



Family housing on South Bank

Success with GLC planners

THE GLC HAVE KEPT TO THEIR WORD FOLLOWING THEIR CONSULTATION OVER PLANNING THE FUTURE OF THE SOUTH BANK. THEY AGREED LOW RISE FAMILY HOUSING SHOULD BE BUILT ON THE SOUTH BANK RATHER THAN HOTELS AND OFFICES at a meeting of the full Council on 20th July.

The GLC have listened to the suggestions of local groups and are now supporting their proposals.

The Waterloo Community Development Group suggested that the Coin Street and Doon Street sites, which are vacant land being used temporarily for car parks, should be seen as two vital areas for speedy housing development.

The GLC have now produced their planning brief for the Coin Street area which covers from Waterloo Bridge to Duchy Street and is bounded by Upper Ground and Stamford Street. This area includes both the Doon St and Coin St car parks as well as the Boots factory site and will at a later stage also include the Eldorado site and Nelson Wharf on the river Thames. 80% of the homes to be built on this area are to be low rise family housing for 4 or 5 persons and with gardens and landscaped open space. The rest of the housing will be maisonettes for childless couples. The only high rise building will be to the west of the site up against Waterloo Bridge to cut the traffic noise and this will include 2 room flats for single people. To enhance the whole scheme the GLC are considering not only a riverside walk but in fact creating public open space by the river at Barge House Street and Barge House Alley, which are important because of their historical interest. This was the site of the Royal Barge House in Tudor and Elizabethan times and there are still cannons by Barge House Alley which are today used as street bollards. Public access to the river will therefore be maintained and improved.

Parisian

The GLC are also considering planting trees along Upper Ground and Stamford Street to give the area a 'Parisien' effect.

Local groups and residents now feel they are making modern history by having their demands met and by bringing good quality family housing back onto the South Bank, which is at the present time a dead area of derelict warehouses and sterile office

blocks and public buildings. Groups in North Southwark hope this will be the first step in spreading this housing policy eastwards along the rest of the South Bank which includes the Bankside even if this means using the new Community Land Act.

Model ?

In the meantime local groups are anxious to see the proposed developments on the Coin Street area get under way as quickly as possible. The WCOG has suggested that it might be useful if the GLC could prepare a model to show the public what the scheme will look like.

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WATERLOO— ...FOR SALE!

THE ORNAMENTAL WROUGHT IRON platform gates and the three giant Arrivals and Departures boards at Waterloo Station are up for sale to the highest bidder. British Rail Southern Region is to spend £600,000 on an improvement scheme which will be finished in autumn 1977.

The giant indicator boards, made of solid french polished teak, are 25 ft high and 15 ft across. They will be replaced by "a new comprehensive electronic indicator". The gates have been guarding the station's 21 platforms since 1922.

Southern Region say that there are no reserve prices for the gates and indicator boards and the best written offer to the general manager at Waterloo pays his money and takes his pick.



Residents see red- Cross about decision over DHSS office

The Minister for Social Services, Eric Deakins, is under intense pressure from local residents to reverse his decision to move the DHSS pay-out office from Marshalsea Road to a new office building in Redcross Way.

An angry demonstration by over 400 local people outside the DHSS office in Marshalsea RD on July 22 was followed the next evening by a march to the town hall in Walworth Road. The demonstration was very well organised and passed without incident. The sight of several hundred marchers with children and banners silhouetted against Alexander Fleming House (home of the DHSS) was a spectacle that could not be ignored.

At the town hall, Bob Mellish MP addressed the march, and a delegation of 7 residents went inside to talk with the MP. When the delegation came out it emerged that Mr Mellish had said that as far as he was concerned "on no account is the office going into Redcross Way."

A delegation to the House of Commons to meet Minister Deakins

on Wednesday July 28th is going to thrash the whole thing out. It will be led by Southwark's planning chairman Ron Watts and will contain 5 residents from the immediate area around Redcross Way, and a representative from London Road.

If the Minister will not reverse his decision, Mr Mellish has committed himself to calling a public meeting immediately to decide tactics. Mr Mellish also told the delegation on Friday night that he was demanding that the opening of the men's hostel in Great Guildford St. be postponed until there had been a public meeting on that. He said that the Minister had been shaken by the residents' reaction.

Leaders of the march expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the demonstration and the march. "We were more than surprised by the turnout from people throughout the area. As far as the residents are concerned, Redcross Way is out. The recent decision to open a men's hostel in GT. Guildford St., and the Redcross Way move have inflamed people of the Borough". The organisers were also quick to point out the co-operation and help they had had from the police, especially as the march had been organised at such short notice.

The feeling locally is that this could be the start of a long campaign, and now that war has been declared the residents will be satisfied with nothing less than victory.

**Bob
Mellish -
interview
inside**

Your Voice

Homeless not worthless

Dear SE1, In your June Issue, you have an article on your back page titled 'DHSS... Try Again', about the Department of Health and Social Security's attempts to find a new office to pay benefit to homeless people. Your headline at least, and really the rest of the article by implication, says "we don't want these people here".

Yet the centre pages of the same issue have an article on help for homeless people explaining the problems faced on coming out of mental hospitals, especially the problems of acceptance back into the community when you've nowhere to sleep but the streets.

