



# Cars threaten new park

A last ditch attempt to stop their car park in Hatfields (off Stamford Street) being turned into open space is being made by National Car Parks Ltd. The company has appealed to Anthony Crossland, Environment Secretary, to let them carry on using the 1 acre site for commuters' cars.

But NCP face massive opposition from local residents, three local councils and most of the nearby office workers.

Heading the local opposition is the tenants association in the Peabody (Duchy Street) Estate right next to the car park. These tenants have

campaigned to get the car park turned into open space and get a £16,500 grant to pay for the work. But the money, which comes from the government, is now in danger - it can be withdrawn if work doesn't start within a year. Southwark Council are already preparing plans for the landscaping and work was due to start by October.

John Driscoll, a member of the Peabody Tenants Association's special committee on Hatfields said "National Car Parks haven't got a chance but if by some stretch of the imagination they do win, then all I can see is trouble coming out of it"

Anyone can write to the Secretary of State to say what they think about having a car park or an open space in Hatfields. Send your views as soon as possible to:

Secretary of State,  
Dept of the Environment,  
Caxton House,  
Tothill St, SW1.  
and quote reference  
APP/5001/A/75/1401(ii).  
What a mouthful!

How they got their £16,500 Urban Aid Grant - see page three.



## Headache

Latest move in the chemist campaign is that Arnold Estate and Tooley Street Tenants Associations are getting signatures for a petition to be presented to Bob Mellish MP. The petition asks for a chemist to be brought back to the Dockhead and Tooley Street area.



## High jinks in Lower Marsh

The Waterloo Festival is here again! Coming to a climax this Sunday-July 13- it's a riot of fun and games for all to enjoy, bigger and better than even last year's successful effort.

Centered on Lower Marsh, all the groups beavering away on their own projects throughout the year have come together to produce a giant party for the whole community.

Celebrations include street theatre, fancy dress procession, pub pram race, talent contest, a (small) fairground, numerous stalls, bands, folk singing and many,

many more fun things to do.

Deserving a special word is the big social on Saturday 12th, complete with bar, big band and cabaret.

Nor have the sportsmen been forgotten. Football, netball and rounders - in the Waterloo roundabout - are all featured.

You can't have failed to notice all the activity. Those red and green clown posters have sprung up all over the area, the first public sign of much hard work put in by the 17 strong Festival Committee.

# Waterloo must choose

The future of Waterloo as Lambeth Council think it might develop has just been published.

Many local people and groups have contributed to the ideas in the plan, through open meetings organised at the Waterloo Action Centre and by the surveys the planners themselves carried out. The Draft Plan took two years to prepare.

Now Lambeth are going all out to get residents and workers to comment on the plan. They are thinking of

sending every person a broadsheet summarising the proposals, a questionnaire with a pre-paid envelope for your reply, public exhibitions at the Action Centre, the mobile 'plan-van', and open meetings.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 5th August, 7.30 pm at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road. There will be another meeting in September.

Meanwhile you can borrow or buy a copy of the plan at the Lower Marsh library

It originally cost £2.00, but after protests that this would make it too expensive for many people who would be directly affected by the proposals to buy one, the cost was cut to 75p. At a stroke.

The GLC have also put forward their plans for the South Bank area. They say that the present population of 5,000 could increase to 9,000 if the vacant sites between Vauxhall and Southwark Bridges could be used for housing.

## Bermondsey Mystery Motel

The Time: 12 o'clock  
The Place: Bermondsey  
Lampost free school in  
Long Lane. I look around.  
Actors are running about.  
Technicians are setting  
up equipment. Everyone is  
practising and learning  
lines.  
Bermondsey Lampost is pre-  
paring to shoot the first  
scene of their Video-Audio  
movie 'Mystery Motel'.  
Written by Dennis Barthol-  
omew and Richard Beadle,  
it is the story of a girl  
who goes to the hotel  
where her brother, a cele-  
brity, has vanished from

in mysterious circumstan-  
ces. Writer Dennis ex-  
plained that he had been  
kidnapped by "the Boss" -  
the owner of the hotel -  
and his two cronies Bobby-  
boy and Nicky. With the  
help of Maureen the maid  
and Dimmy, the boss's  
stepson, Nancy eventually  
finds her brother, along  
with film star Alma Cran-  
ford, in a boat on the  
shore of an island in a  
lake. But they are all  
caught by the boss, who  
tries to kill them. The  
ending is fast and excit-  
ing, jam-packed with

