

## G.L.C. Election Challenge

'SE1' could be represented by a new candidate at next years' GLC election. For the first time in many years Reg Goodwin, the sitting Councillor for Southwark-Bermondsey, will have to face a selection conference, and there is a real chance that his opponent, Southwark Councillor George Nicholson, may be selected in his place.

To many people the GLC is an unknown body and its powers and activity are largely overlooked. Yet Housing, Education, Transport, Leisure, Planning, and Employment are all things that vitally affect all our lives.

How is it, then, that we pay so little attention to the activity of this vast organisation housed in the grand buildings of County Hall next to Westminster Bridge.

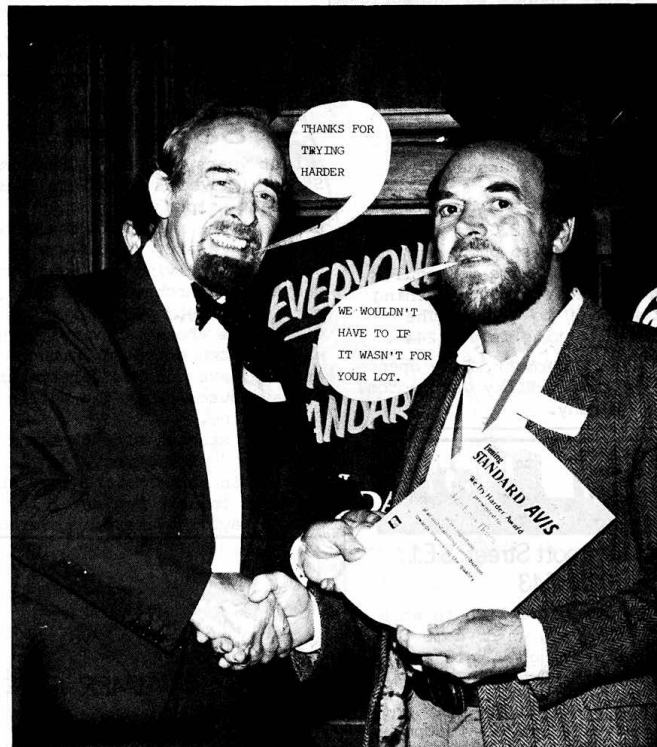
In large part the fault can be put at Reg Goodwin's feet. He lives outside the constituency in Sussex, reports only once a month to his local constituency party, and is hardly ever seen by local tenants associations or other local groups. Yet, up until the time of the transfer of GLC estates to Southwark Council, he was the representative for huge estates such as the Rockingham, Tabard, Dickens, Lawson, Dodson and Webber Row.

Regarded by many as a gentleman of politics, he never the less remains a remote figure to his local constituency, local people, and his colleagues at County Hall.

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## ernie tries harder!

- OFFICIAL GLC VERDICT



Waterloo resident John Hearn's tireless - and effective - efforts in organising campaigns for the improvement of the Waterloo area and its facilities have been honoured with the first of a series of Evening Standard/Avis 'We Try Harder' prizes for such community activity.

For nearly ten years Ernie, as he is known to many, has been putting his spare time into campaigns for better shops, better housing, better services better use of the land and buildings in the area - and for a stronger, healthier community in general.

The award was presented to him at County Hall by Tory Dictator of the Greater London Council, Horace 'Horrid' Cutler. The occasion must have stuck in Horrid's throat at bit: he and his fellow Tories have spent years trying to stop everything John Hearn and the rest of the Waterloo community stand for.

Still, he'll do anything for a bit of publicity, so he went ahead anyway. In fact, while 'Ernie' looks pretty dubious about shaking the Horrid hand, Cutler grins as usual.

Horrid told the audience that County Hall is your building, and we are always pleased to help you in your efforts! Ernie naturally took him at his word, and immediately began listing projects in which the G.L.C. could be a lot more helpful. Like the Baylis Road/Waterloo Road proposed park.

