



## SURVIVAL BATTLE

A ONE LINE LETTER FROM Mr S.T. Evans, the Town Clerk of Southwark, on 9th June has shattered hopes in the community that the grant for the North Southwark Community Planning Centre in Great Guildford Street, SE1, will be renewed by the Council after December 31st this year. Yet in almost the same breath on June 20th the Council voted £50,000 for the London Symphony Rehearsal Hall in Trinity Church Square without so much as a murmur. The Community Planning Centre receives only £3,000 per year from Southwark with the rest of their grant coming from the Department of the Environment, but without Southwark's support there is no help from the DofE.

### Terminated

In March this year, the North Southwark Community Development Group who run the Planning Centre, were told that their grant would be terminated on March 31st. A storm of protest from residents and voluntary organisations led to a reprieve until December 31st 1978.

John O'Grady, Leader of Southwark Council, was quoted in the South London Press at that time as saying that a renewal of the grant would be considered later. But when a formal request for a renewal was submitted on May 25th the one line letter from the Town Clerk was the abrupt answer. He said that the decision had already been made not to renew the grant.

Labour Councillors who support the work of the Planning Centre on public participation and over campaigns for shops, open spaces and housing, are to bring the matter before the Labour Group, consisting of all Labour councillors in Southwark.

Meanwhile, individual residents and local tenants and voluntary organisations, and the Southwark and Bermondsey Trades Councils, are to write in and lobby Southwark Council yet again asking for a renewal of the grant. Last time, no reason was given for cutting the grant, and still no assessment of the work of the Centre has been undertaken by the Council.



## Out and About

THE ROSE AND CROWN IN COLOMBO STREET GAVE A LOVELY OUTING to senior citizens last month. Lil Taylor, who went on the trip to Hastings, writes:

It was got up by Peter and George and Peggy and Val, in fact I think everyone must have done their bit.

When we first met we had a nice cup of tea waiting for us and Caro took some pictures. We had all we could possibly eat and drink and lots of sing-songs and a dinner at mid-day, then landed on Hastings beach with plenty to drink.

The boys and Peggy gave us a lovely show on the trampolines. Then we went on to Mick and Josie at "The Bull" and had another meal - instead of being something like a tea, we had another great big dinner! I for one didn't want much to eat the next day because we had had enough to last and I'm sure everyone was so thrilled at having such a lovely time. It was lovely seeing Mick again after so long and thank you everyone for all the effort and trouble they went to.

# Pensioner Abandoned

A 78 YEAR OLD WOMAN LIVING ALONE ON THE SEMI-DERELICT Bethel Estate in Tooley Street has been told by Southwark Council that she has had one offer of alternative accommodation and will receive no further offers. She wanted to live near her daughter in Peckham.

Mrs Keogh, who lives on the ground floor of a now deserted and boarded up block, is one of 14 tenants who have received a duplicated letter from Southwark on 2nd June saying that "the senior lettings officer is unable to make any further offers following the refusal of property superior to that which they occupy". Given the appalling state of this council estate the letter has made the remaining tenants extremely angry.

Bethel, a block of 47 council flats, is located in the midst of the Hays Wharf development area and was left out of Southwark's modernisation programme because of uncertain-

ty about the future of the Hays Wharf area. At one time the estate was to be sold to Hays Wharf, but in September 1977 it was decided to give it a 10 year modernisation. The tenants were told they would obtain priority transfers out of the estate ("management transfers").



The letter from the council stopping further offers was issued on the orders of Mr White, Senior Lettings Officer, without reference to councillors or any committee. Upon receipt of this letter members of the Tenants Association immediately called on their MP Bob Mellish to take up the issue. But although he has written to the Town Clerk and Mr White nothing has happened.

The tenants are at the end of their tether. For example, Mr and Mrs Rogers and their two children, a boy aged 3 and a girl of 2 years, have lived on the estate for four years. They all share one bedroom and Mrs Rogers explained that the flat was damp, and that there was no electric point in the bedroom and only one in the kitchen. After constant approaches to the council, Mrs Rogers was informed that "there were people worse off than her". Mrs Rogers has not received any offers under the present scheme, and

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## Time to halt the office invasion

Dear SE1,

I must reply to Mrs Murray's letter to SE1 last month.

I was also born in the Waterloo area, and I sympathise with her problem of finding suitable accommodation for her daughter in the area. I had the same problem with my children who had to go to the suburbs to live.

We as parents must take some of the blame for this situation.

After the war we allowed offices and theatres etc to be built on land that was once an area of family housing, and sites to remain empty without any protests. But this generation is not prepared to stand by and see this type of build-

ing while family homes are needed in the area.