Okay, residents don't want a DHSS office for homeless people next door, but where should it go? Surely since there are so many homeless in Southwark (a large proportion coming from South East London) it makes sense to have an office somewhere in the area.

Why not suggest alternative sites, rather than adding to the stereotyped view of homeless people as "worthless".

As a Southwark resident and a member of Southwark Trades Council I know there are two sides to the problem - the present offices in Marshalsea Road

are appalling - but surely 'SE1' can do better than pander to unjustified gut reactions about homelessness men?

Yours sincerely
Ian Arnold
Chairman, Public Services Committee, Southwark Trades Council, Lansbury House, 41 Camberwell Grove, SE5.

Well done! Festival committee

Dear SE1, I am writing this letter to thank each and everyone of the Waterloo Festival Committee for all the hard work and thought that went into the Waterloo Festival. I am certain that everyone throughout the community enjoyed it immensely and would want to join me in thanking you for this marvellous event.

It is reassuring to know that in these unsettled times when inflation hits all of us, people still care about people.

Thank you all once again,
Yours sincerely,
Brenda Baines
6F Mitre Road, SE1.

Peggy Pollock leaves AFTER 29 YEARS



WHEN PEGGY POLLOCK got married in 1938 she never thought for a minute she'd go back to teaching again, especially as during the war itself she did something completely different - making Merlin engines to go in-side Spitfire fighters.

But things don't always work out the way we expect they will. And certainly Peggy Pollock wasn't planning to stay 29 years when she was interviewed at St Saviour's on that day back in 1947.

What are her plans now? "I have no retirement plans, but it will give me more time to talk to my husband." Her husband, Sam, who worked for many years on the BBC Foreign Broadcasts service, is himself semi-retired now.

Mrs Pollock is glad to have stayed on at St Saviour's long enough to see the school move into its new premises in Red-cross Way. In fact, she is now teaching some of the second-generation children of parents who used to live in the new demolished buildings in Red-cross Way.

One thing Mrs Pollock is very keen about is the presence of a "granny figure". Today, she feels "granny" has to a large extent gone out of life, and every school should have someone to whom the children can unburden their troubles, if necessary, get to see a button on, or simply be there to talk to. And a person who is clearly not a teacher.

Wanted... WOMEN...!

It is still not too late for any SE1 reader to get interested in the future use of the Sainsbury canteen building. Already there are groups or individuals who are interested in seeing boxing, judo, badminton and youth clubs there. It seems no-one has yet come forward from our female population, so what about some of you women showing off your athletic abilities in some of these or other sports. Phone 261-1404 for details

WRITE

to SE1. We want to hear your news and views. Send your letters to: SE1 Community Newspaper, 12 Heymott St, SE1, or give us a ring:

928 1643

Thanks for help

Dear SE1, Can I put a letter of thanks in your paper as a couple of weeks back, I got up one morning to find I was flooded out. The ball had come off the arm in the toilet cistern and the paper on the wall was all hanging loose and the carpet in the room from the toilet was saturated. I borrowed a key and was trying to turn the water off from the street but didn't have the strength to turn it. Martin was going to the bakers and he came over turned the water off and then he came in and tied up the arm. Then Sylvia came and she phoned the Home Help and within 10 minutes two supervisors turned up and just put on rubber gloves and they and Sylvia moved all the furniture and took up the fitted carpet and the oilcloth.

I think they were marvellous

What's on for girls

Dear SE1, I would like to enquire if there are any girls clubs in this area. My friends and I have nowhere to go in the evenings and wish something could be done about it. We thought perhaps the Fisher Club could be asked if they would open at least one evening a week for girls only.

Yours sincerely,
Sonya Rice,
10 Lewes House, Druid St, SE1.

Lisa Rice, Sylvia Sheldon, Karen Horsham, Donna Sheldon, Michaela Crawley, Jane Matthews, June Roberts.

There isn't much in the way of permanent clubs for girls in the Tooley Street area. Cambridge University Mission in Old Jamaica Road has clubs for 4 - 7 year olds, 7 - 11 and 11 - 14 girls.

However there are some summer activities. See page 6 for details.

so thank you Sylvia, Brenda Lynn and Martin. Sincerely,
Lily Taylor,
9, Roupel Street, S.E.1



Both 88 not out!

CONGRATULATIONS! Ellen and Joseph Wild have just celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. They were married in Finchfield in Essex in 1916 and since 1939 have lived in Pakeman House, Pocock Street. There was no grand celebration for their anniversary but they did get a telegram from the Queen. Mr Wild has had a varied life. He went to Canada and helped build the first road in Calgary. He's also been a postman, police policeman and a chauffeur. Ellen was in private service. They are both 88 and still enjoying life. We wish them all the best for the future.

What are YOUR plans

Several groups have submitted their ideas of what they would like to see included in the North Southwark Local Plan which Southwark Council is drawing up over the next few months. So far, Lancaster Street TA, Douglas TA, Peabody Buildings, Southwark Street TA, Rockingham

Pearman st CO-OP is born

The tenants in Pearman Street still faced with the problem of getting improvements and repairs made to their flats and houses, have taken the first major steps to set up a Housing Co-operative in the street. A series of meetings have been held over the last few months to discuss the ideas behind a Co-operative and what it would mean to the tenants.

