



Campbell Buildings give Lambeth a rough ride

Almost 100 people including councillors and tenants crowded into a room in Morley College to see colour slides of the disgraceful state of some of the flats in Campbell Buildings, Baylis Road. Long-term tenants have noticed a sharp decline in standards of maintenance and repair since Lambeth Council took over the 300 flats from British Rail in the mid-60's.

The slides showed examples of the considerable deterioration which is taking place because essential repair and maintenance work is not being done. Pictures of dangerous wiring, collapsing ceilings, crumbling plaster and damp resulting from blocked pipes and gutters and leaking roofs were no surprise to tenants but clearly shocked council officers. This was in spite of a long campaign by the Campbell Buildings Tenants Association to bring the situation to the attention of Lambeth Housing Department.

Kitchen sink bath

Some of the slides showed children being bathed in the kitchen sink with hot water heated up on the cooker. No bathroom or hot water makes life even more difficult for overcrowded families - people with 3 or 4 children are crammed into 2-bedroomed flats.

Quick action promised

The slides were followed by a question and answer session during which Councillor Noble, Chairman of the Housing Committee, gave a personal assurance of "quick action to put matters right".



Tenants are demanding:

- * Priority rehousing for families
- * Redecoration for pensioners' flats
- * Better repairs & maintenance
- * Hot water & gas fires in all flats
- * Decision on the future of Campbell Buildings

Although more people without children are being offered accommodation in Campbell Buildings, families already there are still waiting to be rehoused: some of them were offered temporary accommodation in Campbell Buildings as long as 7 years ago and are still waiting. Councillor Peter Lane suggested that a phased

programme of transfers should be started, as was done with Edward Henry House, to ensure speedy action by the Council.

Campbell Buildings TA last year got Lambeth Council to agree to put in water heaters, gas fires and kitchen doors. The work should have been finished by the end of 1976, but the TA knows of over 40 tenants still waiting for their improvements. Mr Green from Lambeth Council didn't seem to know anything about it. Mr Grinstead from the local housing office came into the Waterloo Action Centre on the day of the public meeting to ask for a list of improvements which still need doing. Does anybody know? Does anybody care?

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Tories win GLC - clouds ahead for SE1

Whilst the two Labour candidates in SE1, Reg Goodwin and Ewen Carr were returned to the County Hall, albeit with very reduced majorities, the overall result of the May elections is a severe defeat for the ruling Labour party who lost 29 seats and thus control of County Hall.

Lilias Gillies chairman of the crucial South Area Board, who piloted many decisions in favour of SE1 residents, and David White also on the South Area Board who fought hard against further office developments lost their seats.

Tory Shelagh Roberts takes control of the Planning Committee, and is known to be in favour of further office development in S.E.1. Another result of the election is that the Labour members still in power have not been notable for their progressive ideas, indeed Norman Howard the old GLC planning Chief had been largely responsible for the weakening of controls on office development by the Labour GLC to the dismay of local residents.

The Labour GLC did however make a firm commitment to building family housing at Coin St in Lambeth and on the riverside in North Southwark, and these are the schemes which will be a litmus test as to the direction of the new Tory administration.

Housing schemes scrapped

Already the new Housing chief Richard Tremlett has scrapped 2 housing schemes involving 780 new homes in Hillingdon and Richmond. He has said "We need to use GLC resources to rescue the Inner City from decay".

In the April issue of SE1, Shelagh Roberts said "we believe there should be a switch from the GLC building housing in Inner London". It looks as if the Tories' idea of reviving the inner city is to build shiny new office blocks everywhere. And if they aren't going to build housing in Outer London or Inner London, where are they going to build it?

Skate board Kids

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY, whatever the weather, the area under the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank is taken over by kids on their skateboards. And it's not just local kids either, they come from all over London to practice here. Many of them bring sandwiches and make it an all day event at weekends. Now that summer is coming there are usually at least fifty kids zooming up and down the ramps and around the pillars. Let's hope the police and the GLC don't try and stop this spontaneous pleasure.



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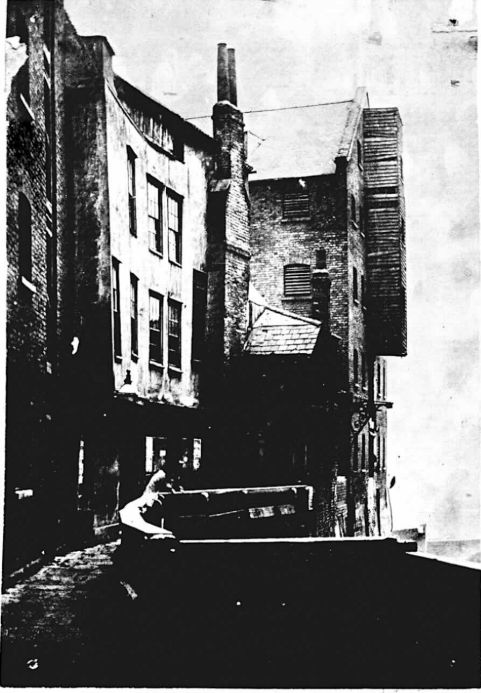
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Dickens Centenary Celebration