Residents passing the junction of Harper Road and the New Kent Road recently will have noticed the arrival of the strange new 'TIN' shop. SE1 went down to TIN and discovered that whatever else they get up to down there, TIN certainly has nothing to do with baked beans.

SE1 invites readers to send in their own suggestions of what Horrid and Ernie are saying to each other: 1st Prize - a bottle of white wine and a roll of red tape. Entries to 12 Maymott Street, SE1 by August. 28th, 1980.

## WELCOME FOR TEENAGERS

T.I.N. which stands for Teenage Information Network is an excellent place where people can go and have a good chat about your future education. The office is just off the New Kent Rd. on Harper Rd. The office is a smart, neat looking place with fitted carpets and a number of rooms where you can have a private conversation with one of the three helpers. TIN has the latest news on jobs from the Capital Job-line.

We asked a number of teenagers who use the 'TIN' shop what it's all about:

"It's a library for teenagers

on jobs and general information" says Gary who has left school and is waiting to take up a job as apprentice shop fitter with Barratts in Vauxhall. "I don't start work till July 7th. It's having to wait until I go to work and this is a good place to come and just talk. I also feel that if I didn't have a job to go to I would come here to try and get some help in getting a job because the careers office is impersonal. Here at TIN the workers are very friendly and they make you feel very welcome. You can also help with what's going on in TIN."

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### T.I.N.

TEENAGE INFORMATION NETWORK  
102 HARPER ROAD. TEL 403-2444



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Michael who is fourteen years old and attends Paragon school says: "It's a good place to come in the evenings after school and just talk. The people who work here are OK and they really are generous. They give you fags if you want one but they really don't want you to smoke because they've got lots of posters and things hanging up telling you about the dangers of smoking and all different sorts of things."

"TIN is a meeting place for kids" says Winston who also attends Paragon school just off the New Kent Road. "At TIN kids can meet when they are bored or have family problems and just talk about anything you want to talk about."

AT TIN the full time staff are Eric Barney, Ann Hughes and Amanda Bennett. They are helped by Karen George, 'Big' Jim Cross, Sarah Jones and Shan Rees.

Gloria, a twenty year old living on the Rockingham Estate has this to say about TIN:

"The reason why I come into TIN is because I find it very helpful for young people around the Rockingham. I think it helps, keep the kids out of trouble because there are things, the kids can do in the daytime at TIN. You can talk about jobs and what future there might be in a particular job. I find that Ann is very helpful. Ann is one of the workers. Young people who might have problems of any sort can come in and talk over a cup of coffee and try to sort their problems out in a friendly atmosphere. I think young people enjoy coming to TIN. I do. Sometimes I come in to see Sarah who does silk screen printing."

Sarah has been working in TIN for about four weeks now and obviously enjoys working with the kids that come into TIN. She helps the kids to make posters and shows them how to print on 'T' shirts. It's surprising really. There are so many things going on and it's all very interesting."

TIN is open every day Monday to Friday. There are specific times for opening but things are pretty flexible. If any-

body is in the building outside opening hours - and there usually is - then just ring the bell. You may have a problem or you might just want to talk about your future.

Right now, the young people that are coming into TIN are drawing up pictures and posters of motorbikes. We are holding what we call 'The Week of the Bike'. There will be a poster competition and a prize to be won. Also coming will be a motor cycle cop on a new BMW bike and a speedway rider.

There will also be different bikes on show and relics from the past. This exhibition starts on Saturday 5th July from 11am to 2pm. It will continue through til Friday 11th. During the exhibition there will be a show from the smallest theatre in the world on the Wednesday afternoon at about 3.30. Why don't you come along and see what it's all about for yourself?

TIN's opening times are: Mondays and Wednesdays - 3.00 - 5.00

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 7.30 - 9.30

Fridays - 12.00 - 2.00

You can also phone any time, but the best time for adult enquiries is in the morning from 10.00 to 12.00. The number to ring is 403 2444.

by Mark McDermott, Gary Spencer, Dilek Osman, Ricky Carrington, John Murphy.