The Coin Street Action Committee, which is made up of local people, with the help of local residents, School and Church managers have been fighting for housing on the Coin Street site, and the policy is for "Family Housing for local people at rents they can afford".

So Mrs Murray, I suggest that instead of saying "Let them build hotels and offices", that you join us and help us to win this second Battle of Waterloo, because negative thinking will get us nowhere.

Fred Miller  
Coin Street Action Group

## WRITE

to SE1. We want to hear your news and views. Send your letters to: SE1 Community Newspaper, 12 Maymont St, SE1.

## TEACHER WASTE

Dear SE1,

What is the good of educating people to become teachers, if when they are educated the powers to be are not the slightest bit interested in using the people with the great gift to hold the power of the future. But if the government of the day does not care enough now, they will regret it in the future.

And so will the youth of the country. They will miss the teachers that have been put on the shelf. There is so much waste in the world as a whole, but to waste people is a terrible sin. If the number of pupils drops below a certain point, then a teacher is in danger of being moved on, because in the education authority's opinion, the teacher is not needed.

If the authority used their heads, they would use that talent and spend a few pounds on it like they spend on the Lord Mayor's Rolls Royce car and all their red tape. By that I mean that they spend thousands of pounds on parties and having a good time, but the important things in life are totally ignored. The most relevant thing is education.

May I conclude with that simple but most sincere British phrase, I thank you.

Mr H.A. Walters  
25 Tabard Street  
London SE1

## Thank you Rose and Crown

Dear SE1,

We wish to thank The Rose & Crown, on behalf of the senior citizens, for the wonderful time they gave us at Hastings. The helpers were grand; Val, Peggy and Pie and all the other men helped to make our day, and to finish the day we went to Tcefield at The Bull where we had a lovely time. So thanking you all once again.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Ivy Campbell

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## Underneath the arches

Dear SE1,

I hope that a copy of your June edition of SE1 was sent to someone in a high seat at British Rail. I am referring to the shopping list under the £5,000,000 Inner City monies, which over the next 3 years could make Waterloo and the rest of North Lambeth a much better place to live in.

It was myself who first suggested the idea of getting the railway arches cleaned and tidied up. But I have had second thoughts regarding using much needed public money for something like that when it could be used for other more urgent items on the shopping list. Now, I have not had alternative ideas about the arches (about which a lot of local people have complained over the years), but having been up to Waterloo Station and seen the work and conversion that is taking place inside the station, and now they are cleaning up the external building, which looks very nice, I feel that British Rail should not stop there.

They should come away from the station and start tarking up the rest of their property. We in Waterloo are near enough surrounded by British Rail, yet in the electric age there is still grime from the steam age.

Because these arches are left neglected we find refuse being left there, including old cars dumped. If British Rail money can be spent for the benefit of visitors to our area, it's about time BR money was spent to benefit local residents. BR already earn enough out of the letting of workshops underneath the arches to spend some of this income where it originates from. And a note of advice to BR: it can be done inexpensively by using local Job Creation teams; and we don't want whitewash, we want paint!

Yours sincerely,  
John Hearn  
Asn of Waterloo Groups

## Retirement Holidays

HOLIDAYS ARE AVAILABLE at Margate and Cliftonville for Lambeth retirement pensioners who would like a week by the sea in September. Those who are 67 and over may apply for one of these holidays every year and those under 67 may apply if they did not have a Council holiday last year.

The holidays are open to those who have a weekly income of not more than £50 (single person) or £50 (married couple) after payment of rent and/or rates. The cost to pensioners who qualify is £2 which includes travel to and from the holiday resort and full board at a guest house.

Application forms are available now from Lambeth Social Services area offices, public libraries, luncheon clubs and day centres.

## Fun with water

On Sunday 16th July a regatta is taking place between Waterloo Bridge and Lambeth Bridge, with one-man hovercraft races, rowing, sculling and dingy races, and a rubber dingy obstacle race.

At 5 pm there will be mud-larking on the foreshore, looking for old coins, etc. There is also a visiting American band, a fun fair, and the Capital Radio Fun Bus. Refreshments will be available.

# ROOM TO BREATHE!

THE TORY GLC ARE RUSHING THROUGH PLANS FOR HOUSING ON several small infill sites where the community wants to see open space. The sites: Dickens Square by the Rockingham Estate, the Old Abbey Buildings site in Abbey Street, Sayer Street and Munton Road next to the Heygate Estate, and other sites in Bermondsey, are all part of the Tories plans for bringing life back to Central London.

