 4428, emailing smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk or text SMS 07860 021319

Volunteers needed for our Jubilee Party

VOLUNTEER



We have been fortunate to have members volunteer already but would welcome a few more.

We particularly need volunteer drivers to take some of our vulnerable or disabled members to the event although we will also reimburse travel costs for this group if they wish to make their own arrangements.

We have some volunteers to run some workshops for children and if you have a particular skill, you think would make a good workshop let us know we are keen to ensure that all age groups are catered for.

We need volunteers to litter pick through out the day, to serve drinks and to clean up after the event.

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Feeling Lonely or a bit Isolated?

Community Connections challenges social isolation and supports adults experiencing low mood, isolation or who would like to be more connected to their local community. They take a person-centred approach and will meet with you to talk about your interests and wellbeing. They can help you plan how you can achieve your goals, learn new skills, find volunteering opportunities or link you to local clubs or groups. Community Connections works with dozens of community groups who can offer activities such as Art, crafting, gardening, walking groups, mental health support, carer's group and LGBTQI+ groups. Community Connections can also link you to practical support such as transport schemes, gardening, and odd jobs. Toenail and fingernail cutting. Home adaptations, money management, debt advice, domestic violence support and culturally specific support.



Community Connections are open Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 4 pm. You can call their helpline on 0330 058 3464 if the line is busy leave a message they aim to call back within 24 hours. You can also visit their website – communityconnectionlewisham.org to fill out an on line contact form and find more information about their services.

Rent Rise for Brockley owned Properties 2024.

This year's rent rise for Brockley owned properties was discussed at the Management Committee Meeting on 27th February 2024. Members voted unanimously not to impose the 7.7% rise that is the maximum any social landlords can charge using the rent setting formula (September CPI plus 1%). Members voted for a 4% increase; this will be applied from July. Hexagon have confirmed their rent increase they will impose 7.7% from July. If you are worried about money let us know. We have a Welfare specialist who can ensure you are getting all the help you are entitled to. Hexagon managed members can also contact their Money Matters Team telephone 020 7867 6699 or email moneysupport@hexagon.org.uk.

Rent Arrears Matter

In April 2022 rent owed to the Coop was over £70,000. In April 2024 we are pleased to report that rent arrears are now £58,000. As rent is our only income, we are dependent on members paying so that we can carry out repairs, improvements and have staff you can talk to if you need help. Please continue to ensure that rent remains a priority bill for you to pay and help us to reduce this amount even further. We could carry out a lot of works with the £58,000 we are currently owed and with Coop rents being the most affordable within the social housing sector it is hard to justify this level of arrears. We will be targeting those who do not pay consistently or will not make agreements to clear their debts – don't let that be you - court costs can add an additional £391 to your debts.



Gardening Club

Xim is running a gardening club at our Friendly Street Allotment. The allotments will be open on Wednesday mornings from 10 am until 12 pm . Xim can be contacted on 07986355859 for more information



If things don't feel right, they usually aren't right. if you need to talk to someone you can call the national domestic abuse helpline 0808 2000 247 or call the Samaritans (24/7) 116 123.