Dear friends and relations,
My school is 100 years old this year and we are celebrating it with an exhibition.
My class are responsible for displaying objects from the Victorian period until 1918. We need things like coins, stamps, photographs, household objects, etc.
Great care would be taken of them and we would return them in July. Please help us if you can.
Yours sincerely,
Jackie Collins
Charles Dickens School,
Ant Street, London SE1

ST. MARY OVERY'S DOCK near to Southwark Cathedral, as it once was. We don't know exactly when this picture was taken, but since the buildings that stand there now have been there for over 100 years this picture must have been taken before then. Legend has it that Mary Overy was a ferry-woman who devoted her earnings to building a Priory where Southwark Cathedral now stands



Happy Bitter Sweet Days

Dear SE1,
I have just had a quick glance through your newspaper, and I see that once again you have been honoured with the personal appearance of MP Bob Mellish and his wife, among other distinguished personalities.
I lived in Snowfields many years ago, and can remember hearing about Bob Mellish, the up and coming Labour MP, who worked very hard and was highly thought of in the Dockland area.
Dr Arthur Salter was the Labour MP for Bermondsey, and he was a very dedicated man, working for Bermondsey people, who had plenty of problems but were not aware of the fact, or that they were deprived, because nobody had enlightened them.
I remember Bob Mellish, again, when I worked at the Labour Rooms, over Lyons in Westminster Bridge Road - he and his colleagues held meetings in the evenings - and I knew quite a number of Labour workers, including Mrs Reason, who

was secretary to Herbert Morrison. I would have liked to see Bob Mellish MP as Housing Minister - he had the right qualifications, and feeling for people, and I might have been housed, together with many other well-deserving cases.
Election nights were a treat for the children, they would all be singing "Vote, vote, vote for Dr Salter, Knock old Kedward out of the door!", or vice versa, and the supporters of the candidates would knock on every door to try and get the voters to the Laxton Street School to vote.
They were the days when politicians had to work out in the open, if they wished to contact the electorate, not like now, when they have offices and the television, where they can sit in comfort.
Strange, how I keep reading about overworked MPs these days - perhaps it isn't all to do with politics.
Hoping you aren't bored,
I am
Yours sincerely
Mrs Lucy Hayford

PS I attended Snowfields school, and my name was Lucy Eastland, of Guinness Buildings; perhaps some of your readers will remember their schooldays in the same school.
PPS My husband is interested in the memories of the Ring in Blackfriars Road. When I was first married he always went to the Ring on Sunday afternoons, so that he was never home to his Sunday dinner. I used to get very annoyed, and had many a punch-up, but I always lost the bout - ah, happy, bitter, sweet days!

Party Thanks

Dear SE1,
On behalf of the Committee organising the Childrens Silver Jubilee Party, I would like to thank all the residents of the Church Commissioners Estate in Union Street, local neighbours, and all local firms for their extreme kindness in donating towards our childrens party. Their generosity is very much appreciated.
Yours sincerely,
Carol Charlton,
secretary, 16 Thorold Hse,
Pepper Street, SE1

Shopping Centre Hooligans

Hooligans who have been terrorising people in the Elephant and Castle Shopping Centre can now be arrested by the police.
From May 1st the pedestrian areas within the Centre are no longer private, but are classed as walkways, within the meaning of Section 18 of the Highways Act 1971. This enables the police to use the same powers that are available to them on public highways.
Under the old situation, the police were powerless to act against the gangs of hooligans intimidating shoppers and shopkeepers, because they were on private property.
An agreement between the GLC as owners, William Willett as head lessees and Southwark Council as the highway authority has been made to make the pedestrian areas into walkways for a period of two years.
The agreement can be renewed at the end of this period, if desired by all parties. The lessees will still be responsible for cleaning & maintenance.

Pensioners warned about con-men

On April 4th, 81 year old Mrs Kate Ansty let two men into her flat at Rowland Hill House, Union Street. They said they had come to inspect the flat to see if any repairs were needed, but instead they stole cash and jewellery worth £150.
Southwark Police have warned old people to check the credentials of visitors they do not know. Southwark's crime prevention officer Sgt Peter Margiotta said "They purposely pick on the

Over sixties

Dear SE1,
May we, the Monday Over Sixties Club at the Waterloo Action Centre, use your most interesting SE1 paper to thank Steve Lancashire for his most interesting series of pictures of his visit to China.
Among other interesting lectures we have had visits from medical students advising us on our health problems (if any) also a most enjoyable and helpful visit from the police advising us on how to make our homes burglar proof.
We will be pleased to meet new members on Monday afternoons. So come along and enjoy our very interesting events.
Yours sincerely,
Alice Goodwin
21 Pakeman House
Pocock Street.

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very old and frail, because "con men" like these regard them as a "pushover".
"The danger is, that once these men are inside and the door shut, they can do anything they like and an old person is unable to stop them. Many of these thefts we never even get to hear of, and others only come to light because of a chance remark to a social worker or home help".

Tories back offices..

The new Tory GLC has stepped in to save County and District Property Company from a public inquiry which was to have held on May 24th into their plans to demolish Arcadia Buildings in Tabard Street and build an office block. The previous Labour GLC had opposed the proposal, hence the inquiry, but Horace Cutler's administration have made it clear that they will welcome all office development and have quickly put their weight behind the Arcadia scheme. Thus, County and District Properties, with an assurance from their new allies, have pulled out of the public inquiry.

