



# Tenants won't be bulldozed

EIGHT RESIDENTS OF BRUNSWICK COURT, BERMONDSEY DASHED TO PECKHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY JUNE 21st TO HEAR WHAT THE future of their street was going to be. Having discovered only an hour before the meeting that the Planning Committee had a recommendation before them to 'buy the 32 two-storey terraced houses that make up Brunswick Court with a view to demolishing the street, the tenants were able to lobby councillors as they went into the meeting in an attempt to stop the proposal until the wishes of the residents could be found out. This was taken up by councillors Tucker, Lees, Fowler and Gates, who strongly voiced the opinion that the Council's policy of consulting residents had not been carried out.

## FUTURE UNCERTAIN

Councillor Fowler suggested that it might be the case that residents of Brunswick Court would want to stay, in which case the City Corporation could be made to bring the properties up to present-day standards. There have been discussions between the present owners, City Corporation, and Southwark Council with a view to improving the homes by putting in damp courses and bathrooms, but talks broke down when Southwark Council refused to give any cash, and this is the reason why the City Corporation are now offering the street to Southwark Council.

The last minute intervention of the residents did stop the Council planning committee rubber-stamping the plans to demolish the street, although Southwark did decide to go ahead with the purchase.

It is known that some residents want to move, but it is not known how many, or whether they would stay if it was possible to improve the property. Many of the residents of Brunswick Court have lived there all their lives, and whilst they are squeezed between Walker's the fellmongers who process sheepskins, and Sarsons Vinegar plant, and have to put up with a certain amount of discomfort from time to time from smells, this does not necessarily mean that they will all want to move. For some, such a pleasant street would be hard to find elsewhere in Southwark. Southwark's plans to use the site for industry seem based on some vague idea that Walkers or Sarsons may want to expand although both firms denied to "SE1" that they had any such plans.

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UHH! What a pong! The men-only loo next door to the Union Jack pub in Great Suffolk Street.

# Public Loo-nacy

Conflict is building up between SE1 residents who want to spend a penny and Southwark Council who are busy trying to save pennies. The Council have just made an extraordinary attempt to save a few pounds by the closure of nearly all the public conveniences in the SE1 area. Toilets at Flat Iron Square, St. Georges Circus and Library St. have been closed altogether, and the two conveniences in Tooley St. are only open at certain times (although nobody seems to be certain exactly WHAT times).

The closures have been caused by a reduction in staff. So far eight jobs have been left unfilled, and the Council apparently intend to do away with another two posts in an attempt to save on wages. Yet when residents living near Flat Iron Square protested to Southwark recently, they were told that the closures were for a "six-month experimental period" to see whether the toilets were really needed. It was suggested that in the meantime local people should use the lean-to convenience outside the Union Jack pub - despite the fact that this is for men only, and then only the most courageous men!

## health hazard

This now means that the nearest public conveniences for SE1 residents and workers are at London Bridge Station, a long walk for the many elderly people and schoolchildren who use the Flat Iron Square facilities in particular. Shopkeepers in the Square have already reported one incident of a mother being forced to let her toddler relieve itself in the gutter, and are worried that a real health hazard will arise if action is not taken soon.

In an area which draws large numbers both of tourists and vagrants, the closure of ALL public conveniences is madness. It can only be seen as a further disregard by Southwark Council of the needs of people in the area, and is surely not worth the savings involved. A petition

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# New MP for N. Lambeth

NORTH LAMBETH'S NEXT MP is likely to be the leftwing Labour candidate, Stuart Holland, who was selected by the Vauxhall Labour Party last month. The Vauxhall constituency is considered a safe Labour seat. The present MP, George Strauss, will retire at the next election. Mr Holland has been a member of the Labour Party for 14 years and has been a member of many advisory committees. In 1966-7 he was economic assistant to Thomas Balogh, then special adviser to the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson. He then moved to the political office of No 10 as a personal assistant to the Prime Minister but resigned in 1968 because the Labour government seemed to have abandoned its socialist policies.

Since 1968 Stuart Holland has been a research fellow and lecturer at Sussex University but he hasn't abandoned his political interests. For a while (1974-5) he was also special adviser to Judith Hart, Minister of Overseas Development. Again he resigned in protest at the Labour government's retreat from leftwing policies.

Though he doesn't know North Lambeth at all, Stuart Holland is already making a strong effort to find out what's going on in the area and meetings with local groups have already been arranged. He has also agreed to stand for re-selection at every election (normally, MPs are automatically re-selected and it's very difficult for a constituency party to get rid of an MP they do not like).



BRUNSWICK COURT, SE1

# stop press

SEE THE REPORT ON THE CATHEDRAL WARD MEETING ABOUT THE NORTH SOUTHWARK LOCAL PLAN ON PAGE 8.