Residents however are alarmed that if the schemes get the go-ahead the result will be the opposite to what the Tories claim. This is because the sites are the only possible locations for open space in the foreseeable future in an area already desperately short of recreational space and facilities.

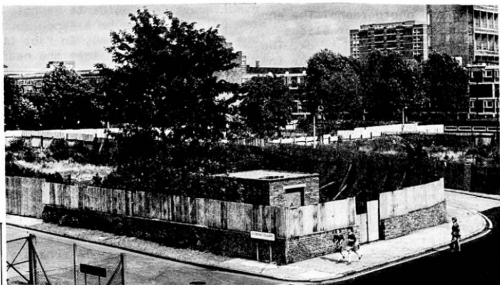
This problem was highlighted last year when Southwark decided to build housing on the Meadow Row Playground site

(SE1 issue 24) next to the Rockingham Estate. Despite a storm of protest about the lack of open space in the area, the housing scheme was allowed to go ahead but with promises from Southwark that the problem would be looked into.

No sooner had this promise been made than Southwark were considering the new GLC proposals. As usual no-one on the local estates knew of the new schemes until just before Southwark's joint planning and

housing committee met May 31st to discuss the item, and the Rockingham Estate Play Association, Heygate Residents and the Balfour Street Housing Project all wrote to the Council protesting at the proposals. All drew attention to the lack of open space and the massive amount of housing in the area.

These pleas were given a sympathetic hearing by the committee and Southwark Council has replied to the letters saying that "all the GLC proposals



DICKENS SQUARE, one of the proposed infill sites.

## Bankside Road; just another memory?

"You don't live here so how can you understand how important this is to us." George Appleyard who has lived all his life in Bear Lane told last week's public inquiry into the closure of Bankside Road in front of the power station. He said, "The road is part of our history," and the proposed concrete patio replacing the road would be a disaster. "The road should be kept open and the land along the riverside grassed over for kids to play on".

## £50 million complex

The closure of the road forms part of the gigantic £50 million Edgers' Scheme, which includes the office block for Lloyds Bank on Hopton Street, a pub, 110 flats and an underground carpark for the CEBG. The concrete patio would be an open space area laid out on top of the car park.

The North Southwark Community Development Group was at the inquiry, represented by John Hobson from the Southwark Law Project. He called as witnesses for the Group, George Appleyard, Bill Morley from Summer Building, John Sheridan from Peabody Southwark Street and the Mint St. Adventure Playground, Andrew Sutton from the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Society, and Bob Colenutt, Research Officer

from the North Southwark Planning Centre. All of these spoke against the road closure, giving evidence about the history and importance of the road as a local roadway. They also opposed the open space design and called for alternative designs that met the needs of the community.

## No Cycling

Bill Morley said that his children used the road for cycling because it was quiet and safe and said that the new open space deck would not allow cycling. Andrew Sutton, an architect, said that the observation deck design was a 'go anywhere' design and could be in front of any modern office block.

John Sheridan told the inquiry that the open space was not suitable for local kids who wanted somewhere to play, not buckets of shrubs. Bob Colenutt gave figures to show that the CEBG carpark was in excess of GLC car parking standards. Photos were produced showing other riverside parks in Bermondsey and the Isle of Dogs, showing what could be done to combine local use with views of the river, without the need to put down concrete patios and walkways.

The developers represented by Fitzroy Robinson and Part-

were unsuitable in one form or another and the committee are seeking a member level meeting with the GLC to discuss the unsatisfactory aspects of the proposals. Members also resolved that consultations be undertaken with the various residents groups concerned."

Be that as it may, residents will have to be on the alert, because surveyors have been working on the sites since the meeting of Southwark Council GLC members Sir Reg Goodwin has been approached and he is pursuing the issue at County Hall. In the meantime the word must be "Watch those Spaces" and contact your local councillors if anything starts to happen.

## £20,000 for a transfer

WILL GLC TENANTS IN SE1 be able to move into the new Quinn Buildings, Waterloo Road and Princess Street/Gaywood Street rehabilitated houses, or will these prime houses be sold by the GLC? Tenants seeking transfers from older property in the area may be prevented from applying for the homes because they will be sold off as the cream of the GLC housing stock under the Tory GLC housing policy.

The rehabilitated houses are family houses whereas Quinn Buildings will provide 31 2-person flats, 14 4-person maisonettes, and 18 1-person flats. The fear is that the houses and maisonettes as the most sought after property will be sold. If they are put up for sale, the community will lose out since most of those needing transfers cannot afford to buy £15,000-£20,000 houses and flats.