12 Meymott Street, S.E.1  
tel: 928 1643

If you would like to help with SEL ring us or come to one of the meetings - held at 12 Meymott Street, SEL.

MEETINGS: Monday 14 July and Thursday 24 July at 7.30pm

DEADLINE: Thursday 24 July

PASTE-UP: 26 and 27 July

PUBLICATION: 1 August

We also want to hear your news and views so send your letters to the above address.

## NEWSAGENT OF THE MONTH

Mr Mehta has been running the newsagents at 11 Snowfields for 8 years and has been selling SEL since it first appeared in 1975. He also owns the shop next door (No. 10) which sells household goods and groceries. The newsagent is open from 6.30 am to 7.30pm, Monday to Saturday, and on Sunday morning till 2pm.



On Monday 23rd June, the Pensioners Club from Waterloo Action Centre went on a day trip to Boulogne. The picture shows them waiting for the coach. Although the sea was a bit rough, and a few were sick, everybody enjoyed themselves.

## Diggin' it in Southwark St.

Last year's fire at 17 Southwark Street (Calvert's Buildings) has at least helped one group of people. The fire made the office building unsafe, and it was demolished, giving the Southwark and Lambeth Archaeological Project its first opportunity to dig in the area. Previous work has been concentrated on the 'ribbon developments' of timber & clay houses along the Watling Street line.

Having started site clearance at the end of February, and digging in early March, they are now down to late Medieval layers. On the way, they have uncovered

an 18th Century pipe kiln, and various other odd items. Although they have not reached actual Roman layers, various walls have been uncovered made from Roman materials, which are called 'robber trenches', the stone and odd pottery pieces in them having been taken from old Roman structures.

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**FUN & GAMES**

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?  
YOU COULD HELP SELL RAFFLE TICKETS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FESTIVAL - EITHER OUTSIDE THE WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE AT LUNCHTIMES OR IN YOUR LOCAL PUB

HELP ON THE DAY. WE NEED LOTS OF WILLING HELPERS ON THE DAY ITSELF - IT'S GREAT FUN SO COME ALONG AND HELP MAKE THE FESTIVAL A REAL SUCCESS -

CONTACT JENNI AT THE WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP.

**\* PROCESSION \***

THE FESTIVAL KICKS OFF AT 12.30 WITH A PROCESSION THROUGH THE STREETS OF WATERLOO - FLOATS, MUSIC, CLOWNS, JUGGLERS ETC. WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE.



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# EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

WE HOPE THAT EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENTS WILL APPEAR AS A REGULAR FEATURE. IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE REALLY, BECAUSE EDUCATION IS SO MUCH PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE. EACH TIME ONE OF THESE SUPPLEMENTS APPEARS WE SHALL TRY TO GIVE YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GOING ON IN OUR AREA. THE ONES INCLUDED ARE NOT IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, BUT IT MUST BEGIN SOMEWHERE. WE HOPE YOU FIND THIS USEFUL.



## WOMEN AND EDUCATION

I am a Community Education worker relating specifically to women. Though I am paid through Adult Education I work for Charterhouse-in-Southwark in the SE1 area.

I am responsible for 7 women's groups as well as a Toy Library, a Save the Children Playgroup and three cheques which are all run weekly/daily on the Charterhouse premises.

Five of the women's groups are held as classes: there is a keep-fit class, a swimming class for mothers and toddlers, a drama class, a traditional Indian singing and dancing class for both women and their children and an Asian cookery class. The classes have both developed from one original women's group and my work in the community.