# Dear SE1

**NEW LIBRARY**  
**Don't believe**  
**all you read**

Dear SE1,  
We are writing to you about a story in the South London Press of May 20th concerning the opening of the John Harvard Library in Borough High Street. Councillor Henley, Chairman of Southwark's Libraries and Amenities Committee, was quoted as saying "the Library is an example of just how successful a deal with developers can be for everyone involved."

The facts show quite the opposite. The article claimed the new library cost the Council just £13,000, but Southwark Town Hall say that the Council paid out a total of £268,000 and the developers £135,000. Originally, the Council had budgeted £40,000 but as costs escalated they had to find a further £228,000. Thus, the deal that began with Southwark thinking they could get a new library for £40,000 ended with them paying over six times as much.

The inaccurate and misleading article in the South London Press was a cover-up for Southwark's continued failure to resist office development. It furthered the myth of "planning gains" from offices. The John Harvard library deal is an example of how illusory these benefits are. The true price however, is not just the money the ratepayers have paid out, but the shops, housing and thriving industry that has been driven out of Borough High St.

Yours faithfully  
E. Bowman  
Chairman, North Southwark Community Development Group, 108 Great Guildford St.

## Thanks

Dear SE1,  
I am writing this letter to all of you who were concerned with the organising of the Jubilee Party given to the children in the Waterloo/The Cut area (Church Commissioners tenants) and which was thoroughly enjoyed by parents and old age pensioners as well as the children.

It was an enormous task to undertake and I know that everyone in our part of the community would want to join me in expressing our appreciation and thanks to all of you for your hard work throughout.

Yours sincerely  
Brenda Baines  
Mitre Road, SE1.

# WRITE

to SE1. We want to hear your news and views. Send your letters to: SE1 Community Newspaper, 12 Meymott St, SE1, or give us a ring: 928 1643.

# Golden Youngie

**Fred. Miller**

When I told my friend at SE1 that I was retiring, I was asked, why not do a Golden Oldie for SE1.

Now I ask you, fancy asking a young man of 65 to do a Golden Oldie, so I will attempt a Golden Youngie!

I have been asked to write a few lines about my 48 years in book publishing.

I started in February 1929 for Putnam & Sons in Bedford Street, Covent Garden. This was an area crammed with publishing houses.

Putnam's was a small but select publishers, with a close liaison with Putnam & Son, New York.

But after the war, with a boom in publishing owing to the shortage of paper in previous years, many financiers and large printing firms started to take over small publishing houses. The small publisher's imprint was gradually lost.

## When I started

Many have moved out of London, causing many redundancies among their staffs, and a less efficient service.

When I first started all invoices and ledgers were written by hand, and we could give our customers a 24-hour service, but now with computers and all modern machinery you would be lucky to get a 14 to 21 days service; maybe you have found this out when asking your book shop to obtain a book for you.

With all these changes, I still enjoyed my work, and made many friends whom it was a pleasure to work with. I also met many authors and celebrities, including Charlie Chaplin, Graham Greene, Gerrard Hoffmann, Sheila Van Dam, Roger Bannister and many others. The latest was Michael Foot, to whom I had the pleasure of pointing out injustices in his Industrial Relations Bill.

That is enough about work. I am more concerned with the changes that have taken place over the 65 years I have lived in the Waterloo area.

The greatest loss, I think, has been family housing, our local shops, and schools.



Fred Miller, pictured on the right with a rose buttonhole, celebrates his retirement with his workmates.

Senior citizens will remember the following schools: Gray Street, Hatfields, St Andrews, St Johns, St Patricks, Waterloo Road, Addington Street, Johanna Street, Holy Family, Westminster Bridge Road. All these had full classrooms; now we have about three left (St Andrews, St Patricks and Johanna Street) and not all the classrooms are fully occupied.

So with the loss of our family housing, our local shops disappeared, and also our shops and traders on The Cut and Lower Marsh.

I can remember on Roupell and Meymott Streets we had three newsgirls, Ted Boxall, Lemon, and Fanny Pitman. We also had three dairies, one, Ayres who had two cows in the alleyway alongside their shop. We had three fish and chip shops. All these depended on local residents for their business, and all flourished. What have we now?

We have been pressing the GLC and Lambeth Council to replace some of the family housing that they took away. Not all of these were destroyed by Hitler, many were pulled down, quite good houses too, to make way for a site for the Festival of Britain in 1951. So many families were moved from the area.

Many of you have been involved in Silver Jubilee parties and have been meeting your neighbours maybe for the first time in a friendly atmosphere. Why not continue to hold your meetings by forming a tenants association in your area.

You will find that by doing so it will give you more power to put right injustices that you feel are taking place in your area, and also to make improvements.

If you are in the Waterloo area you could join the Association of Waterloo Groups, which is a strong group for dealing with local affairs, based at the Waterloo Action Centre, Baylis Road.

If you need any help in forming your local association, call at the above address and they will be pleased to help you.