The cancellation is a blow to local residents and to the Family Housing Association who were to present evidence at the inquiry against offices and in favour of rehabilitating Arcadia for single person accommodation. Immediately after their withdrawal, County and District submitted a fresh application for offices to Southwark and the GLC. Both authorities are likely to be in favour. But the Family Housing Association are not giving up so quickly. They are submitting a counter application for housing rehabilitation.

..and so do Labour!

In an astonishing move on May 17th, the Government reversed its policies towards office development in London. Since 1964 successive governments have generally encouraged the dispersal of office development from Central London. But in the mis-guided belief that offices can "regenerate" inner London, Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, has announced that the Government and the Location of Offices Bureau will now try to attract offices to inner London.

Office development has been, and still is, accelerating the decline of our area. It is driving out industry, shops and creating a concrete wasteland of office blocks. Further offices can be no answer to our employment problems, housing problems, shortage of open space, and our desire to keep the community intact. Moreover it has been, AND STILL IS, forcing up land values which in turn prohibits the housing and industrial development we so badly need.

We cannot understand how you can reconcile your new line on offices with your statement on "Inner Urban Policy". Your new statement on offices creates the problems you deplore in the Inner Urban Policy. As a Labour Minister how can you justify this betrayal of inner city areas when we and other communities have provided the Labour movement with much of its traditional support?



ROGATION DAY SERVICE AT COPPERFIELD STREET. The Reverend Anthony Hawley of Christchurch presided over this Rogation Day Service held last month. Children planted vegetables in the Garden.

Watch those pots!

An unusual type of thief is operating at Ifracombe Buildings in Marshalsea Road and in Octavia Hill cottages in Sudrey Street - somebody with a taste for potted plants. Many tenants grow flowers on the balconies outside their front doors, but have been upset recently to find a number of gaps in their displays.
Mr Hegram of Ifracombe flats told SE1 "I watered the plants last thing at night, and they were gone by 8 o'clock the next morning! Other tenants have lost Geraniums, and the only clue to the identity of the villain is that they must be fairly muscular - not only have small plantpots disappeared, but also full sized tubs containing hydrangeas and other shrubs. Peabody have encouraged residents to brighten up the flats, but the caretakers say they cannot cover all flats to protect the plants.
So please keep your eyes opened. And if you see a hydrangea passing your window, don't call a doctor - call the police!"

Waterloo playground re-opens

On Saturday 11th June there will be a grand opening of the barge on the Waterloo Adventure Playground.
Conversion work has just been completed which means that local kids now have their own centre on the playground.
The day will start with a jumble sale at 11am. In the afternoon there will be a kids party, including a performance by a theatre group with a trampoline, at 3pm. In the evening there will be a disco and hopefully live bands. The day before, 10th June, there will be inflatables on the playground from 2.30 in the afternoon.

ST THOMAS' DISTRICT Community Health Council
This month's Meeting: Tuesday 21 June at 7.30

Advice & Information Centre
2-4 Cleaver Street, Kennington
(582 3238)

note these dates:

- NORTH SOUTHWARK LOCAL PLAN: PUBLIC MEETINGS
Arranged by Southwark Council, all at 7.30 pm
- CATHEDRAL WARD:
Friday 24th June at BOROUGH WELSH CHAPEL, SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD
- CHAUCER WARD:
Thursday 30th June at POLYTECHNIC of the SOUTH BANK, BOROUGH ROAD, SE1, and Friday 1st July at JOSEPH LANCASTER SCHOOL, HARPER ROAD, SE1
- RIVERSIDE WARD:
Tuesday 28th June at Room 20, Tower Bridge Branch of SOUTH LONDON COLLEGE (formerly St Javes Grammar School), TOOLEY STREET, SE1, and Wednesday 3rd June at ST JAMES CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, OLD JAMAICA ROAD, SE16
- ABBEY WARD:
Monday 13th June at SOUTH LONDON MISSION, BERMONDSEY STREET, SE1
- BRICKLAYERS WARD:
Monday 20th June at LARGE HALL, SPA ROAD LIBRARY, SPA ROAD, SE16

Snowsfields confusion

The sorry saga of the Snowsfields development plans grinds on. The developers, C.T. Brumming Ltd., have just submitted another FOUR planning applications to Southwark, making a staggering total of EIGHT now under consideration. In addition they have lodged Appeals on two of the earlier applications. This would seem to be a tactic to keep the pressure on the Council.
Local residents who were confused last year by the publication of four "options" for the area, now face a bewildering array of proposals. Some include a new church, school, and land for housing; others indicate land for industrial units. None is clear as to who pays for or builds the housing or factories. In one of the schemes it is suggested that the corner block on Weston Street and Snowsfields with the shops and almost empty flats above will be rehabilitated. But there is no information yet on who this will be for.
The only feature of all the applications that stays the same is a massive office block on St Thomas Street and another on Fenning Street. It is the familiar story of vague "planning gains" being promised in return for permission to build profitable offices... without of course any proper programme of public consultation.