All the classes are funded by the Community Education Programme at Morley College except the singing and dancing class which receives its funds from the Southwark Youth Office. The original and only women's group which was established approximately 3 years ago was organised by a health visitor from Guys Hospital. At that time the programme was very health and welfare oriented. Since my coming to this post I have attempted to broaden the brief with

such activities as video sessions which are also provided by the Community Education Project. Here is an example of a term's programme: four weekly video sessions, a showing of the Coin Street tape/slide show and the Ken Loach film 'Family Life'. A session on Welfare Rights, a session on Education and two sessions on Aspects of Mental health together with a couple of open sessions and an end of term outing. Each session last two hours each week and involve much discussion on the topics chosen. The women themselves help work out the programme during the previous term's open meetings. And the health visitor from Guy's Hospital is still actively involved. There is one other women's group which was set up from the original group purely to enable the women to discuss personal issues and not to be confined to a regular programme. This group meets once a week.

## dancing

The Asian women's group/class was established as a result of my work in meeting numbers of Asian women who were quite isolated and eager to meet with other women. When the group first met they decided they would like the opportunity to learn cooking and traditional singing and dancing for their children as well as themselves.

## cookery

I was able to find an Asian cooking tutor through Mrs Khan of Bethnal Green Institute. She is also paid through Morley College. The tutor, Farida Qureshi is fluent in all Asian languages and a great asset to the group.

The singing and dancing class is also run by an Asian tutor, Monju Hafiz who is working on a concert for July.

All these groups/classes have now established themselves and have a firm identity. The major problem I first encountered concerned the children. There was no provision for them to enable the mothers to concentrate on the sessions provided. Thus the children always dominated the sessions and the mothers had little opportunity to relax and listen or discuss without constant interruption from their children.

## crèche

We have now overcome this problem in three of the weekly sessions as we have secured crèche facilities in a separate building nearby with three capable workers. The problem however still exists for the other two classes and it is hoped to gain further crèche sessions next year.

Obviously a lot has happened in the past 9 months and there is much scope for the groups to develop. Most importantly, the next time we are asked to make a contribution to the Educational Supplement, it will be local people who will write it.

Helen Nicholas

## FreshStart?

On a part-time basis (day or evening) for anyone who feels ready for a change, and would like to be involved in some sort of work or activity which is more satisfying than their present situation.

The course programme introduces subjects such as: understanding society, understanding people and understanding social and community work so that day-to-day issues affecting personal as well as social and community life can be understood more clearly. At the same time, this programme represents a suitable preparation for full-time study for anyone wanting to obtain a social science qualification, but have had little or no study experience since leaving school.

A personal counselling/tuition service is available to all Fresh Start students to help improve study techniques and identify career opportunities.

Fees not only depend on the total number of subjects taken but also according to individual circumstances. The fee could be as little as £1.50 but no more than £19.50.

If you would like to discuss the Fresh Start programme further, please write or telephone (or drop in for a chat), asking for: Sue Lawrence, Roger Foggitt, Peter Chester, Keib Thomas or Judy Craven, Social and Community Studies, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1. tel: 928-8501.

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## Language prison break-out

Imagine you live on a housing estate somewhere in Peking. All the road signs, shop windows, advertisements, etc. are covered in a script which is radically different to English. Perhaps your children attend school. They pick up Chinese very quickly. And your husband works in some factory or office where he meets many Chinese. He daily negotiates in a Chinese world; his workmates, newspapers, radio - everything he relates to helps him learn Chinese. But you are left behind.

You know words for shopping - perhaps you have a vocabulary of about 40 words but the rest is a mystified jumble of signs and sounds. Unable to participate in the local community, you turn inwards, relying on your other English friends for fun and comfort.

You are locked in a vicious circle: because you can't speak Chinese, you don't speak to your neighbours; because your neighbours know you can't speak Chinese, they don't attempt to speak to you.

That is roughly how life is for many Asian women in Britain. I think much can be done to break out of that vicious circle.

Obviously, English classes are a first step. I teach four mornings a week at the Rockingham Estate Community Centre. But it takes more than four classes a week to cut through the problem.