I hope I have been able to give you a Young Oldie, and now in my retirement I hope to help out at WAC.

Fred Miller

Fred served for three years on the Lambeth Estate Residents Association, and is now Chairperson of the Waterloo Amenities Group and a Trustee in the Hatch Row Housing Cooperative; he may be your SE1 distributor!

## Percy Davis

Since his retirement some six years ago he had been a great source of strength and advice to many on the Cottingham Estate and worked tirelessly on mental health problems, where he will be particularly missed.

Despite these major activities he still found time to show an interest in the North Lambeth Neighbourhood Council and the Community Health Council, where his advice was always sound and heard with respect.

SE1 offers its condolences to Mrs Davis and her family and will not forget the causes he fought for.

# Obituary

We are sad to record the death last month of Mr Percy Davis, Chairman of Cottingham Estate Tenants Association and Treasurer of the Lambeth Association of Mental Health.

Married in Lambeth over 50 years ago, Percy Davis worked first as a fireman and after navy service in the war went into the printing industry with the Mirror.

An active union member, he became involved on NATSOPA's executive and Father of the Chapel at the Mirror.

# MECCA

## GOVERNMENT INTERVENE

In a surprise move, the Department of the Environment have stepped into the row over the proposed Mecca redevelopment in Great Guildford Street.

What this means is that the GLC and Southwark will be asked for their views on the development, after which the Department of the Environment will decide whether or not they will take the matter out of the two authorities' hands and make a decision for them. This unusual step follows pressure from local M.P. Bob Mellish.

It is still not known whether the D.O.E. will take the step of making the decision for the GLC, but with the matter of compensation for refusal estimated at £3 million clouding the GLC's judgement, the D.O.E. may find a way of stopping the development.

FOOTNOTE: Our challenge to Eric Morley for a public enquiry has still not been taken up.

## matters arising...

FINLAYS the tobaccoists on the corner of Borough High Street and Great Dover Street closed this weekend because 'the shop was not profitable enough'. Finlays say they have had offers for the lease.

THE ODD TRIANGULAR BUILDING opposite the Lord Clyde Pub which has been empty for years has been occupied by a firm of industrial chemists (foodtesters not the prescription kind), who have been squeezed out of Borough High Street above Stevensons.

## Lambeth flats available

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW FLATS becoming available on some of the older estates in Lambeth. In the past a lot of these flats have been lying empty because potential tenants who are on Lambeth's waiting list have turned down the chance of one of the flats. The reasons being that they were not up to the standard expected and they really want a modern and new flat.

Now Lambeth Council after pressure from different groups are offering the accommodation to childless single persons or childless couples either married or living together. There is one strict rule that they abide by and that is that you should live or work in Lambeth to have any chance of one of these flats. The flats that are on offer are on the Cowley Estate at the Oval, Campbell Buildings, Baylis Road, Waterloo, Coronation Buildings, Vauxhall and Ferndale Court at the Oval.

Method of application: apply in writing to:



## The Show Must Not Go On

In the latest of a series of desperate plays to turn the clock back on Bankside to something resembling the last Elizabethan Era, the World Centre for Shakespeare Studies has erected several brightly-painted garden sheds and an open air arena offering "Ye Olde" this and that to bemused tourists from Dallas directed here by travel agents in the vain hope that an historic event was taking place, or to Southwark councillors directed by the travel industry to provide an historic event, or various tired and obsolete circus acts desperate to provide an historic event.

The net result of all this is that the only site which Southwark Council owns on the riverside is being taken up with something that would be laughed out of Southend. The show has been so successful that it has now been closed down, and the even less successful theatre is now to be turned into a medieval banqueting hall in a last-ditch attempt to put Southwark on the Dallas tourist map.

Southwark Council has made a fool of itself by its blind support for anything the WCSS can cook up. It is now time to give serious attention to projects that benefit the local community such as the plans by the family Housing Association to build 59 family homes on the same site. The World Centre for Shakespeare Studies is a dismal chapter in the sorry history of this part of North Southwark, and should be put out of its misery.

The last tenant has moved out and Arcadia Buildings, Tabard Street are still standing but there is no conclusion yet to the struggle between the developers, Southwark Council, and local residents over the future of the buildings and the site. The developers, County and District Properties, want to demolish Arcadia and build 15,000 square feet of offices. The office-hungry Tory GLC granted permission for this on June 16th.

## Arcadia tangle

Southwark have always been willing to do a deal with the developers but want land set aside for housing as a "planning gain". The developers have gone along with this until now when they have suddenly said that they can't afford to offer the planning gain.

So, at Southwark's Land Act Committee last week, it was decided to try to buy that part of the site where the planning gain was to be located. This amounts to PAYING THE DEVELOPERS FOR THE PLANNING GAIN since Southwark will have to buy the land off County and District Properties! It will not put a stop to the office block.