Inquiries at County Hall brought no definite answer as to what will happen. According to the department dealing with the sale of council houses, no decision has yet been made. SE1 will be watching this very closely.

and, supported by Howard Thomas, Southwark's Borough Valuer, had come along in a light mood thinking that the inquiry would be over in half a day. But after two days of vigorous argument by local people they were clearly taken aback. They admitted that they had not produced any alternative designs for public consultation and hastily drew up some alternatives overnight after they had heard the community point of view.

The Inquiry is to resume on July 6th. The Inspector listening to the two sides will have to decide between a huge £50 million steamroller supported by Southwark and the GLC, or the common sense views and sincerity of the Community.



## Inquiry expected soon

The Coin St. Action Group is pressing hard for the expected public inquiry about the Coin St. site to be held as soon as possible.

The inquiry is necessary to resolve the dispute between the Tory GLC, who support Heron Corporation's plans for a hotel and offices, and Lambeth Council and the local community who want the land for family housing. The Action Group wants the inquiry held before the autumn in case there is a general election and a Government less sympathetic to their demands is elected.

A petition has been organised to demonstrate the strength of feeling of local people in favour of family housing on the Coin Street site. The GLC has been trying to dismiss opposition

to their plans by putting it down to an unrepresentative minority and it is hoped the petition will prove them wrong. Bruce Porter at the Waterloo Action Centre, who is helping to organise the petition, told SE1 that the response is very good. He made a plea for people still holding the petition forms to return them to him soon so that they can count up the names and compile the statistics.

The Blackfriars Photography Project has produced a 20 minute tape/slide show about the Coin Street fight, including background information, interviews with many local residents, and old photographs. The show consists of colour slides linked to a sound track. The Action Group is keen for the show to be seen by as many people as possible. If any group or organisation is interested in arranging a showing they should contact Caro Webb at Blackfriars Settlement, tel 928 9521, or Bruce Porter at Waterloo Action Centre, 261 1404.

A new Coin Street poster has been designed and will soon be on the streets. Keep a look out for it!

## Colombo Cash

It is good news that under the Urban Aid Programme the Colombo Street Sports and Community Centre has been allocated monies to pay two fulltime workers for the Centre for the next five years. This good news was passed on by the Southwark Council to the Management Committee of the Centre, which in the past has been running on a completely voluntary basis. This will give the Centre the chance to open up fulltime, for all kinds of activities.

## Know how to know your rights

A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY 'LOCALS' have pressed the surrounding colleges to provide educational resources that will benefit all those people who rarely, if ever, enter such places.

The response has been to release funds for an Urban Aid Project that will specifically meet the educational needs of this area. The project is initially for five years, though if it is successful it will almost certainly be extended.

But what is community education? It can be the building of Tenants or Residents Associations, it can be a 'Know Your Rights' programme, in fact it is what you consider the needs of your area to be. With unemployment, one-parent families or ethnic minorities, there are a number of possibilities.

The person employed to co-ordinate this project is Peter Chester who knows the area well. Living just across the river, he is already involved in his patch so is obviously familiar with some of the problems this area experiences. He is chairman of his local TA runs a youth club and is vice-chairman of his local community centres. He will not only be regularly involved in writing articles for SE1 but will also work behind the scenes. And he wants to meet you and to know how you want the project to help your area. Contact him via the Waterloo Action Centre, 261 1404.

### IN THE FAMILY

The market stall photo in the May issue was taken by Paul Romm, whose father is one of the few stallholders who open their stalls on Saturday morning. We reckon both father and son should be encouraged!

## Karate Champs

3 Black Belt tutors from Blackfriars Shotokan Karate Centre were in the team that won the Southern Area Karate Championship in April. Ron Scott, Eddie O'Braidy and Roger Ames are the 3 people who helped win the 5 foot trophy at Crystal Palace against about 20 other teams. They went on to enter the National Championship and got through to the Quarter Finals.

Everyone is welcome to join their classes that have been going for 2 years at Colombo St. Sports & Community Centre, off Blackfriars Rd, SE1., on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7-9pm. You can come and watch the classes or, if you want, join the club. It costs £5 a year and 60p each time and kids £3 a year and 30p a class. They are happy to teach anyone experienced or total beginners - so - Come and try it!



Workmates in a local factory. A 20 year old photo by Tom Oakden.

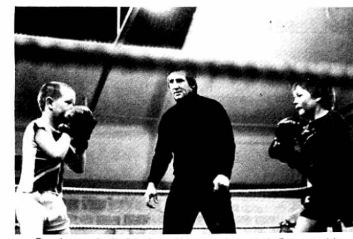
## Using Photography



Modernisation nightmare at St John's Estate, Druid St. This photo by Caro Webb was used by 'SE1' in November 1977.