Firstly, learning a language from a text-book is very limiting. However

interesting the exercises, the women must learn from dead, dull words listed on the blackboard or in an artificial setting. Secondly, focussing on what are called 'Access Skills' - to equip Asian settlers with the ability to cope with British bureaucracy like schools, hospitals, social services simply gives the student a slightly larger vicious circle. Now she can talk to her child's teacher a little, perhaps cope with the ante natal clinic.

Even if the little learning she takes from the classroom gives her more confidence to speak to her neighbours, whether she does or not depends on

other factors. The prejudices and hostilities which are sown by divided and separated cultures often inhibits indigenous population and Asians alike from taking an initiative.

We are lucky at the Rockingham Estate because there is a Tenants Association firmly committed to fostering good race relations on the estate. Both myself and residents have formed an English Teaching Group which seeks to plan various activities. Our first event was a show performed by the English Teaching Theatre (who generously waived their fee) and was immensely enjoyed by all. The show was followed by a social which gave residents the chance to meet new people and chat (sometimes very slowly and carefully).

As far as possible, we want the Group to organise activities which can be enjoyed by all residents. We do not think we are missionaries and we don't believe in separate development!

To conclude, I do not believe that teaching English can be approached as just another educational activity. If your daily existence is affected by your inability to communicate your feelings, needs and rights, then your freedom and enjoyment of life is limited. Formal teaching has to be seen as a small contribution towards the larger task of promoting language learning in the context of community living. The more successful the latter, the less necessary the former.

## Breaking up is hard to do...

Television and newspapers have spoken about Government Enquiry presently being conducted into the future organisation of education in London. What does this mean to us? At the moment, education in Central London is administered by one organisation - the Inner London Education Authority. The proposal now being investigated by the Government Enquiry is that education in London should be transferred from ILEA and become the responsibility of the local boroughs like Lambeth and Southwark, who would then become Educational Authorities in their own right. All evidence seems to suggest that Local Authorities like Lambeth and Southwark would be hard pressed to provide an adequate service for all its children. The primary and secondary schools of Inner London are supported by a whole range of additional services - for children who are physically and/or mentally handicapped or are blind, deaf or emotionally disturbed. In addition to these special areas, ILEA provide polytechnics, adult education, as well as colleges of Further Education for youngsters who have left school. These provisions could certainly not be offered from single boroughs. But another point we as Ratepayers should consider is the silly duplication of officials and bureaucracy that each borough would have to provide. We have laid out the facts below, and would ask you to make up your own minds.

### WHAT ILEA DOES

**ILEA Runs Our Schools:** Schools throughout Inner London are run by ILEA. So are most other education services - nursery classes, adult education, colleges and polytechnics.

**ILEA Provides a Unified Service:** Education in Inner London has been run as a unified service since 1870. That means all Inner Londoners can use all the services.

**ILEA Pools the Costs:** Inner London has some very poor areas as well as parts which are very wealthy. ILEA uses the huge rates from offices, shops and businesses in the City and Westminster to help pay for education throughout Inner London. This pooling of money helps provide better education for ALL our children.

### BREAKING UP ILEA WOULD LEAD TO:

**Fewer Services:** Borough Councils simply would not be able to afford many services provided by ILEA - for example, smaller classes and nursery schools would be at risk.

**Increased Costs:** If each local Council had to set up its own Education Department overhead costs of staff would go up. Sir Frank Marshall estimates a 50 per cent increase for London as a whole. Pooling money across Inner London would be lost. Most boroughs would pay more for a poorer service.

**Disrupting the Schools:** Standards in ILEA schools are rising steadily now that the acute shortage of teachers has been overcome. But the schools need stability. The continual uncertainty about ILEA's future is damaging staff morale. Disruption of ILEA would damage education.

**Creating Weak Authorities:** Local Borough Councils have no experience of running education. Most of them do not want to take over responsibility. They are too small to be effective education authorities, and have too few children to be able to provide full educational services.

# 6 CONFESSIONS of a MILKMAN

For years, our 'SE1' reporter didn't really know his milkman. Anyway, from time to time he'd get fed up with late and erratic deliveries and changed to a different dairy. But over the last few years he couldn't help noticing how the milk always came on time; frequent notes asking for no pints or more pints were always faithfully acted upon (so long as he was a good payer when the time came). Who was behind all this efficiency and good service?