Residents have asked the Family Housing Association to consider acquiring Arcadia Buildings for rehabilitation as single units. But the way things are going this possibility may never get a chance of being implemented.

Mrs Malcom, Housing Dept  
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For further information, contact Mrs Malcom, Housing Dept, tel 274 7722, ex 689.

# Speedbus scrapped

SPEEDBUS IS TO BE SCRAPPED. The controversial project was to give buses priority over other traffic along a ten-mile route from Parliament Hill Fields to Peckham Rye via Westminster Bridge Road, Elephant and Castle and Walworth Road. The £1 million speedbus concept was to introduce bus lanes and other priority measures to speed up bus journeys so that special limited-stop service could be run.

This is one of the first cuts by the new Tory-controlled GLC and shows their determination to give preference in Central London to car and taxi-drivers rather than public transport users. They are also planning to abandon restrictions on car parking space for commuters in the South Bank car parks which were introduced by the former Labour GLC. Work on bus lanes for the speedbus in Westminster Bridge Road and on Westminster Bridge is to be stopped.

## TORY OFFICES BINGE

The Tory GLC showed its hand at the first meeting of the GLC Central Area Board on June 16th by granting permission for over 511,000 square feet of offices in half an hour. In SE1, the Tories gave the nod to 106,000 square feet of offices for Courages on Southwark Bridge Road, and 15,000 square feet at Arcadia Buildings (see page 3).

From now on, the SE1 area will be considered as part of the City and West End as far as the GLC planning committees are concerned. North Southwark and North Lambeth, who were part of the South Area Board under the old Labour GLC, are now part of the Central Area Board which includes the City, Westminster, Islington and Camden. Judging by the June 16th meeting, the implications of this are very serious for SE1 residents.

## Hope

For Edward Henry it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. The new Tory housing boss will only spend money on projects too expensive for Boroughs. To us that means hope for Edward Henry - more news next month.

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ABOVE: Sumner Buildings, Bankside - Kids fancy dress competition.

RIGHT: Mary Dimond, 'Auntie', Winnie, Mrs Worrall, Doreen Ramsay all served tea on the barge for kids during the Waterloo Playground Party. BELOW: Winning baby at Cottingham Estate Jubilee events.



The Jubilee celebrations on the Church Commissioners Estate, Hatfields, Wootton Street, Ufford Street and Mitre Road were a great success. A great deal of work over weeks was carried out by the organising committee, who most certainly deserve a vote of thanks from everybody concerned, and this possibly includes the Queen, because it proved without shadow of doubt the sincere feeling of loyalty the tenants of this estate have for the Queen.

The children sat down to a spread with tables absolutely loaded with all kinds of sandwiches, cakes, tarts, jellies and ice cream, and so many of

the women had been busy doing the cooking of these cakes, etc, it was the wonderful comradeship that made it the great success it was.

The weather wasn't all that good, so plans had to be changed; instead of having the party in the square it was held in Ethelm House. Nobody suffered because it's quite an ample hall and everybody was determined to enjoy it.

In the evening a running buffet was arranged, with dance music, with everybody joining in. This went on until 12 pm, and then home to bed with everybody in a happy frame of mind.

George Cahill

# SE1 JUBILATIONS

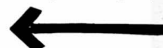
Pictures of some of the Jubilee Celebrations in SE1 last month



A Theatre group perform at the Waterloo Adventure Playground Jubilee party.

## The winner of SE1 Jubilee photo competition

The £5 prize for the best photograph goes to the Cottingham Young Peoples Association. Congratulations!



ON TUESDAY, JUBILEE DAY, the Playground played host to entertainments sponsored by the Waterloo Festival Committee and organised by the Action Centre. A theatre group, a trampoline and an inflatable provided entertainment for participants and audience alike, and refreshments kept everyone topped up. Betty Garrety from the Royal Vic kindly made up two hundred special Jubilee hats for the occasion and the pub also donated several boxes of crisps for the kids. Later, in the evening, Goldsmiths Steel Band attracted a crowd outside the Action Centre, although the temperature was hardly tropical, and a move inside was indicated for the disco following. This proved a real family affair, with the age range being from 5 to 80, but there didn't seem to be any generation gap problems!

On Saturday 11th June the

Playground ran its own festivities. The day kicked off with a jumble sale in the morning, which raised £30 thanks to the hard work of the team of helpers. In the afternoon, plans for a real street party had to be abandoned because of showers, but a move into the Action Centre reduced the risk of the sandwiches getting soggy. Over 70 kids tucked into jelly and ice cream and some even managed to find their mouths although a good quantity landed on the floor! An excellent group, Guarantee, played and a theatre group provided a diversion in the form of some unsolicited audience participation.

We would like to thank the Duke of Sussex for the proceeds of their raffle, which helped a good way towards the cost of good and drink, and everyone who helped with the preparation and serving.