stunts.  
Making a film is usually  
incredibly slow. This film  
was no exception - indeed  
the first day not one  
scene was perfect. Yet  
luckily the second day  
after 22 takes they man-  
aged to get 5 scenes done.  
After that it was plain  
sailing, and the film was  
completed in a week.  
I asked the actors two  
questions: what was the  
hardest scene to film? and  
would you do it again,  
given the chance? They  
all agreed that they would  
do it again, and that the  
hardest part to film was  
the office scene as there  
was so much talking.  
'Mystery Motel' is a Lam-  
post-Action film in black  
and white, and will be  
shown at Bermondsey Lam-  
post free school in July.  
Watch out for it: it's an  
enjoyable family film.

## Your Voice

Dear SEI,

ADVANCE YE LONDONERS!

The life of the many Ten-  
ants' Associations that  
are a Great Voice for nu-  
merous tenants in the Lon-  
don areas where these ci-  
tizens dwell, has for a  
certainty created happier  
hearts and minds. It may  
be said the Southwark  
Council have alternative  
feelings!!!  
The Chairmen, Treasurers  
and Secretaries give their  
utmost efforts in seeking  
out the many complaints  
that are so alive where  
tenants reside.

We in the Tooley Street  
Tenants' Association have  
a get-together once a  
month. Many opinions are  
expressed, and several  
letters are read out.

We are all aware the prob-  
lems will continue if some  
of us see the dawn of the  
year 2000. Problems are  
meant to be solved, thus  
the interest that covers  
them is of paramount im-  
portance to see they are  
erased to the satisfaction  
of our endeared Tenants.  
It may be of interest too,  
that the author of this  
letter is an O.A.P. who  
hopes the continuity of  
life can avail his mind  
and pen to give loyal as-  
sistance and worthwhile  
guidance to those who de-  
sire to be helped over the  
stile of life.

So faithfully,  
Ron W.Histed  
15 Tower Bridge Bldgs.,  
Mill Street.

Dear SEI,

Is there a vendetta on?  
Are we to be made a stin-  
king slum?  
Pakeman House is a nice  
clean block of flats be-  
longing to the Corpora-  
tion of London and kept  
admirably clean by our  
excellent caretaker.  
In spite of this, and af-  
ter many requests, we are  
still - since the last war  
in fact - still faced with  
a filthy unsightly dump.  
Not only this, it is now  
labelled Official Dumping  
Depot.

Yes, we know there was a  
dustmans' strike, but even  
so, we should not still  
have to wait for improve-  
ments. How long is the  
Council going to try to  
get us so sick of the en-  
vironment that we shall  
be forced to make way for  
more slums?  
Remember what the Council  
allowed to happen to the  
clean little flats in  
Rushworth Street?  
We at Pakeman House do not  
want to be No.1 Slum. We  
are long term tenants, and  
we hope to be an example  
to others on how to keep  
flats fit to live in.

We are sick of the waste  
land.  
At last we have a forum to  
speak out.  
Who will join me in a pro-  
test march to the Council  
offices to insist on OUR  
rights as members of the  
working class to a clean  
environment?

Alice R. Goodwin  
21 Pakeman House  
Pocock Street.

## INFORMATION

### Jumble sales

July 22  
Waterloo Action Centre  
August 2 at 2.30  
Squires Club, Harper Rd.

### Fete

August 9 at 2.30  
Squires Club, Harper Rd.

### Theatre group

August 12 at 12.00  
Unicorn Theatre Group at  
Rockingham St. Adventure  
Playground.

### Kids holiday season

All events at 3.00pm unless  
otherwise stated.

### July

20 Band in Southwark Park  
27 Band in Southwark Park  
28 Newton Gardens  
29 Bermondsey Library Hall  
31 Southwark Park  
Havill Hall

### August

1 Bedlam Park 11.00 am  
3 Southwark Park  
4 Newton Gardens  
5 Bermondsey Library Hall  
6 Tabard Gardens  
7 Southwark Park  
8 Bedlam Park  
10 Southwark Park

## Bankside barbarism

In three months time the  
Secretary of State for the  
Environment will decide  
whether Laings Development  
Company should build an  
office block one and a  
half times the size of  
London Bridge House on  
Bankside.