Karate at Blackfriars Karate Club. Photo by Michael Noonan.



Boxing at Colombo St Sports and Community Centre. Photo by Tracey Heyward.

PHOTOS TAKEN IN THE SE1 AREA are on show during the summer, and everyone is invited to drop in and see them. Blackfriars Photography Project has produced an exhibition called 'Using Photography'. It aims to show the variety of uses to which photographs have been put in this area, bringing together the work of more than 50 local photographers - kids, adults and pensioners - who have worked with the project in recent years.

'Using photography' is on show at Waterloo Action Centre, from June 30th to July 7th and then on July 10th it opens at the Half Moon Photography Gallery in Aldgate (27 Alie St, E1), where it will be shown for three weeks.

You can also catch it at Morley College Gallery, Westminster Bridge Rd between August 3rd and 18th.

The exhibition is designed as a touring show and can be booked either from the Half Moon Photography Workshop (980-8798), or from Blackfriars Photography Project (928-9521).



Old Vic Youth Theatre Group. Photo by Michael Roche.



South Bank Polytechnic Nursery. Print from an exhibition for the campaign to prevent closure of the nursery.

## New name competition

As reported in the last issue of SE1, work has already started on the part demolition and part modernisation of the block of flats known as Edward Henry House between Cornwall Rd. and Aquinas St.

The first meeting of the group of local people who will form the Steering or Development Committee for the new flats was held on Thursday 8th June. At this meeting the decision was made to choose a new name for the flats and to launch a competition in SE1 with a £10 prize to ask people for their suggestions for a new name.

Two suggestions have already been made: One being William Curtis House after the famous 18th century Botanist who built a large garden on the South Bank near the present site of the flats. The other is Prince's Meadows Co-operative again drawn from local history since part of the South Bank have, from the Middle Ages until recently belonged to the Prince of Wales and formed part of the famous Black Prince's agricultural estates.

All suggestions for a name would be welcome and people should send them to Howard Simmons at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14, Baylis Rd. SE1 to arrive by the end of July. The £10 prize winner will be announced after the development committee has chosen the most suitable name.

There has also been some good news in that the Department of the Environment has agreed to have 8 more family flats in the development.

If any local group or individual is interested in finding out more about the modernised flats then they should contact the Action Centre.

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# YOUR

Annual General Meetings are often very boring affairs, but not SE1's AGM held at the end of May. The meeting had been billed as a special occasion to encourage people to come and say what they think of the paper, and the thirty people who came certainly had plenty to say; but the criticism was constructive and everyone agreed that overall SE1 is still one of the best community newspapers in London.

Some of the comments made were:

- the paper has too much about planning issues and not enough social news
- there should be more variety: we need more people to write about things that interest them



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Why don't you come to one of the meetings where we sort out what is going to go in the next issue?

## MEETINGS

Mondays 10th and 17th July at 7.30pm.  
Last day for articles to go into the next issue is Monday 17th July. Stop press news by 21st July.  
Help prepare the paper - great fun typing, thinking up headlines and glueing down stories - weekend of 22nd & 23rd July 11am to, say, 7pm or whenever we finish.  
Next issue out on Fri 28th July.

## Clover Café to close

LAST MONTH WE REPORTED ON the case at Lambeth County Court concerning the attempt by the St Marylebone Property Company to close two shops in Tabard Street. On May 26th the judge gave his decision that Mr Walters, the tobaccoist, should be given a new lease by St Marylebone but that Mr Clover of the Clover Café should not.

Mr Harman of the property company argued that he needed 21-29 Tabard Street completely empty so that he could redevelop the block. He also argued that both shopkeepers had failed to keep their premises in the high state of repair that their leases required. Since being built in 1890 by George Harding and Co, the landlords had changed once until last year when Mr Harman bought the street. Throughout those ninety years no criticism of the care of their shops had ever been made until now.

Mr Clover and Mr Walters have lived and worked in the shops all their lives, taking them on from their parents. Mr Walters still lives above the shop while the accommoda-

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- we could do with a cartoonist  
- the paper gives the impression that SE1 is against everything  
- SE1 should have different points of view in it  
- SE1 should be stronger on political issues  
- it's right that SE1 opposes property developers and takes a left wing line to counter-balance the commercial press which usually supports them and takes a right wing line  
- not enough news about the Waterloo area  
- SE1 should feature individuals more and have articles about estates, firms etc.

There was no vote or policy decision taken at the end of the meeting, just a general

agreement that while SE1 is generally a good paper, it could be improved by having less articles on planning and more about other issues; it should feature people and personalities more, and should not be vague when it could be taking a stand on controversial issues.