Jubilee: What are we celebrating?

NEARLY EVERY STREET AND ESTATE seems to be holding some kind of Jubilee event in June. Thousands of pounds have been raised by donations, jumble sales and subscriptions. Thousands of hours have been spent preparing everything for the great happening. For most people it's a great excuse to have a good time (after all, has the Queen's reign given us much to celebrate about?), and SE1 hopes a good time will be had by all.

But will we all have to wait another 25 years for the next street party? Why keep these events only for Jubilees and coronations? Now that you've shown you can organise things, don't stop!

Unwelcome Front

THE GLC ELECTIONS GAVE AN UNWELCOME BOOST TO THE NATIONAL FRONT in many areas in London. Here in SE1 the fascist candidate did better than they deserve. In the Southwark Bermondsey constituency the National Front and National Party candidates got 10% of the vote. The National Front candidate came third, beating the Liberal candidate. In the Lambeth Vauxhall constituency the NF candidate again came third, beating the Liberals, though with only 6% of the vote.

Why should 1 in 10 Southwark voters go for a racist "solution" to this country's problems? A vote for the NF is this working class area is certainly a protest against the failures of the main political parties to put forward any workable solution to our economic difficulties. Yet the racist "solution" is no solution either - the NF distorts the facts and obscures the real problems and causes.

3.7% of the population is black, 40% of the black people here were born in Britain. In 1975 190,000 white and black people came to live in Britain and 230,000 left, a net loss of 40,000. Of the 190,000 who came, just under 31,000 were Commonwealth citizens. About one in three families are in Council housing but less than one in five black families are. The unemployment, shortage of housing, schools, hospitals, the cuts have their cause in the inequalities of the capitalist system, not in the small number of black people who in fact tend to get the worst housing and jobs which most whites won't accept.

Get your history here

THE LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHWARK has a comprehensive collection of historical and contemporary material, for which there is an ever-increasing demand.

The collection consists of 5,000 books on the area; publications of organisations, churches and business firms; periodical articles, theses and playbills; newspapers and press cuttings; maps; prints and photographs; archives, records of all the former civil parishes and metropolitan boroughs, and other archives relating to organisations and firms in the area. There is also a pictorial record dating from the 18th century to the present day. Most are at the

South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road, and notably there are early watercolours by members of the Cuming Family, founders of the Cuming Museum.

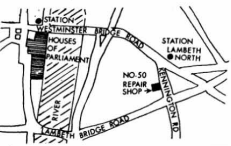
The Cuming Museum receives finds from local archaeological excavations, while the Livesey Museum holds exhibitions on aspects or periods of Southwark history. Local schools visit the Museum regularly, and the keeper, Miss Jill Slaney, gives lectures and film shows for the children.

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Medals for SE1 residents

At a ceremony in County Hall on April 25th, two residents of SE1 received the British Empire Medal. The presentations were made by the Lord Lieutenant for Greater London, Lord Elworthy.

Ms. Kathleen M. Reynolds, of Cole Street Chambers, Cole St., was presented with her B.E.M. for 50 years of Christian Service to Southwark Cathedral. The address was read by the Very Rev. Harold Frankham, who spoke of her invaluable work, how she has made many long lasting friendships, and for many years has travelled around visiting parishes and telling the story of Southwark Cathedral and the riverside.

"IT CAME OUT OF THE BLUE, I just got this letter from Downing Street saying I'd been nominated for the British Empire Medal." Yet Sam Summers, of Friars Close, Bear Lane, has a job which deserves some recognition.



Mr. Summers, with his BEM Medal.

Inspector Summers, as he's known, started work on the river in 1936 at the age of 14. During the war he was in the Royal Navy and returned to the Thames in 1946 as a Waterman and Lighterman. He was master of the PLA's Royal Barge "More" for 8 years and ferried most of the Royal Family and many foreign heads of state. Since 1967 he's been a River Inspector.

The river is in the blood of the Summers family, and it's almost a tradition for the men of the family to become Lightermen.

As senior river inspector for the Port of London Authority, he has the whole of the Thames from London Bridge to Teddington under his care. He's responsible for enforcing the river laws, craft registration, ship movements and everything to do with the river. You can't even take a film of the river without getting his say-so (and paying a fee to the PLA). His main headache now are the arrangements for the Jubilee Armada on June 9th.

Don't just stand there—OCCUPY

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11th, at South Bank Polytechnic, there is to be a major conference about Direct Action in South London, to which all organisations and individuals who are active in the labour movement are being invited.

The aim of the conference is to bring together people from all the different areas of activity - such as tenants' associations, trade union branches, squatting groups, student unions, voluntary agencies - which have used or might need to use the tactics of direct action (occupations - whether at the work-place, in college or in the community - sit-ins, work-ins, rent strikes or squatting) to fight for their rights.

These tactics have been used in the past, and people will be forced to use them more and more as the fight develops against policies that mean fal-

ling living standards, unemployment and closures, higher rents and poor housing conditions, increasing homelessness, shortage of badly needed facilities such as nurseries, hospitals closing down, declining standards in education - in short, policies that mean the working class paying once again for a crisis out of its making, so that those who rule can continue to make their profits.