If Laings get the go-  
ahead, the pattern may be  
set for similar redevelop-  
ment of other warehouses,  
warehouses and industrial  
buildings in SEL.

Peckham Town Hall was  
the battleground for the  
two-week Public Inquiry  
last month, at which  
Laings, Southwark Council,  
the GLC and local groups  
put their views on the  
redevelopment of a three-  
acre site between South-  
wark Bridge and Cannon St.  
rail bridge. The site in-  
cludes the Anchor and Wind-  
mill pubs, as well as derel-  
ict land and empty ware-  
houses.

### expensive

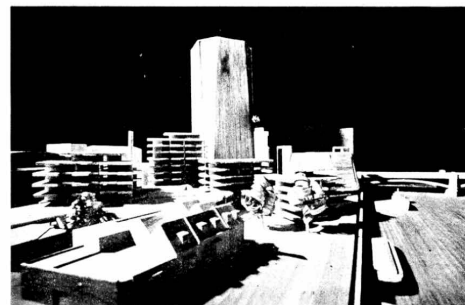
Laings hired Mr Graham  
Ayres, one of the most ex-  
pensive planning lawyers  
in London. Southwark Coun-  
cil, supporting the devel-  
opers, also hired a plan-  
ning lawyer at great pub-  
lic expense.

The GLC, on the other  
side, chose to be repre-  
sented by a solicitor from  
their legal department. He  
remarked that "the GLC did  
not have a good case" and  
anyhow the GLC did not re-  
gard the inquiry as espe-  
cially important".

### opposition

For the local community,  
the inquiry was a much  
more serious business. 15  
local organisations in  
North Southwark sent let-  
ters opposing the plan.  
They were unanimous in de-  
manding family housing in-  
stead of office blocks.

Ceri Griffiths, the  
Director of Development  
for Southwark Council,  
argued that "Bankside is  
unsuitable for family  
housing because there are



Above - a model of what Laings would like to build.  
Below - the site as it is now, from the same angle.  
The Anchor pub is bottom left in both pictures.



no schools and not enough  
open space, and the roads  
are too busy". But under  
cross-examination he ad-  
mitted he did not know  
about the places vacant at  
local primary schools, nor  
that St.Saviour's school  
is being rebuilt in Red-  
cross Way, nor that the  
Mint Street open space is  
close by. He said he did  
not know that roads on  
Bankside are quiet in the  
evenings and at weekends.

### family housing

Local residents argued  
that, since primary school  
places are available, the  
area needs more people,  
more shops, and more open  
space. They said the site  
should be acquired by South-  
wark Council and the GLC

for family housing.

"After all", said Maureen  
Clark of Peabody (South-  
wark St.) Residents' Asso-  
ciation, "when everyone  
else here has toddled off  
home, we'll be left here".

### surprises

One of the surprises of  
the inquiry was that  
Laings, the GLC, and chief  
planners in Southwark had  
been working closely to-  
gether since 1968. Even  
the elected councillors  
were not informed until  
1972, and the local com-  
munity were not considered  
at all until 1973, by  
which time even Southwark  
Town-Clerk had given his  
blessing to the scheme.

## Golden Oldy

Lily Taylor remembers how  
it used to be.

The Cut - it used to be  
like Petticoat Lane. Es-  
pecially on Sun-  
days it was the centre of  
activities, people came  
either to buy or just to  
have a wander.

There used to be auc-  
tions along The Cut. Course  
you don't get that now,  
like one stall would be  
selling say apples at 2d  
a pound while the next  
stall would be shouting  
out "come on, three half-  
pence a pound", see, some-  
thing like that. Then you  
did get bargains cos they  
were one against the other.

I'm speaking of about  
60 years ago, though it  
wasn't til after the  
second world war that  
things really changed  
round The Cut.

Yes, it was well known  
as a market place, it  
wasn't a place for a night  
out. If you wanted that,  
you went to the Canterbury  
music hall in Westmin-  
ster Bridge Road or a pic-  
ture palace round there  
which was known as a flea  
pit. Then round in Black-  
friars Road, where the  
post office is now, there  
was a hall called the  
Central. That was a

picture house, cheap for  
the kids to go to as well  
kids and grown ups.