Two general meetings have now voted unanimously in favour of the scheme which works on the basis that money will be made available from either the GLC or Central Govt to purchase and improve the houses of absentee landlords and any owner-occupier who wishes to sell. Membership of the Co-operative will be open to any tenant in the street and a growing number of people are already paying the £1.00 which entitles them to membership of the Co-op and thereby collective ownership and control of the houses and flats in which they live.

General Meeting

At a general meeting on the 6th July, the first Committee members of the Co-op were elected and at the inaugural meeting of the Committee on the 13th of July, those members took the vital step as Founder Members, of signing the application forms for the Registration of the Co-op.

The Committee will be meeting regularly from now on, and a decision has been made to produce a Newsheet which will be circulated to everybody in the street to keep them informed of the latest developments. The list of prospective members of the Co-op is growing rapidly, and enthusiasm for the scheme is widespread amongst the tenants.

GLC show interest

The GLC are showing a keen interest in the street and the only problem at the moment is the slow response of Lambeth in showing their support for the initiative taken by the tenants. The slow and bureaucratic response from Lambeth so far on the issue has been seen by some as an official attack of the sulks because of the defeat of Lambeth's plans to demolish the street. However the Co-op Committee intends to demonstrate the viability of the Co-op to Lambeth officers and councillors in the coming weeks. As Mans Roberts, one of the Committee members says, "The Co-op is the best way for tenants like myself to get the repairs and improvements we need and at the same time we can all work together to make the street a really attractive and friendly place to live in."

Hostel proposal on Hatch Row defeated-family housing instead

THE PREFAB SITE at Hatch Row in Roupel Street together with the empty houses and shops in Hatfields up to the railway line has long been promised by the GLC for family housing. The position of the site in the middle of a quiet housing area and opposite one of the local schools makes it ideal for this purpose.

The Waterloo Community Development Group has for the last few years been asking the GLC to take action on this site and during the consultation over the future of the South Park last summer the GLC planning department promised the site would be developed for family housing.

However, Richard Bolfe, the chairman of the Housing Development Committee, ignored this process of consultation and the promises made and offered the site to a Housing Association to develop as accommodation for the young and mobile such as single adults and students.

WDCG and other local groups such as Peabody Tenants Association and Lambeth Estate Residents Association as well as the managers of the local schools immediately objected.

Inappropriate

These objections were made firstly because of the lack of consultation which cut across the proposals and promises of

the previous year and secondly because of the nature of the proposal itself. While there is generally a need for accommodation in London for single people, such a proposal is totally inappropriate for Waterloo. The Waterloo area already has a disproportionately large share of accommodation - both hostels and other housing - for single persons and childless couples, and any more that is built can only lead to a further imbalance in the population for a very long while. Many families and young couples are being forced out of the area by the shortage of family housing and what Waterloo needs is more families to enlarge and give continuity to the local community, and in this way halt the closure of local shops and the running down of local schools.

Angry Dozen

As a result of the strong objection made, a meeting was called at County Hall on July 6th to discuss the whole matter with Richard Bolfe. A dozen representatives from local groups including WDCG, Assn of Waterloo Groups, Lambeth Estate Residents Assn, the Church, the headmaster Mr Jackson of the local school, the school governors and the local ward Labour Party attended. Representatives from the Society for Cooperative Dwellings were

also present to explain their involvement and proposals. There followed 2 hours of discussion during which the objections of the local groups to the scheme and their anger about the lack of consultation were strongly supported by Ewan Carr, the local GLC Councillor, and Lillias Gillies, the chairperson of the GLC South Area Board. As a result the Society for Cooperative Dwellings declared it had not realised the nature or strength of local objections and said it had no wish to impose on the community a scheme it did not want. It was therefore agreed that local groups draw up a scheme for family housing on the site and work with the Society for Cooperative Dwellings to establish a Housing Cooperative under local control.

Such a scheme will mean that the local community can be involved in planning the housing and that the tenants can go to local families and young couples who are in housing need. The next stage is to discuss an outline plan with the Society and it is hoped that the Lambeth Estate Residents Assn and Peabody Duchy Street Tenants Assn as well as the Hatch Row Tenants Assn will join with the Waterloo Community Development Group to ensure that local people get the type of family housing they want and need.

Flat Iron Square Major local Victory

The Department of the Environment has decided not to give permission for the redevelopment of Flat Iron Square. This is a major victory for local residents who went to the public inquiry in April to protest against further office development and the loss of shops that would result. Mrs. McDowell of Summer Buildings, Mike Tierney of the newsmen in Flat Iron Square itself, Maureen Clark of Peabody Buildings, Southwark Street and Bob Colenutt for the North Southwark Community Development Group attended the Inquiry as witnesses.

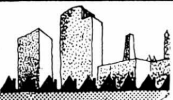
In their report on the Inquiry, the Dept. of the Environment say that Flat Iron Square is not a suitable location for offices - which is what the local people were saying at the inquiry.