Our reporter found George in the depths of Croydon and went down with a tape recorder and microphone to find out.

George has been a milkman for 15 years and has served all over London, but has never been off his Waterloo run for long and has been on it full-time for the last four years:

"I get up at the same time every morning - I might be a bit of a bore, but that's just the way I do it. Quarter to four I get up in the morning. I go to bed about eleven p.m., and sometimes I have about an hour's sleep in the afternoon. You can't give your life to sleep, can you?"



## churns

After loading up at the depot in Webber Street, George starts his round at a quarter to six, taking in Ufford St., Mitre Rd., Cornwall Rd. and its side streets, Stamford St., Upper Ground, and Blackfriars Rd. and its side-turnings. He delivers 10-gallon churns to local firms as well as doing hundreds of houses and flats:

"I've got about 400 customers on my round - a really good cross-section in those streets. I would say about a quarter of them were inter-related - mums, daughters, grand daughters, which is unusual nowadays because they've usually moved miles away. Mitre Road, Pakeman House and Peabody Buildings are like that especially. Then I see actors and actresses round at the National Theatre and London Weekend - just from a distance, you know. And I think I could honestly say I could tell you exactly how much milk each one had and how much any one owed, without looking at

the book. You've got to have a good memory."

George told 'SE1' that he worked on a commission basis and there was open competition between him and other roundmen, from Unigate and the Co-op, on his run:

"Years ago you used to have little areas. For example, if I served in Roupell Street there was no way the Unigate man could step into Roupell Street. You had your own little areas and that was it; you weren't cross over, otherwise you'd have the phone going the next day: 'You're stepping on my territory'. But that's all gone now. It's all cut-throat now. You just get in where you can boy, you know?"

## humour

How did George build up such a good round? "Good service and punctuality." It's also undoubtedly good humour that wins George customers. When asked if people's scrawled notes in bottles didn't get him down sometimes he said:

"They're a certain breed. You get kids coming in nowadays who are just not cut out for it. I don't know if it's the early mornings or the Saturdays, or they can't do their books".

Who are the sort that stick it?

"Well, madmen usually".

Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays are longer days. His young son Robert comes on the Saturday round. George says he's not an apprentice milkman - "He's too intelligent to be a milkman" - and it's really just a break from working for 10 levels. George's daughter used to ride on the Saturday float, but she's a secretary now.

## falling off

In his time, George has had the back wheels of his float fall off at a busy roundabout in the rush hour, and rescued a sleeping family from a house on fire. ("Never a word of thanks; unbelievable wasn't it?"). If he'd been on a different round, just over the river in Downing Street, he would undoubtedly have got a mention in the Birthday Honours list this year. Does he want a change? "No. I like this round. Know the people, like the area."

Next morning, George told 'SE1' that he hadn't told us half of what he could. He called this interview 'Confessions of a Milkman - Part I'. 'SE1' will shortly be attempting to negotiate the rights to Part Two.

## NELSON'S COLUMN



"MARKET LIFE"

by William Bebbington

## smashing

Do you get many people changing the order all the time? : "Yes, you get the same old warriors! I honestly wish I'd saved some of the notes, like 'No milk today Cheeky'. It's better than putting 'No milk today full stop!'. One of the most irritating things is notes stuck right down inside the bottle. You have to get a pencil. There's an art to it. Of course, the bottle inside is wet, so the note is stuck to the glass. You have to use a pencil and slip it up with the end - or smash the bottle. And you can't go round at six or seven in the morning smashing bottles!"

Apart from patience, punctuality and good humour, what does it take to be a good milkman?

I found this book very worthy of the History of Life of a Market (East Lane) Trader. It is well written and illustrations are the thing that struck me. In it was East Lane which opened in 1274 and East Street Market, which has been there since the 17th Century.