At the moment, the workers of the Weir maternity hospital in Balham are occupying the hospital in their fight to keep this badly needed local facility open.

The Conference, organised by the South London Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law, and sponsored by Southwark, Lambeth and Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Councils, will be an opportunity for people from different areas of struggle, and from different types of organisation, to come together and share their experiences, talk about their needs, and discuss ways of building links between different areas for mutual support; to discuss the uses and history of occupations, work-ins, squatting, rent strikes and sit-ins, and the ways they can be of use in South London today; and to begin to build united opposition to the Criminal Law Bill (now in its Committee stage in the House of Commons: see the February issue of SE1) which threatens people who are forced to use these tactics to defend their interests.

The Conference will be addressed by people who have experience of direct action at work, in college, or in the struggle for housing or community facilities, and there will be films, exhibitions, video and discussion workshops. Refreshments, and a creche for young children will be provided, and a fund-raising event with live music, will take place in the evening.

For more information, contact South London Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law, Union Place, 122 Vassall Road, S99 Tel: 735 6123.



It IS Worth The Effort ! Peabody Blackfriars T. A. Still Going Strong

We formed our Tenants Association three years ago and we are proud to say that it is still going strong.

We have, to date, a total of approximately 250 members out of which there are 65 senior citizens and 100 children.

For our senior citizens and children it has always been our policy to organise functions free of charge.

We believe that our most popular function for the senior citizens is their own social "get-together" where they can really let their hair down and lift their skirts high (or trousers, as the case may be). The booze flows freely and the songs are sometimes naughty but nice. When it comes to energy - well, if we didn't start ushering them to the door at about 1.30 am they would go on all night. But what an utter delight to the Committee members in attendance to see how people still know how to enjoy life.

Socials

The children's Christmas parties have always been a success, although so far we have never quite fooled them with our Father Christmas. They always fathom out who is really playing the part, but even so it doesn't deter them from telling him what they would like in their stockings. Again, food is plentiful and each child is given a toy and a bag of "goodies" after a very active afternoon's enjoyment.

We hold 4 adult socials a year where a good time is had by all. In this case tickets are sold at a very reasonable price which covers food and drink.

So far our men have only been "let off the hook" once to go on a beano to Margate,

and, in turn, the ladies enjoyed a River Trip Disco. Usually this type of function is paid for, but well subsidised by the Tenants Association.

Of course, we mustn't forget our younger members. They are the "in-betweeners" - too old for parties and too young for adult socials. Well, they look forward to their own discos where the only adults allowed in are the Committee members who organise and generally "keep an eye on" things.

We have had day trips for the senior citizens and for the children - again free of charge.

Fund raising

Subscriptions at 10p per flat, but 2p from senior citizens is collected. We run a weekly raffle at 5p for 3 tickets, which are ever popular, because the first prize is usually money (a very acceptable commodity). We always do exceptionally well on jumble sales, and we hold about two a year.

Naturally, so far this year, we have had to economise, as we are saving hard for our Silver Jubilee celebrations, to which we intend to invite all our tenants and not just Association members.

Another small "nicety" we always endeavour to do is send birthday cards to members, a "get-well" card and gift to any member who has been hospitalised, and, of course, when condolences are necessary - this goes without saying.

As a Committee, we have our "ups" and "downs", but we are happy to say that our "downs" are hardly worth a mention. They involve such things as too few members attending AGMs (which is perhaps a good sign, because if they don't attend, they can't criticise, and if they don't criticise then they must be happy with what we do!)

"ups and downs"

We get our moans, such as "why didn't you do this or that" but we get our praises too which are usually displayed on our notice board by appreciative members. Our "ups" are well worth all the hard work. We always get overwhelming attendances at our functions, and we feel sure that, since the formation of the Association, we have achieved a closer relationship with our tenants.

Basically, we are a "social" association, although there are other matters which require our attention. For instance, should a tenant put forward a complaint to the landlord of a blocked sink, or cracked toilet pan, etc, and if attention is not paid this complaint within a reasonable time, then the matter is taken up by the Committee. Being direct neighbours of the Salvation Army Hostel, we naturally have our work cut out here as well.

Therefore, is it all worth the effort? If our members are satisfied - then of course it must be.

The Committee
Peabody (Blackfriars)
Tenants Association



FLASHBACK TO 1974. The inaugural meeting of the Peabody Blackfriars Tenants Association held at South Bank Polytechnic Students Union Building.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Queen will be visiting SE1 on Thursday June 9th. At 11am she will be going along the river. In the evening she will be watching a river pageant from County Hall. She will then walk along the South Bank, through the new Jubilee Park. At 10.15 there will be fireworks over the river.

She will also briefly revisit us - in the South, by Lambeth Palace - in the afternoon of June 30th.

For full details look at our detailed map opposite.

James Hunt rules!

(He's giving away the prizes at the Kennington Soap Box Derby on June 6th. See below)

Officially Lambeth Council are not celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee. However there will be several events over that weekend. On June 6th there will be a soap box derby in Kennington Park + a donkey derby. On the same day there will be a fete on Clapham Common.

Happily, many people are planning their own street parties in North Lambeth. Pepper Street and Church Commissioners Square are holding theirs on Monday 6th, Lambeth Estate Residents' Association on 4th and Royal Street on 7th.