The decision comes as a relief to local residents who felt that if Flat Iron Square was lost, then not only would the shops go, but the whole of Union Street would fall to offices. Mike Tierney told SE1: "It's marvellous news" and Ms. McDowell said "At last this is a bit of our area we've been able to save for ourselves and not lose to offices". Mr. Clark said "This is the best news we've had in years."

retain existing workers. During the past months, many constructive suggestions have been offered to management on how to remedy this chronic problem, but unfortunately they have been ignored. One problem is that there are long periods between the time when applications for jobs are received and when the applicants are offered jobs. Obviously many applicants apply for more than one job at a time, and take up the offers which come quickest. Also, the sparse advertising of positions is done

with boring block adverts that no-one in their right mind would respond to. This goes on despite continual pleas from current social workers asking management to use specific specialised adverts that would have a chance of attracting appropriate applicants. The week of the ultimatum has shown any sign of changing its ways. Now it remains to be seen whether the Department of Health and Social Security will respond to the plea for an investigation. Will they support the management or the people?

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SPEAKS
OUT

IN HIS LETTER ABOUT THE DHSS OFFICE on page 2, Ian Arnold makes several good points. He is right to criticise SE1 for not being more positive in its reporting of the controversy.

There are many sides to the argument and it is easy to fall into the trap of extremism and reaction which cannot help anyone. People living near the DHSS office and hostels do have genuine grievances which must be answered. The Department of Health and Social Security is guilty of ignoring these people just as it is guilty of treating 'dossers' like filth.

While the social security system operates as it does, SE1 believes that the DHSS office for homeless men should be sited somewhere away from homes and schools. There are plenty of places in London which would be suitable if only the bureaucrats would open their eyes.

But this will never get rid of 'dossers' from Southwark and Waterloo. The social services/social security system is at fault. Successive governments have swept the problem under the carpet and unless people in this area start putting forward constructive proposals, the 'dossier' problem will always be with us.

Insulation for OAPs homes

In the middle of a heatwave the danger of hyperthermia seems remote, but LOPWA, the Lambeth organisation that cares for old people, knows that you have to start now to reduce the risks.

This is the aim of Lambeth's new 'Warm Care Service'. LOPWA working with Age Concern have persuaded the Manpower Services Commission to give them over £5,000 to pioneer a professional service that will keep old people's homes warmer and give work to school leavers.

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You qualify to benefit if you are an OAP living in Lambeth, whether you are a tenant (even if the Council is your landlord) or a home owner.

How much does it cost? The labour is free, and this is usually the most costly part these days, but LOPWA will look into the possibility of claiming from supplementary benefits or charitable concerns where appropriate.

Call Mr Layi on 274 7722 x394 or see LOPWA, 240 Ferndale Rd, SW9.

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'Capitalism at its worst'

Bob Mellish talks to SE1



Bob Mellish must have heaved a great sigh of relief when Jim Callaghan gave the job of government chief whip to someone else at the last government reshuffle: "I was doing 70 hours a week as chief whip, I did it for seven years and it really did get me down". But Bob doesn't feel he's ready for the backbenches yet, "in some ways I regret that I haven't got a government job, I think I was worth it, being a very modest character". Given a choice he would have gone for Minister of Housing and you can be sure he wouldn't have let the dust settle there.

Before the war Bob worked at Hays Wharf for eight years. He's represented Bermondsey in parliament since 1945 and North Southwark since 1974 when the constituency boundaries were changed.

Housing

Most of the problems he gets at his weekly surgery are to do with housing: "overcrowding, inadequate housing, transfers, and a general dissatisfaction with conditions and wanting to move away. We've got some estates like Rockingham where there's been a lot of problems."

Bermondsey of course is different and Bob takes some pride in the achievements of the old Bermondsey Borough Council. "In Bermondsey we own over 80% of our borough - while other people

were talking, we were doing.

What would Bob have done if he had been Minister of Housing? "Well take London. I don't think that the government have any right to turn their back on some of the great social issues and I don't think the local authorities can solve them. For example the problem of homelessness and the problem of youngsters coming to London with nowhere to go. I think the government should be involved in these sorts of issues and there should be centres opened by government and run by local authorities. I don't think boroughs like Southwark and Camden should have to take more than their fair share of the load. You get a council like Bromley, they aren't interested in such things. Well, if I was governor I'd make them be interested."

Offices

No conversation on the problems of London and North Southwark in particular can go by without mentioning offices. Sadly Bob Mellish hasn't been much involved in this key issue.

"The GLC policy of controlling office development I think is right because if you look around you don't have to be an expert to see all over London not just Southwark there are millions of square feet of offices which are empty. So I would ask if office accommodation is needed. If it's not needed it ought not to be put up."

Of course I see the argument of the council that they want some rateable value but I do think that, where it is possible there ought to be housing."

But what happens if, as the developers claim, they can demonstrate a demand for more offices? "I should want a great deal of convincing that there isn't already enough offices to satisfy demand. Office demand has got to be proven beyond any doubt at all."

Hays Wharf

As an ex-worker at Hays Wharf Bob has strong views on the docks closure and on what should be built there now: "I've got an antipathy about Hays Wharf. I regard Hays Wharf as a typical example of the capitalist system at its very worst. Here was a firm with about 1700 men employed which in fact was not doing badly - it's true they'd had a number of disputes but these were being solved - their profits were not really bad at all."