ABOVE: Peabody Southwark Street keep up the spirit in All Hallows Churchyard with a fancy dress parade. LEFT: The Lambeth Estate Residents held their Silver Jubilee Party on Saturday June 4th. The weather was overcast and windy but that did not stop the children who turned up in their Jubilee clothes and hats.

They sat down to a real good party and with many helpers, they were kept well supplied with food and drinks. After the party the children were entertained by the Aldersbrook "Young Uns" who put on a good show. Incidentally this was also enjoyed by the mums and dads.

The rain held off and the children's party was followed by a disco to which the residents danced, and a good time was had by all.

The organisers who had worked hard to make this Silver Jubilee party a success would like to thank those who made donations and contributed towards the party.



Jubilee jellies for the kids at Cotton Gardens Estate, North Lambeth, just as things began to really liven up!

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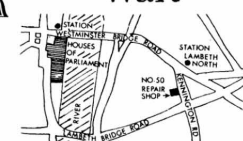
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The Waterloo Festival Committee would like to thank the many people who gave money towards the party held on the Adventure Playground on Jubilee Day. We particularly want to thank Mrs Noseda from the Royal Victoria pub who collected money for the kids and Mrs Garrity who made 200 red, blue and white paper hats for the day (they are being worn in the picture by the ladies who made teas and orange drinks, left to right: Mary Dimond, Auntie, Winnie, Mrs Worrall, Doreen Ramsay). The kids had a good day playing on inflatables and watching a theatre group. In the evening there was a performance by a very good steel band from Goldsmiths College followed by a disco.

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## HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

PLANS FOR A FULL PROGRAMME of events are now in hand. As usual, details will be available from the Action Centre nearer the holidays.

**Dates:** Starting date Tuesday 26th July; closing date Saturday 27th August. During this period the Playground will continue to open at weekends and close on Mondays

**Times:** Tuesday-Friday 11.00 am-8.30 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 11.00 am-6.00 pm

**Regular events to include:** inflatables, sailing and canoeing, arts and crafts, camping weekends, beachcombing, "water splash" at Caledonian baths, table tennis league

**Outings:** Heathrow, Black Park, Lambeth Fire Station, HMS Belfast, Roehampton, London Dungeon, RAF Museum, Woburn Safari, Cutty Sark, Epping Forest, Madame Tussauds

**Coach trips:** Broadstairs, Camber Sands

**Opening and closing parties with live music**

## What Where When?

### WOMEN AT WORK

27th July - 6th August, at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1

Starting in the last week of July there will be an exhibition, prepared by the National Museum of Labour History, about what work was like for women in the old days. SE1 or the Action Centre would be pleased to hear from local women who have memories of what work was like when they first started. Contributions can be written or you could just come in and see us and talk about your memories.

**Oval House** First Workshop Festival from 5th - 31st July at Oval House, 52-54 Kennington Oval, 735 2786. Discover skills and new ideas about theatre - lighting, costume, set design, clowning, acrobatics, dance. Workshops run by Heathcote Williams, Lindsay Kemp, Pip Simmons, Bruce Lacey and others.

**Lambeth Country Show** Sat and Sun, 23 and 24 July at Brockwell Park. Bands, dancers, farm animals, vintage agricultural machinery, craftspeople, funfair, cooks and more and more.

## SE1 Where to buy

Including the following Newsagents and Pubs:  
Potter 80 The Cut  
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Ellis Hercules Road

## barfly

The Duke of Sussex on the corner of Baylis Road and Coral Street is a real family house. In fact it has been in the hands of the Cole family for 72 years, when first old grandfather and grandmother Fred and Emily (there's a good old cockney name) Cole took over the pub. Today it is run by their grandchildren Fred and Lorna Cole, with the rest of the family, Irene, Elsie and Dennis all assisting on the pumps and serving the customers.

Now the customers, who remember are also a vital part of pub life, are a real mixture. You will not, like the name of the pub, find a duke in there, but you will find real down to earth and very kind and happy people from all walks of life, from well established families who have lived in Waterloo all their lives, to Scottish, Welsh Irish and some of our coloured population. This mixture really gets on well after one or two pints and there is very little trouble. In fact, year after year coach-loads of people re-visit the pub from Ipswich. Even the Welsh rugby side have made frequent visits and a women's group are expected from Bristol shortly.