We know that this is bound to make more work and the people helping with the paper are already fully stretched. If SE1 is really going to improve, then the people at the meeting (and others) who contributed many useful suggestions must make an effort too.

So let's see those exciting stories, photos, pictures, news and gossip!



DON'T MISS the Cottington Close, Kennington Lane festivities on Saturday 22 July.  
A street theatre, a steel band and many other entertainments will be there to provide fun and raise funds for the Cottington Young People's Association.



The photos show two of those present last year.

## VAGUE PLANS

On the property company's plans to redevelop the block, the judge criticised Mr Harman for not providing detailed plans and for not cooperating with Southwark Council when they asked for details. Mr Harman had drawn up two very vague proposals which could allow a wide range of possible developments to take place.

The judge accepted the evidence given by a planner from Southwark Council and from Bob Colenutt from the North South-

work Community Development Project that the Council would be unlikely to give planning permission for showrooms and offices in Tabard Street at the expense of small shops. He thought that with the number of offices empty in the immediate area and with the local employment problems that the property company's plans were unlikely to succeed. He therefore did not agree that Mr Harman should have vacant possession of the two properties on this ground.

The result of the case means that Mr Clover will have to close his shop when the property company requires him to. Mr Walters, while he won in court, now faces a new lease with a vastly increased rent. No-one seems to have gained much from the case - Mr Clover has lost his livelihood, Mr Walters has to somehow find the money for the new rent.

The property company does not have vacant possession but has winkled one tenant out and gets costs and the value of restoring the café property. If Mr Walters can't pay the new rent, the property company may get the tobaccoist shop as well. Mr Harman, the speculator, is smiling.

## How the cuts cut: violins play on as swimming pools stay shut

MANY SE1 RESIDENTS WILL NOW be aware that the open air pool in Mary Harnsworth Park was closed during the sweltering half term holiday.

This has rightly angered them and Tilly Jackson of Lant House has protested to her local councillors.

The decision to reduce the opening time of the open air pools from 19 weeks to 13 weeks was taken in December 1976 when Southwark Council was trying to save money. Other choices considered at the time were to close the indoor pools during term time and to stop Sunday swimming. SE1 residents would be right to wonder why not do away with swimming pools altogether if these are the sorts of decisions the Council is considering.

## who benefits?

The savings that had to be made, however, amounted to less than £10,000, yet on 20th June this year the same committee voted to support a grant of £50,000 for the orchestra rehearsal rooms in Trinity Church Square which are of questionable benefit to Southwark residents to say the least.

It is likely, given the style of management in Southwark, that the half term dates were not even considered when looking at the times of opening. It is surely a matter that needs to be looked into before next year.

## Southwark's silly seasons

ANOTHER EXAMPLE of the appalling management in Southwark is illustrated by the Parks Department. When asked why the Council delayed cutting the grass so long in the year, by which time it was very long and untidy, the reply from Southwark was, "We don't cut grass in Southwark until the beginning of the FINANCIAL YEAR!" God help us from corporate management.

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## Strollers on Victory Trail

REGULAR READERS OF SE1 WILL KNOW that for the last two years a team of local residents and workers from the area has been battling to establish itself in the cricket world. Names like Bowman, Williams, Sheldon, Robinson, Colenutt, Schwarz and Forsythe may not yet be household names and they may never be, but most Sundays during the summer will see the Southwark Strollers doing battle with the growing number of teams springing up in Central London.

After a damp start to the season, which led to the cancellation of the first three fixtures, the Strollers have continued on the winning streak started at the tail end of the 1977 season despite several team changes. A warm-up match against the South London Press in Brockwell Park produced a convincing win for the Strollers, whose final score was kept to 93 chiefly by the SLP's bowling which was about as wide off the mark as its reporting. However the SLP's reply of 44 all did not reflect the potential of their rising opener Frank Simmons, but did show the further decline of their former star bat Richard Woolveridge. Notable amongst the Strollers was their new find, fast bowler Chris Forsythe, poached from Gartons Gloucestershire 11 in the closed season.

## dregs of humanity

The second match of the season was away to the Dregs of Humanity, a team from Hampstead. Two glorious weeks of sunshine prior to the match held out hopes for a fine batting wicket, but a thunderstorm shortly before the match which periodically returned during the afternoon kept scores low. Also,

just prior to the match the Strollers received a blow, or rather team manager/provoker Ted Bowman did, to his thumb, which was fractured and has laid him off for the rest of the season. The Strollers were put into bat first and were soon in trouble with the opening pair lost cheaply. However a stable innings from Colin Roberts and Danny Ansell of 16 apiece led to a final score of 69. The Dregs started well and were in double figures after two overs. However the latest report from the local hospital on the team manager's condition revived the Strollers' spirits and Colin Roberts came on for a magic spell of bowling ending with figures of 6 for 5 runs and the Dregs ending with 47 all out.