Street Party

For people not having their own street party there will be a public street party on June 7th (Tuesday) on the Waterloo Adventure Playground, just opposite the Old Vic on Waterloo Road. Events will include the World Theatre Troupe who will be performing with clowns and trampolines. Hopefully the party will go on till the evening. Adults and children welcome. Watch out for further details.

Any offers of help with bunting etc. would be welcome. Please ask at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, if you would like to help.

Service

On Sunday 5th June there will be a special Jubilee service at 3pm at St. John's church, Waterloo Road. The service will include an orchestra, a gospel group and dancers. A souvenir order of service will be available. There will also be a parade by scouts and cubs.

Free events on South Bank

The Unicorn Theatre will be giving a free performance of "The Lion and the Unicorn Rumpus" on 6th and 7th June at 5pm and 6pm. This will take place on the South Bank outside the National Theatre.

WHAT'S ON JUNE

The Queen makes a Jubilee river trip on June 9th. This is the plan.....

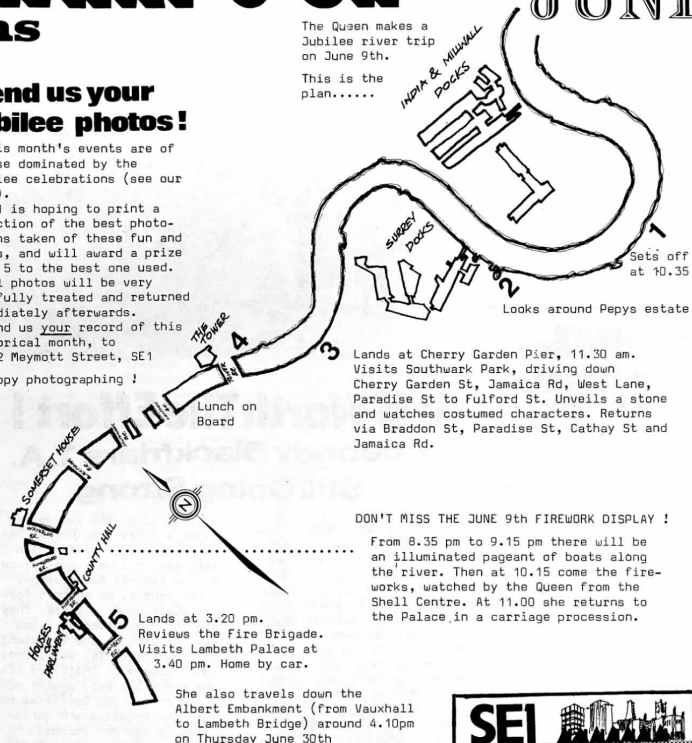
Send us your jubilee photos!

This month's events are of course dominated by the Jubilee celebrations (see our maps).

SE1 is hoping to print a selection of the best photographs taken of these fun and games, and will award a prize of £ 5 to the best one used.

All photos will be very carefully treated and returned immediately afterwards.

Send us your record of this historical month, to 12 Meymott Street, SE1. Happy photographing!



DON'T MISS THE JUNE 9th FIREWORK DISPLAY!

From 8.35 pm to 9.15 pm there will be an illuminated pageant of boats along the river. Then at 10.15 come the fireworks, watched by the Queen from the Shell Centre. At 11.00 she returns to the Palace in a carriage procession.

Pub Pram Race

Don't forget the Cottingham Estate's giant Pub Pram Race on the afternoon (well, noon) of Tuesday June 7th. Cottingham is the estate behind Bob White's, near Newington Butts. Contact Jean, 20 Ariel Court for details.

LION & UNICORN IN RUMPUS!

A forty minute event for the kids to watch and/or join in. Fri 10th June - Tabard Gardens, SE1 at 3.00 p.m.

SPORT....SPORT....SPORT....SPOR!

All at Hawkstone Hall (opposite North Lambeth Tube Station) GYMNASTICS at 4.30 pm on Saturdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th June.

FITNESS TRAINING at 6.30 pm on Saturdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

BADMINTON at 4.30 on Tuesdays June 14th, 21st and 28th.

Sorry - no news about Judo or Bowls this month.

....MOTHER and BABY GROUP....1.45 pm Wednesdays June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at the Durning Library, by Kennington Cross (109,159 or 3 bus)....MOTHER and BABY GROUP.

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Morley of Mecca

Mr Eric Morley, Mecca's boss is now involved in a verbal battle with a local Councillor following his letter to SE1 last month. Cathedral Ward Councillor Stephen Kippin has stepped into the argument as to whether Mecca should be allowed to extend the H.Q. in Southwark St onto a site presently a car park in Great Guildford St.

In a letter to Mr. Morley, Cllr Kippin says he finds his arguments "antiquated", and he goes on that "any reduction in daylighting for the Peabody Estate would be a backward step" Mr Morley in a reply to Cllr Kippin says that he has been led up the "garden path" by Southwark Council who led him to believe that if he made alterations to the proposed building design, he would then get permission.