But they had a very intelligent survey done and they discovered that in fact by selling the land they could make more profit in that one sale than they could trading as a dock operating company for many decades and so they sacked 1700 men and for that

I shall never forgive them.

"I'd love to see Hays Wharf being used for river transport facilities and housing if it's possible."

Jobs

When Bob Mellish was Minister of Housing back in the sixties he was given the job of persuading people and industry to move out of London to the new towns and depressed areas. That was in the days when London had an unemployment rate of about 1%. Now, with areas like Poplar having 15% unemployment and North Southwark 9% he thinks he must have been 'stark raving mad.' "The sad thing is that you've got a situation in South London where there's no big engineering firm, no major industry depletion of the docks, and we are in very serious trouble. That's why the only one bright spark is a speed up of the development of Docklands and bringing industry back there. But you'll have to give industry incentives to come back."

Council houses for sale

Getting back to housing - you can't keep off it for long with Bob Mellish - he told us his views on the sale of council housing. "On the sale of existing council flats I am bitterly opposed. In inner London in particular it would be a disaster."

The vast majority of the housing problems I deal with are solved by transfers and if you sell an existing council flat you've lost it forever. And of course it would be discriminatory because it would be the better type of flats that would be sold."

"But having said that (this is perhaps where I differ from other's in my party) I do believe in a policy of what I call a genuine 'property-owning democracy.' We've got in Southwark crowds and crowds of young married couples crying out to get their own homes. And I see nothing wrong in a council building a house for sale, selling it to a person on the waiting list - they must be on the waiting list - and giving them a 100% mortgage. I believe this policy should be encouraged right throughout the country and certainly with some wisdom and care in the inner London boroughs. In Docklands I'd certainly go for a proportion of housing being built for sale." Bob feels sure that people on the Council's housing list would be able to afford to buy



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a house if they had a 100% mortgage. But there would still be people who just couldn't afford it. It seems wrong to introduce a policy which discriminates against the less well off at a time when there is such a severe housing shortage.

The cuts

When it comes to issues like further cuts in public spending Bob Mellish is no militant. "This country has been living on borrowed money since 1945. Whatever Government is in power it can't go on spending what it's not earning." He was keen to point out that it's only the planned expansion of services that is being cut and with education for example, because of the fall in the birthrate

the cuts shouldn't affect the quality of teaching.

But are the cuts still justified when they affect old people such as the savage increases in Meals on Wheels charges from 11p to 25p in Southwark? Bob is sad but not apologetic. The Council must economise where it can though the old should be the last to be hurt.

And what of the future? Bob Mellish will be speaking up in the House of Commons much more often now. He's always been a keen constituency man and will be spending even more of his time in Bermondsey and Southwark. He gets 180 letters a week and deals with them all personally. So if you have a problem or a view to express then Bob is your man. That's what he's there for.

On July 4th Lower Marsh steamed in the sun, crowded with nearly 3,000 people, all in a mass of colour and activity. The stalls did excellent trade and the refreshments centres proved very necessary and the bar was sold out of drink, having to close for 20 minutes till it got more beer.

We had many more competitions this year and these had many enthusiastic entrants.

The Art Competition on the theme of Food produced some excellent paintings and models which showed great ingenuity. The schools entered in force, with first prizes going to:

- 4 to 7 year olds, Friars School, Class 6
- 8 to 10 year olds, Friars School, Class 4
- 11 and over, St Georges School

The art competition was judged by Mr Felix Topolski.

The Darts Competition produced 8 local teams, who played a knockout competition, with The Red Lion winning the trophy.

The Fishing Competition saw 30 local kids and some parents exploring the glories of the Thames. The winner of the fishing competition was 13 year old Jimmy Collins of Peabody Estate who caught 3 eels and 3 small roach. A lead crucifix was found by one of the treasure hunters.

The Football Competition was run by Mr Dave Phillips with great efficiency. Just going to prove if you want a job done well give it to a scout.

The day ended with a Tug of War, thus giving the men of Waterloo just what they wanted to show the girls that we do have muscle men.

This report would not be complete without thanking the hard working members of the Waterloo Festival Committee. So, thank you: Margaret Mellor, Claire Massey, Pat Taylor, Caroline Payton, Eileen Downs, Jules Boardman, Anna Haggard, Mrs Satch, Chris Claydon, Betty Garrity, Doreen Ramsey, Sue Sinclair, Anne Critchley, Joan Wilkins, Ernie Heaton, Fred Miller, Ken Richardson, Les Pressman, Derek Purdow, John Simcomb, Dave Phillips.

See you all next year!

HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

Play parks

Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, SE11.
Southwark Park, Jamaica Road, SE16
(Open throughout school holidays).

Playcentre

Charles Dickens School, Lant St, SE1.
Daily outings and events.

Adventure playgrounds

with supervised play, sports, outings, etc., at:
Bernardine Adventure Playground, Thurand Road, SE16

Mint St Adventure Playground, Mint St, off Marshalsea Rd, SE1.

Elephant & Castle Playground, Gabriel Street, SE11.

Rolls Road Playground, off Dunton Road, SE1.

Waterloo Adventure Playground, Baylis Road, SE1.