At weekends the place really comes alive, when it becomes a jazz house, with everyone fighting to get a drink. Mary, who is the pianist (and a first class one at that), will sing and play anything from blues, evergreen to honky tonk with a few dirty songs thrown in. Besides Mary, there are always a lot of the customers who are willing to air their vocal cords. There's Ria, who is 81 years of age, from Greet House, who sings very old cockney songs and also gives a dance. There's Lil Strong, 78 years of age, who is not frightened to show her drawers. And later in the evening after a few pints you can hear Winnie's

## Duke of Sussex



SOME OF THE CUSTOMERS AND THE PEARLY KING AND QUEEN HAVING A SING SONG AND ENJOYING THEMSELVES.

husband George rendering beautiful ballads, something like Perry Como, and of course there are more who are not afraid to have a go. A prime example of the kind of pub it is was on the Saturday after the England/Scotland game, when about a dozen young Scottish supporters visited the Duke. What a night of singing, dancing and chanting, all very friendly. They were on the tables with a huge St Andrews flag the width of the pub, singing the Scottish national anthem, with the English singing Land of Hope and Glory. Everyone was dancing and stoned out of their minds.

The Duke of Sussex has not changed over the years except where there were three bars in the saloon now there is only one. It has had its funny and sad moments. Once they had a dog who used to play the piano and then go with old Bill Dorgan busking. You can still find a dog, Brandy, roving around now, always making himself comfortable among the customers. The sad time was during the Second World War when a thousand pound bomb plus incendiaries fell on Davidge House around the corner. All the doors of the pub were blown in and the public bar was used as a first aid post for the injured from the bombed building.

## Writing Competition

**FANCY YOURSELF AS A WRITER?** Poems, plays, sketches, songs and short stories are welcome at the Young Vic Theatre in The Cut to make up a Young Vic Summer Exhibition on July 30. Director Denise Coffey said, "It will be like the Royal Academy Exhibition but instead of having their work hung, people will see it performed." Anyone not a professional writer can enter as long as you live in the area bounded by

Denny 66 Hatfields  
Waterloo Action Centre  
14 Baylis Road  
Toms 137 Southwark Bridge Rd  
Tierney Union Street  
Gibbon 20 Harper Road  
R.Welfare Great Suffolk St  
Patel 68 Tooley St  
Wadmore 159 Tooley St  
NSGOG 108 Great Guildford St  
Petersham 131 London Road  
McDaman 11 Snowfields

Lambeth Road, St Georges Road, Elephant and Castle, Borough High Street and London Bridge. All ages can enter, submitting pieces lasting a maximum of 10 minutes.

The South London Press is sponsoring the Exhibition with the Young Vic and there will be a prize for the best entry. Send your entries to Cedric Porter, at the South London Press, 2-6 Leigham Court Road, London SW16, by June 20th.

Rose and Crown, Colombo St  
The Wheatsheaf, Borough Market,  
Stamford Rovers Club, Cornwall Rd  
Duke of Sussex, Baylis Road  
Royal Victoria, Waterloo Road  
Horse and Groom, Westminster  
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Bridge Road  
Three Jolly Gardeners, Union St  
AND EVERYONE ELSE, TOO NUMEROUS  
MENTION, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT

## Going on holiday?

IF YOU CLAIM UNEMPLOYMENT benefit or supplementary benefit and you are going away on holiday in the UK you can still claim while you are away. If you go abroad or to the Republic of Ireland, you cannot claim.

**If you have to sign on every week:**

You must inform the employment exchange and fill in the form they give you, before you go, and you will have to give them an address where you can be contacted. You can arrange for them either to send your giro to you on holiday, or to receive two (or three) weeks money when you get back. They will not pay you in advance, before you go on holiday.

**If you have an order book, and do not have to sign on for work:**

You can cash your book at any post office for two weeks without making any other arrangements.



For three weeks or more, you must tell your local supplementary benefit office well in advance, so that they can alter the post office stamped in your book. You have to do this whenever you wish to claim more than two payments away from your usual post office.

If you have any questions, come into BIAS in Blackfriars Settlement, Nelson Square, SE1. We are open from 10 am to 1 pm, and from 2 pm to 5 pm every weekday except Wednesday mornings when we close. Or come by the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, from 10 am-2 pm.

# CHILDREN: WHO CARES?

The Southwark Child Care Campaign has been launched to fight for the provision of better and more facilities for the care and education of children.

Since the war there has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of women employed outside the home. They now represent 40% of the total workforce and nearly half of them are married women. The Employment Protection Act, which gives women the statutory right to maternity leave and reinstatement for up to 29 weeks after the birth of a child, and the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts, which give women the possibility of better opportunities at work and in education and training recognise the right to work for every woman whether married or single.

## Equality?

Without adequate provision of child care facilities this right and all those rights, hard won in the last few years, are without meaning for a great many women.

At present in Southwark the responsibility for State provision of child care is divided between the Borough Social Services Dept. and the Inner London Education Authority.

Nursery places come under the local authority and provide care rather than education for children from 0-5 years. In Southwark there are 8 such nurseries with 446 planned places but due to shortages of staff, lack of equipment etc. under 400 children actually attend. These nurseries only accept 'priority' cases, where definite hardships can be identified. There is no nursery provision at all in

Southwark for the majority of children who are not classed as priority.