## dual loyalty

The latest match of the Strollers against the Southwark Law Project was the closest to date. Held on their home pitch at Belair in Dulwich the team-sheets could prove a little confusing to followers of the Strollers. As several regular Strollers work for the Law Project they found themselves playing against their former team. This drain of talent led to the Strollers scouts hunting all over North Southwark for new players to fill the gap brought about by this dual loyalty. Once again the Strollers fielded a strong side helped at the last moment by the sudden return to London of last seasons top wicket taker; slow bowler Geoff Williams.

However once again it was the Strollers turn to bat under a scorching sun against a backdrop of supporters from both teams who, it has to be said,

turned out in number but not just for the cricket. Also guesting for the Strollers was Richard Woolveridge of the South London Press who had just returned from an all night party. Best use was made of his talent before weariness finally set in and he made an opening 25 which put the Strollers on the path to victory and a score of 93.

The Law Project were in trouble from the start, making a tactical error by sending in their defensive lawyers to bat first. Their lengthy probing of the Strollers bowlers Williams and Forsythe led to the run rate slumping, giving the solicitors in the middle order a hopeless task. A muddle over standing orders led to two of their batsmen being run out and charges of incompetence looked imminent for the Law team.

## odd balls

However Geoff Prosser, found on a recent tour of North Yorkshire, put the Strollers on the alert again with a fighting innings of 19. Suddenly the Law Project only needed 13 runs for victory off the last over, and it was George Nicholson's turn to bowl. George has not captured his bowling form of last year and on the performance in the last over will not be given the opportunity.

The first three balls were wides leaving only ten to get off six balls. Had George been nobbled by the other side? As if in answer to these doubts and in response to a few stern words from Captain Sheldon, a wicket was taken and 3 balls later the match was over with a victory for the Strollers by 8 runs.

Next match against Friern Barnet Hospital. Anyone interested?



## ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

Historically the Elephant was usually represented with a castle on his back and frequently appears so in heraldry. The Cutler's Company, over 500 years old, use the Elephant & Castle for their crest, possibly because of the association of ivory with knife handles. This is also the crest of the Corbet family. The old and famous Elephant & Castle at Newington Butts in London is said to have been found in celebration of the discovery of the skeleton of an elephant in a gravel pit in the neighbourhood in 1714.

WHAT IS REDUNDANCY? It is when you lose your job because your firm moves, closes down, or doesn't have enough work to need you. When faced with redundancy, or with any problem at work, you're in a much stronger position if you are a member of a trade union. Sometimes employers use redundancy as an excuse to get rid of workers. If you suspect that you haven't really been made redundant, seek advice - you may be able to claim compensation for unfair dismissal.

Compensation for redundancy: You can claim compensation for being redundant if:

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- your employer doesn't offer a reasonable alternative job

## "Reasonable alternative"?

What is a reasonable alternative job? Will the new job cause you difficulty because of different hours, pay, place of work? Would you have to move or travel long distances? Is the kind of work new to you and do you feel uncomfortable taking it on? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, it may be unreasonable to expect you to take it. It's best to get advice from your union before you turn down a job, because if the offer is considered reasonable, you can lose your right to compensation if you don't accept it. You can have a trial period in the new job if you wish. If it does not work out you keep your right to compensation.

Notice of redundancy: You and your union must be given notice of redundancy. If your firm is cutting back on staff, a fair method of selection must be used. Often it is on the basis of 'last in, first out'. If you think you have been unfairly selected you may have a case for unfair dismissal.

Time off to look for new work if you are made redundant: If you've been in the job for at least 2 years, you must be given a 'reasonable' amount of paid time off to look for a new job or, go on a retraining course, or make arrangements to join a course.

It isn't possible to cover all aspects of redundancy in such a short space. Seek advice if you have any doubts about your situation. If you are not a trade union member and are not sure which union to join, an advice centre could help you, or you could contact the Trades Union Congress at Great Russell St., WC1. Tel: 636 4030

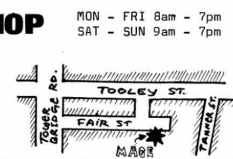


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# Tenants in Waterloo protest

Tanswell eyesore of litter, blocked drains and commuters' cars

OVER 80 TENANTS OF THE TANSWELL ESTATE in Waterloo met with the Chairman of the GLC Housing Committee and other GLC members and officials at the Waterloo Action Centre on May 23rd.