Lollard Street Playground, off Kennington Road, SE11.

Youth Centre

Scott Lidgett School, Collett Road, SE16
Sports, indoor games, craft, arts and general activities.

Sports Schemes

Albion Docks, Rotherhithe: Sailing and Canoeing for over 12s.

Downside, Druid Street SE1: Sports coaching scheme for boys over 9.
Both schemes go on throughout the school holidays.

Fun and games

Along with local residents, Blackfriars Settlement have for the past two years held holiday playschemes based on the Webber Row and Peabody Duchy Street estates and at St Alphages in Kings Bench Street.

There is no doubt that provision of this kind is desperately needed by young people in SE1.

This year the Settlement were successful in getting an Urban Aid Grant of £1850 to run a 2 week playscheme at Easter and a five week one during the summer. This grant means that the kids will have more things to do, lots of equipment has been bought and money has been available for helpers' wages and expenses.

Although several local people have helped on the playschemes, the overall response has been a bit disappointing. Next year it is hoped that the community will take a much greater part in the work. If you live locally and have any ideas on how the schemes could be improved or would like to help, let your views be heard! We need to start thinking about what should be done during the school holidays at Christmas.

Playschemes

Cambridge University Mission, 43 Old Jamaica Road, SE16.

Downtown TA Playscheme, at Sunderland Hall and Wharf Rotherhithe St. SE16.

Blackfriars Settlement at St. Alphages Hall (see ad below) 5 - 15 9 August - 3 September

St. Matthew's, New Kent Rd., SE1 6 - 12 2 - 15 August

Lambeth Mission, Lambeth Rd, SE1 7 - 11 26 July - 6 August

Charterhouse in Southwark, 40 Tabard St, SE1
Dramascope, costume making, drama, music, etc.

5 - 14 26 July - 13 August

Riverside Studios
Hope Sufferness Wharf, SE16, and at the Warehouse Theatre, 99 Rotherhithe St, SE16

Dance, movement, drama, art, crafts, outings, puppet making. 2 - 14 2 - 14 August

Note: All playschemes will be organising outings, sports, crafts, indoor and outdoor activities except where specific activities have been stated.

Childrens Holiday Shows

Children's Holiday Shows will take place every:

Monday	at 11am: Rotherhithe Civic Centre	August 2 - 6th: Mick the Trick
	at 3pm: Newington Gardens	August 9 - 13th: Bob Thingummybob.
Tuesday	at 11am: North Peckham Civic Centre	August 16-20th: Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree (Mon., Tues., Wed., mornings; Thurs afternoons)
Wednesday	at 3pm: Tabard Gardens	Freddie Cole (Thurs, Friday mornings; Mon., Tues, Wed., & Fri. afternoons)
Thursday	at 11am: Southwark Pk.	
Friday	at 11am: Geraldine Harmsworth Pk.	

In Archbishop's Park, SE11, every Wednesday afternoon at 3pm:

August 4	Lumiere Puppets	August 23-27th: Roberta Ascott.
August 11	Robert Cooper	
August 18	Ken Ellis	INTER ACTION DOGGES TROUPE (a travelling street Theatre) is visiting Cottingham Estate, Kennington Lane. Details 735 6109
August 25	Punch and Judy - Mister Chris	
September 1	Melville's Puppets.	

Summer Playscheme

WHERE? - at St Alphages, King Bench St, SE1.

WHEN? - Monday 2nd August - Friday 3rd Sept.

TIMES? - 10am until 1pm : 2pm until 5pm.

HOW MUCH? - 2p a day!

AGES? - 5 up to 15 years

What's on?

PAINTING, PARK TRIPS, DRAMA, FOOTBALL, OUTINGS, GAMES, SWIMMING, CAMPING, MODEL- COOKING, GARDENING, MAKING etc.

LOCAL RESIDENTS

able to help on the above scheme during the above period, please phone Steve Lancashire/Diane Ludford, Blackfriars Settlement, for further details, at this number 928-9521.

ages dates

5 - 15 26 July - 20 August

4 - 14 16 - 27 August

5 - 15 9 August - 3 September

6 - 12 2 - 15 August

7 - 11 26 July - 6 August

5 - 14 26 July - 13 August

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SE1

12 Meymott Street, S.E.1.
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In next month's SE1

It's up to you! All the stories, news and articles in SE1 are contributed by local people. Maybe you know of something which would be news to someone else, or maybe you are organising some event and would like to publicise it. Send in your news or give us a ring. Or come to one of the meetings which are to sort out what is to go in the next issue of SE1.

Meetings

Thursday 12 August at 7.30 and Thursday 19 August at 7.30.

Last day

for articles to go in the next issue is:
Thursday 19 August

Barley Mow clinics

Family Planning Clinic

Every Monday: 9.30 - 11.30 am
No appointment needed - just call by.

Children's Dental Clinic

All ages.
Every day, Monday to Friday.
Phone 928-5921 or call by, for an appointment.

Both Clinics held at:

BARLEY MOW SCHOOL
TREATMENT CENTRE,
CAMPELL BUILDINGS,
FRAZIER STREET
(off Baylis Road).

Over 5? Under 18?

Grand naming Competition

What shall we call the new Youth building on the corner of Surrey Row and Rushworth Street?