Nursery schools and classes in Southwark are run by the IEA and provide nursery education for children from 3-5 years, mainly on a half-day basis and based on the local Primary Schools. There are 5 nursery schools, and 40 nursery classes with 96 full-time places and 450 places for half-time classes. While the D.F.S. aim of nursery education being available for all children under 3 years is a good emphasis, the provision, when it comes will be mainly in half days and will still not solve the care problem for working women.

## Alternative

The only alternative for parents unable to afford a private nursery and who are not eligible for a local authority nursery place is a childminder. There are 239 registered childminders in Southwark looking after 508 children. The cost approx. £6.00 per week for each child is prohibitive for families with more than one child and registered childminders, usually only able to take 2 children each, can rarely earn more than £15.00 per week. In some boroughs, although Southwark is not one of them, childminders are being paid a wage by the local authority and offered training and facilities e.g. toys. Child-minding can be a valuable provision but only if child minders are employed at a decent wage and given the recognition and support they deserve.

There are 13,000 children under 5 in Southwark and only 1,300 full time places for

## THEATRELAND...

THE CUT IS BECOMING the Drury Lane of South London. Yet another theatre has opened to join the Young Vic (which has two theatres) and the Old Vic.

The Upstream Theatre Club is situated in part of the St Andrews Church complex in Short Street off The Cut. The Club has not received any subsidy from the Arts Council or any other grant giving organisation so far. Actors have given their services free to build the 120 seat auditorium and materials have been scrounged from building and demolition sites. The theatre opened with three plays by Wolf Mankowitz (who's he, you might well ask). Let's hope the theatre does not become another culture shrine and turn its back on the local community.

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## YOUR NEIGHBOUR NEEDS YOU...

Work for your local community at the Advice Centre in the Blue, 190 Southwark Park Road, SE16. As a volunteer you will be trained in reception/advice work. No experience necessary.

Phone Frances Sullivan 237 8277 or Margaret Prosser 231 2471.

## Advice Centre in the Blue

## Thanks!

THE DOUGLAS, MONARCH AND ILFACOMBE TENANTS ASSOCIATION WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS OUR CHILDREN'S JUBILEE PARTY WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS:

Lottie and Jim Worthy - the 'Five Shop'  
Lawson's Waste Paper Merchants, Lant Street  
Electrosound, Marshalsea Rd.  
Phoenix Electrical  
Ace Shipping, Quip St.  
The Gladstone Arms, Lant St.  
THANK YOU!!

## Typewriter sale

A local charitable organisation has a Remington typewriter for sale. Office model, series NJ, as new, scarcely used: £55.00. Contact 928 1643 or Ian at 673 0670.

WE ARE ASKING ALL WHO AGREE WITH OUR AIMS TO JOIN US. INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANISATIONS MAY AFFILIATE AND WILL RECEIVE A REGULAR NEWSLETTER WITH NEWS OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CAMPAIGN, INFORMATION ABOUT ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN THE BOROUGH AND IN YOUR AREA AND PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT FOR THESE PROVISIONS.

**APPLICATION FEE**  
INDIVIDUALS ..... 50p  
ORGANISATIONS .... £5.00

WHAT WE NEED MORE THAN ANYTHING IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT SO THOSE ORGANISATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO CANNOT AFFORD THE FEE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AND TO GIVE WHAT THEY CAN.

Please fill in the slip below and send it off today to:  
Nicky Road, 38 Braganza Street, London S.E.17.

I WISH TO JOIN THE SOUTHWARK CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN

NAME.....  
ADDRESS.....  
ORGANISATION (where applicable).....  
I ENCLOSE AFFILIATION FEE OF .....



# 5 Frustrated years

## SE1 residents demand a fair hearing

Five years of frustration over redevelopment broke to the surface at a Public Meeting on Friday 24th June, held at the Welsh Congregational Chapel, Southwark Bridge Road.

The meeting had been called by Southwark Council to discuss local opinion on what Southwark should be like.

Three Local Councillors and some Southwark Planners were there. But the first blow to the audience was the unexplained absence of the scheduled Chairman of the meeting, Councillor Potter.

Councillor Launder took the chair and suggested that discussion might centre on particular sites in the area.

However, it soon became clear that the issues at stake remained far larger than the future single plots of land.

SE1 residents had already demonstrated in preliminary local plan consultations last year that they wanted no more offices in the area, but that there was a desperate need for family housing, shops, industry, open space and recreation facilities such as a sports centre.

Yet the activities of Southwark's planning committees since that time e.g. their apparent support of developers over sites like Laings and Edgers and their reluctance to grant permission for Family Housing Association's scheme on Bankside - have made local people wonder if their elected representatives have taken any notice of them at all. Local anger was increased by the absence of Councillor Potter and of the lack of senior elected representatives and council officials such as Ron Watts, O'Grady, West (Borough Planner) and Mr. Griffiths, Borough Development Officer. Defending himself and his fellow councillors in Cathedral Ward, Gates and Kippin (who were also present) Councillor Launder claimed that they had always opposed development that was not in the interests of the area. However, they were constantly outvoted by councillors from the southern part of Southwark.