Mr Tremlett, Chairman of the Housing Committee, watched a tape/slide show made by members of the Tanswell Action Group. Slides showed dirt and rubbish littering the communal areas, blocked drains, leaking gutters, and repairs which have been left for months. Tenants who were interviewed complained of overcrowding, commuters' cars being parked on the estate during the week, and the general neglect. The Tanswell Action Group also expressed their concern that the package improvements which the GLC plan for the estate will not tackle the fundamental problems experienced. The tenants feel that the estate needs full modernisation in which the flats may be brought up to present day standards. An architect who has been helping tenants, presented plans to Mr Tremlett which would decrease densities on the estate and would provide gardens for family units. The plans also provide for larger rooms and



storage space in all the flats.

Mr Tremlett could not ignore the strength of feeling expressed by tenants of the Tanswell Estate and promised to meet with the Action Group Committee next month. The Group is currently organising a survey involving all tenants to decide on firm proposals to put to the GLC. An exhibition is also being mounted by the Action Group demonstrating the GLC's proposals for the estate and the tenants' alternative plans. This exhibition will be on view in the tenant's flat from the end of June.

Angry tenants from Tanswell Estate on Baylis Road confront George Tremlett and other officials from the GLC.

## Unfriendly offices

THE COMPLETE ENCLOSURE OF THE PEABODY SOUTHWARK STREET ESTATE will be the result of a decision by Southwark Council to approve a new office development by United Friendly.

Peabody Residents have the final indignity of knowing that the go-ahead for the offices was proposed by a Tory and supported by the Labour members on the Planning Applications sub-committee with the exception of local councillor Nicholson and chairman of the committee Potter.

After all the debate about the Mecca development which Southwark opposed, it seemed a clear cut case for refusal. The new development by United Friendly in Southwark Bridge Rd

is for 40,000 sq ft of new office extension. It will have a much worse effect on the estate than the Mecca development though several members on the committee managed to convince themselves that this was not the case.

Councillor Potter's suggestion, supported by Cllr Nicholson, to defer the decision on the development so that further negotiations be held with United Friendly was rejected in favour of Tory Councillor Spielberg's move that the development be allowed.

Residents can draw their own conclusions about what that says about the Labour Councillors in Southwark.



## Scovell Estate organises

SE1 WELCOMES THE FORMATION RECENTLY of the new Scovell Estate Residents Association. At an inaugural meeting on 13th June it was agreed by residents to set up the Association and a committee was elected.

It's good to see new housing in North Southwark and the residents settling into the area. So far the prospects for the new estate look good and it has already received publicity in the national press as being a new development along the right lines - "a village within a city" as the Guardian newspaper called it.

It will be interesting to see how this new Estate settles down and SE1 hopes that the new Residents Association will keep us informed of news and views from their estate.

## Mr SE1

SIMON MICHAELS AT THE ST SAVIOURS SCHOOL REDCROSS WAY, FUND RAISING FETE LAST MONTH

## RUBBISH

If you have any old furniture or rubbish to get rid of there will be skips provided by Lambeth Council at Hercules Road in July and Coin Street in August.

## Matters Arising...

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR THE troublesome Bermondsey Antique Market are being considered. They are St Saviours Dock off Jamaica Road, Hays Wharf, and somewhere on the east side of Tower Bridge Road - surely not on the corner of Abbey Street!

COURAGES AND CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) continue their battle of denials and counter allegations in "What's Brewing", the CAMRA paper. Recent threats of closure of Courage operations in Southwark have been denied, but CAMRA are sticking to their ground claiming that they have a confidential report. Courages are investing in new plant at the Horseleydown Brewery but what of the Park Street bottling plant?

ARCADIA BUILDINGS SITE, TABARD Street: The developers of the now cleared site started off with a permission for 10,000 sq ft of offices in 1976, then they got an increase to 15,000 sq ft. Now they have applied for 19,500 sq ft. Southwark are being taken for a ride and the site remains vacant.

REMEMBER 1973: SE1 readers may have recently seen news about the 272 ft Overlord Tapestry unveiled by the Queen Mother at Whitbread's Headquarters in the City. The Tapestry was originally to be housed in an extension to the Imperial War Museum which would have taken over a large part of Bedlam Park. Thanks to a united effort by local people, that plan was squashed. The victory marked the beginning of the fight by the community to improve the area for the people who live here.

### CAMPBELL BUILDINGS

MORE FLATS ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN EMPTY following a decision by Lambeth Council not to re-let any flats with a life of less than 12 months. Flats which are not due to be demolished until 1980/81 and 1981/82 will only be available to tenants who want to transfer from blocks being demolished next year.

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