If you are between the ages of five and eighteen, and can think of a name for the new building, then put your idea on a piece of paper, and hand it to the following people:
June Bell, Marge Johnson, Steve Lancashire, Renee Spittles, Mary Diamond, Rose Waugh or Denise Venn at BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT, 44, Nelson Squareor leave it, in an envelope, at the S.E.1 office
12, Meymott Street.

All entries MUST BE IN by AUGUST 31st. 1976
There will be a prize for the winner, and consolation prizes for every serious entry.

What's in a name?

Street names can be very interesting, especially when we live in the heart of London which has so much history. Take Windmill Walk for instance, which is just off the Cut. You will not see anything these days except the name, but during the 18th century a windmill was built there. This was one of about four windmills which used to be in Lambeth. The reason for these windmills (another stood where the Royal Festival Hall now stands) was that there were wood yards all along the south bank of the Thames, where tons of wood was transported from abroad. The windmills provided the cheapest way of cutting the huge tree trunks into planks etc.

The one in Windmill Walk, which was known then as Wild Marsh, was made of smock-mill clad in weather boarding. It was a magnificent octagonal structure on a three-storeyed wooden base.

Joseph Orchard was the last tenant of the mill, from 1810 to 1816, when the land was bought for new housing by John Roupell, a ruthless 19 century property developer.



On a beautiful summer's day the pupils of St. Andrew's and St. John's Primary School in Roupell Street, presented their version of "The Jungle Book" of Rudyard Kipling. The costumes were very colourful, the singing was great fun. The cast, pictured above, included vultures, elephants, monkeys, bees and butterflies. On the stage at the front are Shaun Boyle as Baloo, the bear, and Sharon Shorey as Mowgli.

Golden youngster

INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR YOUNG GOLDIES, John Paule, an aspiring young man.

After starting as an apprentice in Edgeware at the princely sum of £4/week, getting qualified with good honours, he opened as his own boss in Blackfriars Road.

He really is an asset to the SE Boro'. His styles are excellent, and many a Golden Oldie has been pleased to find themselves looking at least 10 years younger after his ministrations. Cut price too.

Many will remember the lovely party he gave for their Christmas at The Old King's Head.

I am sure they will be pleased to know he has opened a new branch in Great Suffolk Street. Special terms as usual for the oldies. Nice to meet someone with a soft spot for them.
He hopes to have salons eventually.

We wish him luck... Good going for a lad of 23 years.

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Mon - Fri 9.30 to 4.30 Sat 10.00 to 3.00 Phone 274 7467

From 31st July people in the North of Lambeth will have a new service working to help them.

Save time! Save money! Solve shopping problems!

The new Lambeth Walk Consumer Advice Centre is in the shopping precinct.

AND A NEW SERVICE FOR NORTH LAMBETH

From July 30th - NORTH LAMBETH FOOD PRICES - Collected weekly in Lambeth Walk, Waterloo and Kennington.

YOUR RIGHTS

One parent families

If you are a single parent, and you get Family Income Supplement (or if you're going to claim it) then you could lose money if you also get Child Interim Benefit.

Child Interim Benefit and Family Income Supplement are both available to one-parent families.

The new Child Interim Benefit is £1.50 for your first (or only) child. After tax it is worth 62p.

Family Income Supplement is a means-tested benefit for those in full-time work: the higher your income, the less Family Income Supplement you get.

After 20 July 1976, when Family Income Supplement goes up for everyone, Child Interim Benefit will be cut to £1.00 as part of your income.

It will be counted at its full value before tax of £1.50, and Family Income Supplement will be reduced by 70p or 80p. But, after tax, you will only gain 62p from your Child Interim Benefit - so by claiming both benefits you will lose 7p or 17p per week!

So IF YOU GET FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT AND PAY TAX, you had best GIVE UP YOUR CHILD INTERIM BENEFIT - and ask the taxman to adjust your tax.

Most benefits are beneficial. The combination of these two could lose you money. To give up Child Interim Benefit, use the letter-form printed below. If you'd like to know more, please contact:
National Council for One-Parent Families, 255 Kentish Town Road, NW5. Tel: 267-1361.

or
BIAS at Blackfriars Settlement
44 Nelson Square, SE1
Tel: 928-9521.

So If you pay tax and If you will be getting Family Income Supplement after 20th July 1976, tear off the letter below and send it to your local Social Security office, enclosing your order book. You must also write to your tax office saying that you've given up Child Interim Benefit from 19th July and ask for a new tax code.

Dear Sir,

From 20th July 1976, I will be receiving Family Income Supplement and paying tax. Following advice, I hereby give up my Child Interim Benefit from 19th July, 1976.

I will not receive Child Interim Benefit after 19th July 1976, so my Family Income Supplement should be calculated excluding Child Interim Benefit from my income. (This letter is a request for my Family Income Supplement to be so calculated, and an appeal against any decision which may have been made on my entitlement to Family Income Supplement where Child Interim Benefit was included in my income.)

I enclose my order book(s) for Family Income Supplement and Child Interim Benefit. I trust you will make the necessary adjustments in time for me to receive the next payment at the earliest possible date.

Signed..... Date.....

Name.....