Where Caters is now  
there used to be a 1d  
biacscope (picture house).  
We used to use the Old  
Vic, years ago it was  
called the Victoria Pal-  
ace Theatre. It was more  
of a place that people  
round here went to,  
though the big pots were  
the main users. On Satur-  
day afternoons the child-  
ren went up in the gall-  
ery and you got a bag of  
sweets as you came out.

Another thing we've al-  
ways had in The Cut is a  
pie and mash place. First  
of all it used to be  
Harris's, where Cooke's is  
now. Then another one  
opened up called Woods  
that was in Broadwall  
(now Hatfields) where  
Styles House is. He also  
sold cheap bowls of soup  
for poor people. They wer-  
n't so down and out as  
they are now cos when they  
were down and out they  
went in the infirmary in  
Gray Street.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Lily Taylor was born in  
Roupeil Street and has  
lived there all her life.

Have you any memories of  
your bit of SE1 that you'd  
like to share? Send them  
in or let us know if you  
have.

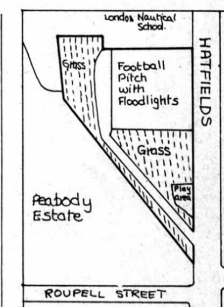
## Hang on to Hatfields

Over a year ago the Pea-  
body tenants association  
in Bay Street started  
pushing to get Hatfields  
car park turned into open  
space. Secretary John  
Hearn explained "after  
surveying everyone on the  
estate we applied for an  
Urban Aid Grant from the  
Home Office. It was for  
£28,000 for community  
centre and open space.

"You have to get the  
Council to apply for you  
because they pay for a  
quarter of it." Ron  
Collins, another member of  
the Hatfields committee  
added "Some of the land  
is in Lambeth and some is  
in Southwark so we applied  
to both. Southwark didn't  
take much interest in the  
idea and put way down on  
the list but Lambeth gave  
it top priority and they  
got the grant for us".

It was only for the open  
space but that was still  
a great achievement.

John Driscoll said:  
"We've had a meeting with  
the council to discuss  
what should go there. The  
plan we gave them goes a  
long way to satisfying  
everyone. You've got grass  
trees, benches for people



to sit in the sun, grassed  
area where kids can have a  
muck about on and a play  
area.

The football pitch will  
have a gate of its own and  
there is the idea that we  
will have a key so that  
residents in the area can  
use it in the evenings.  
During the day of course  
it will be open to every-  
one."

"One thing that I don't  
want to see is it turning  
into the same sort of area  
as Emma Cons Gardens oppo-  
site the Old Vic".

## WALTER AND HIS MAGIC

Walter wanted to do magic. So he waved  
his magic stick over his cat.

"Become a lion," he ordered - but the cat  
sat there and  
didn't even  
blink.

So Walter bought a magic  
hat and cloak. "Become  
a lion," he said. The  
cat smiled,  
and said:

"I will try once more," thought  
Walter. He bought a pair  
of magic shoes from  
the magic  
shop in  
town.

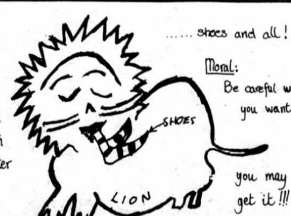
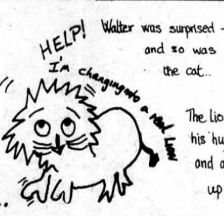
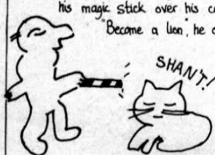
.... BUT....

HELP! Walter was surprised -  
and so was  
the cat.

The lion opened  
his huge mouth  
and ate Walter  
up....

..... shoes and all!

Be careful what  
you want -  
you may  
get it!!