Southwark Council have often been criticised by local people for cooking up deals behind the scenes with office developers, and there is no other way of interpreting the £25,000 offer by Mecca other than as an attempt to buy planning permission, albeit that this was asked for by the Council as a "planning benefit". To this extent Mr. Morley appears to have been led up the garden path. It only shows how few public authorities have sunk that they involve themselves in these deals.

Quite where the residents of Peabody or even Mecca's employees fit into all the wheeling and dealing between Southwark, the GLC and Mecca is hard to see.

Southwark Council can do their part by calling for a public inquiry, so that at least the residents can get a decent hearing, something that has been lacking in all the argument up to now. In a further lengthy letter to SE1 Mr. Morley says, "as for a public inquiry, do you think I want another half baked charade simply to get people off the hook?" which seems to indicate that Southwark have a case, and Mr. Morley is frightened of losing.



UNWANTED PREGNANCY?

Mary is 35, married with 3 children and works part-time to boost the family's income. Recently she became pregnant, having been advised by the family planning clinic to take a break from the pill because of bad headaches. Not wanting to give up her job and feeling that a family of 3 was enough, she decided to seek an abortion. She went to see her GP, who agreed that it would be best for Mary and her family if the pregnancy was terminated. He made an appointment for her to see a gynaecologist at the local NHS hospital. Mary had to wait 3 weeks for this appointment; when she went along, the gynaecologist was unfriendly and gave her a lecture on birth control, but he did agree to do the operation. Mary went into hospital a week later - 8 weeks pregnant, stayed 24 hours, and was back at work within a couple of days.

Safe and Legal

Mary was able to get a safe and legal abortion on the NHS because two doctors were willing to say that her mental and physical health would be in danger if she continued with the pregnancy. These are the grounds on which an abortion is allowed under the Abortion Act 1967. You have no automatic right to an abortion, it is left up to the medical profession to decide what is best for you. Some doctors will only agree to an abortion for medical reasons, such as a heart complaint, or high blood pressure, while others will be more sympathetic and consider things like finances, how many children you have already, how old you are, etc.



5,000 marchers setting off from Waterloo on the NAC demonstration in favour of abortion and opposing the new Bill last May 14th.

What to do if you think you are pregnant and don't want to be

- 1) Have the pregnancy confirmed as soon as possible (the earlier you have the abortion, the safer it is for you). This can be done by a simple urine test many chemists do them, your local family planning clinic or GP can also do it.
- 2) If the test proves positive, contact your GP to see if he is willing to refer you to the local hospital for a free NHS abortion. If you don't want to contact your GP, or if he's unhelpful, then you can get in touch with one of the charities specially set up to help women with unwanted pregnancy (addresses below). They will be able to arrange an abortion at a private nursinghome for you. This is likely to cost about £60, but less if you can't afford it.

TRAINEE PLAYLEADERS

This association of voluntary managed adventure playgrounds is looking for 8 Trainee Playleaders to start work on 1st September 1977.

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- 3) All hospitals should provide facilities for abortions - these vary from a few allocated beds, with long waiting lists for them, to special day-care units, where you can return home the same day.
- 4) Abortion is a very simple, safe operation taking no more than a few minutes if it is done early in the pregnancy (before the 12th week).

Your rights are under attack

There is a Bill going through Parliament at the moment, proposed by a Tory MP, William Benyon, which aims to restrict our already limited rights to an abortion. If it becomes law, the charity clinics would be unable to carry on their work. Given the poor facilities in most NHS hospitals, this would mean more and more women having to go to private, expensive clinics or the "backstreet abortionists".

There is a national campaign, National Abortion Campaign (NAC), which believes that it should be a woman's right to choose about abortion - not doctors or MPs, and that all NHS hospitals should have adequate facilities for this. At the moment, NAC is fighting against Benyon's Bill by holding street meetings to let people know what's going on, collecting signatures on a petition, encouraging people to write to their MPs in support of abortion. If you would like to know more about what is happening locally and how you can help, contact: SW London NAC, 11 Hubert Grove, SW9 - 274 6912; SE London NAC, c/o Linda Baker, 15 Selwyn Court, SE3 - 318 0834

Useful addresses

For more information about abortion facilities in local hospitals and how to complain about a doctor being unwilling to help you:

Guys Health District Community Health Council (CHC)
St Olaves Hospital, Lower Road
SE16 - 237 8275

St Thomas' CHC, 2 Cleaver Street, SE11 - 582 3238/3288

For advice and help with an unwanted pregnancy and also facts and figures on abortion: Pregnancy Advisory Service
40 Margaret Street, W1
409 0281/4

For advice on contraception and abortion:

Walworth Brook Advisory Centre
55 Daves Street, SE17
703 9660

Kennington Brook Advisory Centre
Moffat Clinic, 65 Sandoz Street, SE11 - 703 9660 for an appointment

TRADES COUNCIL ACTS

Call to fight Racism and the National Front

TO FIGHT THE GROWING MENACE OF RACISM in Britain, the Southwark Trades Council held a very successful conference on April 30th. The conference was called to bring together people from trade unions, political parties, community groups and tenants associations. Fifteen delegates were nominated to form a steering group which will formulate plans to combat racism in Southwark.

Penrose Hall, Walworth, was packed with people representing 39 trade union organisations, 9 community groups and 1 tenants association.