Address.....

Rockingham rumpus

The Rockingham Playground Committee has decided to squat on the site they have been using for 4 years as a temporary playground. This follows a decision by Southwark Council to take the site back because it is allegedly needed immediately for housing. That was on June 25th. One month later there has been no work done on preparing the site, and it is this lack of any move by the Council that has led the playground Committee to squat on the site so that they can use it for the Summer Playscheme.

Irony

This breakdown in communications with the Council follows mounting criticism of Southwark's new Play Officer, Ken Dale. This has led the Southwark Playground Association (the umbrella organisation for many community-run playgrounds in Southwark) to write to Mr. Dale to try and get better co-operation going both with him and the Council. The irony is that Mr. Dale was appointed after years of campaigning by the S.P.A. for a Play Officer in the borough - although the S.P.A. were allowed no say in his selection.

Not clear

Maureen Kent, acting secretary of the Rockingham Playground, told SE1 that they had had no encouragement from Mr. Dale, and no indication of how the playground is to continue, if and when the present site is really needed for housing by the Council.

The playground was started 4 years ago by local residents, and has been run by them ever since. The current committee of 11 residents is anxious to get some clear idea about the future of the playground, and the uncertainty at the start of the long holiday period is worrying them.

BERMONDSEY CARNIVAL



THE BERMONDSEY CARNIVAL QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS, STARS OF THE PROCESSION, TURNING A FEW HEADS AT THE BERMONDSEY CARNIVAL.

Edward Henry holdup over future

Seven months after local residents and the planning authorities agreed on plans for its future, the rehabilitation of Edward Henry House in Cornwall Road is still being held up by the Department of the Environment - which has to approve the money for the work.

The GLC and Lambeth Council agreed a plan to demolish the central block backing onto Stamford St. and rehabilitate the remaining 54 flats to a high standard. This would mean some loss of housing units, but a great improvement in light, space and recreational facilities for the whole Stamford St., Coin St. and Cornwall Rd. area.

SE1 welcomed the proposed improvement of what had become a very run-down estate in its March edition - and the GLC at that time expected to start work 'in a few months' when the last few families had been rehoused.

But now the Dept. of the Environment wants the GLC to consider other possibilities such as retaining the whole building

and doing only some very simple and low cost work before letting all the flats again. SE1 feels that local views have been made clear on this subject and that local knowledge of the problems that would stem from simply using all the old flats as they stand is likely to be better informed than that gathered from statutes by DOE officials. The Waterloo Community Development Group intend to take the matter up with the GLC and Dept of Environment, and other local groups such as the Stamford/Aquinas/Climsland Tenants Association are very concerned that the GLC proposals which are supported by local people should be acted upon as soon as possible.

Quotes of the month

"We get off lightly - people didn't ask the right questions" ... a Property Developer after the Snowfields public meeting.

"It is no longer true that there is a surplus of office jobs" ... Councillor R. Watts, Chairman of Southwark's Planning Committee.

BUT the 1975-76 annual report of the Location of Offices Bureau (LOB) shows that there are now SEVEN vacancies for EVERY secretarial employee in central London. This is even after several firms have moved out of London.

What was it Councillor Watts said? Compare this and come to your own conclusions.

The report also says there are 8 million square feet of EMPTY offices in central London. A recent survey by NSCDG showed that there was over half a million square empty in North Southwark alone.

T.A. going strong

STAMFORD STREET
AQUINAS STREET
CLIMSLAND HOUSE

AT THE BEGINNING of June a general meeting of the tenants in Stamford and Aquinas Streets and Climsland House was held and the outcome was the formation of a re-formed Association to represent the tenants in all these GLC properties. The new committee which was elected at that meeting has been very busy since then chasing up the GLC, who have for the last few years been planning a modernisation scheme of the flats and cottages in Stamford and Aquinas Streets.

Promises! Promises!

The Tenants Association is determined to safeguard the interests of those tenants who wish to remain in the area and intends to make sure that the GLC stands by the promises that were first made 3 years ago about the tenants being rehoused where they wish to be in either of the two streets. In order to know the precise details of people's present position and their wishes for the future of the Association has organised and carried out full surveys of all the residents. The Committee therefore has an up to date picture of the problems and concerns of their members and is at the moment taking up various matters with the GLC Housing and Architects Departments. Rose Stewart, the Secretary of the Tenants Association, says, "We are very concerned to make sure that the GLC continues to consult us over the modernisation programme and pays due regard to the circumstances of each individual person. We want especially to make sure that the old Duchy of Cornwall tenants are treated with the respect they deserve".

Tenants Negotiate

The tenants in Climsland House have been playing an active role in the Association since many of them have friends or in fact at one time lived in Stamford or Aquinas Street. Indeed the Tenants Association has been active on a number of fronts and made a very good showing at the Waterloo Festival with a highly successful raffle and food produce stall organised by Mr & Mrs Brown and Mr & Mrs Cross and Shaun Mikeown assisted by Mr & Mrs Stewart. The Association is also concerned to get some GLC action over the old National Theatre rehearsal room site off Aquinas Street. Protests about its use as a car park have led to improvements in the security of the site and the tenants are at the moment negotiating with the GLC for use of the land for community purposes.

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