### Offices 469, Housing -1

In a stream of angry replies from the audience people questioned the principles of a Labour Council that ignored the wishes of its voters and was prepared to sacrifice the whole North Southwark Community. A local playleader described the community as a 'political football' whose growing social problems were a direct result of bad planning decisions. A representative of the N.S.C.D.G. quoted the results of research by the

Group which showed that since 1970, 469 planning applications for office development had been granted in the SE1 area alone whilst the only independent application for housing (made by the Family Housing Association for Bankside) had been turned down. It was therefore ridiculous to talk of achieving 'a mix' of development in the area by including more offices - offices had already caused a huge imbalance in the area. This brought shouts of agreement from the audience and a spokesman for the Waterloo C.D.G. suggested that the Local Plan should forbid any further conversion of residential property to office use.

The councillors and planners present were left in no doubt that local residents were sick and tired of trying to get their opinions accepted. After five years of struggle, it was felt their position should be quite clear - NO MORE OFFICES: MORE HOUSING: MORE FACILITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

The meeting eventually closed later than planned with Councillor Launder agreeing to convey the audience's request that senior councillors and officials such as O'Grady, West etc. should attend all the Public Consultation Meetings, so that local people could express their views directly to those who held the real power.

### Make your views known

**FOOTNOTE** Southwark Council are hoping to receive YOUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF THE AREA between now and 1st September. If you have any suggestions for the development of particular sites, or general comments on the treatment of the area as a whole, ring or write to:

Planning Department,  
London Borough of Southwark  
Peckham Road,  
LONDON SE5

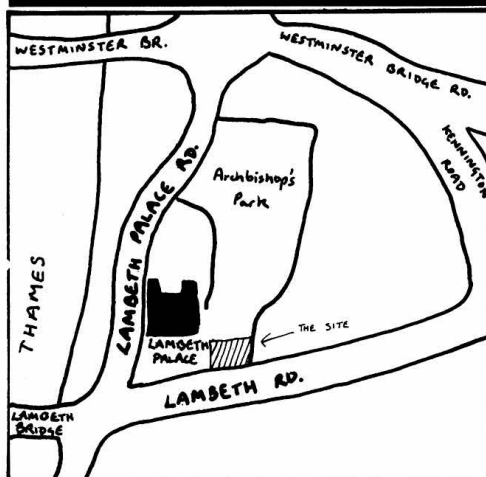
Planners are also available to visit local group meetings and discuss the Local Plan. Tell them and your councillors what YOU want to see in the Local Plan.

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of the needs of people in the area, and is surely not worth the savings involved. A petition has been drawn up protesting at the closure of the Flat Iron Square conveniences, and can be signed at the shops in Flat Iron Square, or at the North Southwark Community Development Group office at 108 Great Guildford Street SE1.

Make YOUR protest known!



This is what the new offices will look like to anyone relaxing in Archbishop's Park, and quite a difference it makes from the present view.

It's unusual to build offices in a conservation area, and more unusual still that it's the church who's doing so.

## Blessed offices

### church builds in conservation area

AT THE SAME TIME as officers from Lambeth Council were talking to local residents about restricting offices and extending a conservation area they were talking to developers about building offices, on exactly the same site.

This emerged last month when just after the GLC elections a planning application was put in for developing the garden and existing building of the Archbishop Davidson's Institute at one end of Archbishop's Park.

The developers have been discussing the plan with council officers for three years and timed their application with great skill.

Before the election the last GLC would have rejected it, whereas the new GLC encourages offices. And if the developer waits any longer the site will

soon be an actual, rather than proposed, conservation area. When the Waterloo District Plan is legally accepted this kind of development will not be allowed.

By slipping into this gap between the old GLC, the conservation area and the new District Plan the developers have pulled a fast one on the local community. What makes this surprising is that the developers are none other than the Church.

The North Lambeth Neighbourhood Council, Waterloo Community Development Group and the local civic group, the Vauxhall Society, have all objected to the proposal, so there may yet be an inquiry.

As the plan shows, the new building will hardly improve the view from the park.

### Brunswick Court

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Following the decision of Southwark Council to buy the 32 houses, a feasibility study will now be undertaken by the housing department to investigate the costs and practicality of improving the houses. When this has been done, a decision will be taken by the Council on the future of the street.

The fact that Southwark Council were prepared to steamroller the decision through in June before any of the tenants knew what was going on is a disgrace, but now that Southwark are going to buy the street it is up to the Council to find out what the residents of Brunswick Court want.

**ST THOMAS' DISTRICT**  
**Community Health Council**  
**This month's Meeting:**  
**Tuesday**  
**12 July at 7.30**

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