Trade Unions Criticised

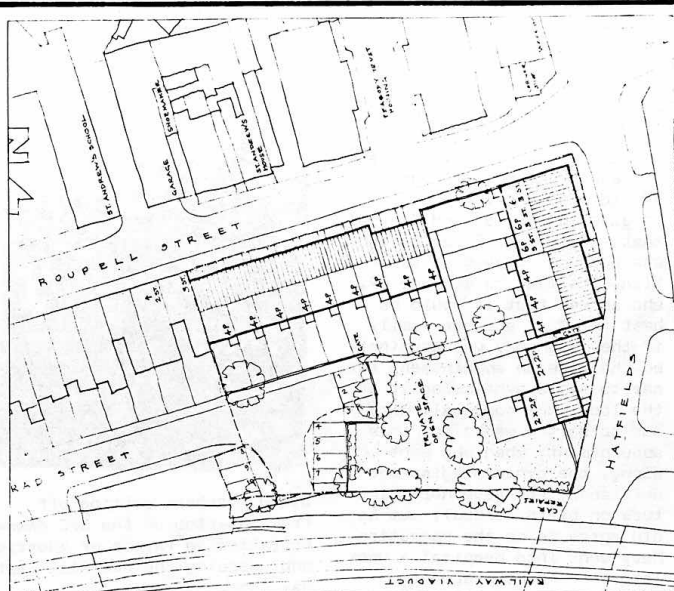
Patrick Kodakara, chairperson of Hackney Council for Community Relations, was strong in his criticism of the Labour government and the trade union movement. He pointed out that the Labour government had done more than anyone in the support of racism by their immigration policy. Michael Foot had even boasted about his government's strict immigration controls. Mr Kodakara also accused the trade union movement itself of being racist. 61% of male blacks are in trade unions, compared with only 41% of male whites, he said, yet in the trade union hierarchy the proportion is the other way round. He gave several examples of strikes by black and Asian workers which were refused backing by trade union officials on clearly racist grounds.

Labour MP Apologises

Against Patrick Kodakara's attacks, the speeches of two other speakers appeared more as apologies, rather than rallying calls to join the fight. Syd Bidwell, Labour MP for Southall, had a hard time convincing people that the Labour government really is combatting racism. Jock McPherson Quinn, who is President of the South London District of AUEW, urged black people to use the trade union movement to put forward their case without even acknowledging that many white trade unionists themselves are racist.

NF Criminals

All the speakers recognised that the main cause of the rise of racism and fascism in Britain is the economic depression and the consequent unemployment, cuts, falling living standards and inadequate housing.



STREETS APART Roupell street revived but Brunswick Court may go



THE FATE OF THIS STREET, BRUNSWICK COURT, AND OF THE TENANTS living in it, lies in the balance because of a decision by the landlords, City of London Corporation, to sell the land to Southwark. Southwark have told the Corporation that they will not modernise the houses. Instead they propose to pull the street down and rehouse the tenants in the Whites Grounds Estate nearby.

The final speaker, David Edgar, urged people to build and present a viable alternative to the policies of extremist parties like the National Front. Mr Edgar is editor of an anti-fascist magazine called Searchlight and a successful playwright. There were interesting facts like the many criminal convictions of the leaders of the National Front, their admiration of Hitler, the violent anti-semitism of their literature and their complete distortions of facts to justify their racism. A good ending to a good conference.

Community First at Morley

The ILEA has recently decided that priority should be given to people who live and work in Inner London for evening and day classes at colleges in Inner London. This means that at colleges in SE1 such as Morley College, the first two hours of registration will be only for people from Inner London. Registration for classes at Morley takes place from 27th June - 1st July for present students and from 12th September for 1 week for new students. People who live or

BE YOUR OWN PROPERTY DEVELOPER

It was the first week of May, just as I was spooning in the toasted oat crunchies, that the crash of the letter box announced the arrival of Her Majesty's (Jubilee) mail. The electricity bill (again), some holiday snaps and a letter from County Hall offering us a loan of £100,000.

The toasted oats stopped travelling abruptly. £100,000? Yes, there it was in black and white. The Council had approved a loan (repayable within 60 years!) so that me and Fred and Val and the rest of the gang could buy us a patch of Waterloo and build us 19 family houses (what we property developers call 19 units with 74 bedspaces). The deal with County Hall is that we design and build the houses and then the GLC have the right to nominate half the tenants. The rest can be allocated to local people by our committee.

Avid readers of SE1 may already have guessed that this committee is the Hatch Row Cooperative formed by a group of local people to get family houses built on the Roupell Street/Hatfields site. We are still working on the design of the houses but we hope that the building will start next summer and be completed by summer 1979. The proposed site layout is shown below.

If you have empty land near you, why not become a property developer? The Waterloo Action Centre will tell you all about it.

Campbell bldgs cont.

Many elderly people live in Campbell Buildings who have not had their flats decorated for years even though the tenancy agreement makes Lambeth Council responsible for decorating their rooms. Tenants told council officers exactly what they thought of their apathy.

What will happen to Campbell Buildings? Councillor Noble said he wants to see it knocked down but what the tenants want to know is WHEN. Until a decision is made the council is just going to let Campbell Buildings decay.