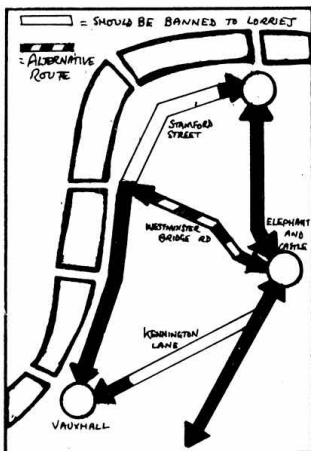
# Juggernaut fight is on

Juggernauts are making life hell for many people, particularly in Stamford Street, and this increasing menace has provoked local groups to get together to hammer out a united front with which to tackle the GLC.

Both the Waterloo Community Development Group and the Kennington Lane Action Group are joining up with C. A. L. M., a London wide body intent on taming the lorry problem.

CALM's organiser, Keith Buchan, is providing masses of evidence to show that juggernauts are anti-social and a threat to many local communities....including SE1. There are other alternatives to forcing lorries down certain roads to the agony of residents, and it looks like the GLC will be obliged to take note.

Last week the North Lambeth Neighbourhood Council unanimously endorsed a proposal that if there has to be a route through their area it should go where it affects least people and causes least disruption. This is down Westminster Bridge Road (look at our map) and then via the Embankment. Now the Waterloo Development people will consider adopting this as well, having themselves come up with the idea a few weeks ago.



This joint action was welcomed by Peter Lane. He told SE1 "the GLC will have to take account of such positive proposals. This offers a constructive alternative to

the existing scheme and is not the usual outright rejection that solves none of the problems. If the residents themselves can agree on a route through their own area, the GLC would be very foolish to ignore it."

Meanwhile the fight continues to ban the juggernauts altogether. It looks like being a tough fight.

A GLC spokesman said that any

proposal would be looked at in a 'sympathetic' light. But privately a GLC official involved in this policy said "you can create all you like, but let's face it, we are not likely to change our minds."

One officer is even reported to have suggested a resident move into her bathroom at the back of her house in order to get a decent night's sleep!



SE1 was born from residents and workers in the area who thought we needed a monthly paper for the people in SE1. We hope to cover issues and interests that are given little or no coverage elsewhere. We hope you will respond by giving comment and articles to us. This is the first issue.

The August edition should be larger and give wider coverage to local events. We will be looking at chemists, Bermondsey Street shops, and the long-awaited sports centre at the Elephant - with sport, letters, diary and news of the day in SE1. Next issue of SE1 on Friday 15 August. Your contributions are needed. Please send articles, letters, ads etc by Thursday 31 July or bring them to a meeting - every Thursday at 7.15 pm at 12 Meymott Street, SE1.

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## barfly

As a teetotal citizen I don't really feel qualified to write this column. But as a kind-hearted lady I shall try.....

I paid a visit to the Anchor pub, at Bankend, one Sunday lunchtime, and in all truth I cannot recommend it to any but the brave and the beautiful. Standing outside the pub, I was amazed to see so many young (and not so young) beautiful people. (That's men and women, I might add).

Feeling that perhaps I should go home and change into something a little more costly than the jeans I was wearing at the time, I managed to slink inside. Wow! There were more of yer actual beauties, all sipping halves of bitter (which I strongly suspect is the 'In' drink) and munching on sandwiches.

After I found out the price of the sandwiches, I asked for a simple bag of crisps.

"CRISPS?" the barman shouted. "We don't sell crisps here". Well I wasn't to know, was I!

"A pint of draught lager, please", I asked, hoping that I wasn't going to be asked for a banker's reference. The beer was of the usual riverside pub standard (warm), and the glass was in need of a wash, but in search of knowledge I drank on, and after another three, or four, the world and even the Anchor, seemed a little rosy. Then up she came dressed in a vivid shade of red, and screeching at the top of her voice: "Well, hello there".

"Who? Me?", I said, hoping there was some mistake. "Well of course you. Didn't I see you earlier on today pushing a little baby in a pram? how cute that you do your own shopping". "Yes, and my own laundry too", I mumbled into the depths of my glass. "There must be some mistake", I said. "Actually I am on holiday, resting between films".

So as not to appear too rude, I stood and sang three verses of the Star-Spangled Banner, threw in a quick James Cagney impression, and then fled to the Ladies cloakroom. In there, the air reminded me of the perfume department at Harrods, and lovely young things stood around discussing which millionaire they were with.

By this time I felt in need of a good cup of tea, a plastic surgery overhaul a bank loan, and a BAG OF CRISPS.....



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