Well worth reading! Available from The Bookplace 13 Peckham High St.

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Reg Goodwin was, until recently, the leader of the opposition at County Hall, and when he stood down in March many thought it was the first step for him to step down from office. Now aged 72, and having been in the front line for many years (some would argue too many years) why has he decided to soldier on?

In part, this may be to do with pride, but there is more than a hint of suspicion that, following changes in the local Labour Party, both Reg Goodwin and Bob Mellish have decided to ride out the winds of change blowing through the Constituency until the forces of the Establishment can be re-established.

However, if criticism can be levelled at Reg Goodwin for his record, what of his opponent, George Nicholson? As a worker for the North Southwark Community Development Group for 5 years, up until the time the grant was cut off by Southwark Council, he has a wide knowledge of local issues.

He lives locally, maintains his links with NSCDG as chairman of the Rockingham Estate Play Association. Through the machinery of the Labour Party, he and other local activists have managed to get an important statement on the re-development of North Southwark in the GLC manifesto. This statement is a commitment to control the development of offices, hotels, and tourist facilities that have ravaged the area and which SE1 has also stood up against.

As a local councillor for Cathedral Ward, George has run up against the ruling establishment over issues such as the Town Hall, cuts in services and the local plan. In doing so, he was voicing a widely held local view, and his record points to a preparedness to stand up and be counted when the chips are down.

## Riverside Entertainment

Theatre, music and dance is being staged on the river terraces of the National Theatre for free, up until September 7th. Every day there is the giant walkthrough inflatable: Colourspace '80 as well, but this costs 25p for kids, 50p adults. Some of the free events are:

**MUSIC**  
Lambeth Orchestra Strolling Players: Young Lambeth Musicians, July 7th, 6.30pm  
The Albion Band: folk music and Morris Dancers, July 19, 26, August 2nd, 1.45 and 6.30pm  
Morris Men: July 28, 29, 30, 31, August 25th, all at 6.30pm.

## PERFORMANCES

Major Mustard's Travelling Show: Music, dance, shadow theatre and Punch and Judy. August 5, 6, 7 6.15 to 7.30pm  
William Tell: a street theatre show of summer luxury, by the excellent Covent Garden Community Theatre, August 14 & 15, 6.15pm

This is just a small selection: get a leaflet from the library or National Theatre.



It is usually assumed that what the police do must be within the law - but how can you be sure? Keeping in mind the answers to the following questions could help you exercise your rights in dealings with the police

## CAN THE POLICE STOP AND QUESTION YOU IN THE STREET?

No-one has the unlimited right to stop you or to make you answer questions. The police can ask you whatever they want but, for the most part, you do not have to answer.

You only have to give your name and address if:

- 1). You are driving a motor vehicle;
- 2). You are suspected of creating a disturbance at a public meeting;
- 3). You are suspected of possessing illegal drugs;
- 4). You possess a firearm or offensive weapon;
- 5). You fail to produce a ticket or pay a fare on a train.

Failing to give this information could lead to your arrest.

## CAN THE POLICE QUESTION YOU AT WORK OR AT SCHOOL?

If the police ask to see you at work you should contact your Union Representative and refuse, if you wish, to be questioned in front of your employer.

They can only question you at school if there is no alternative (e.g. home) and then only with the head teacher's permission and in his/her presence

## CAN THE POLICE SEARCH YOU?

Only under special circumstances - if they have 'reasonable grounds' for thinking that you have got:

- 1). Drugs;
- 2). Articles related to terrorism;
- 3). Stolen goods.

If they ask to search you, you ask what they are looking for, and if you are being arrested. If they give no reasonable grounds, you can refuse to be searched but may be arrested anyway. If you are in the street you can ask to be searched in the 'privacy' of a police station, but are free to leave at any time. If anyone else is with you make sure that they stay as a witness.

## Community Enterprise Training Programme

A course is available for people who wish to acquire skills in running co-ops, community based employment projects, workshops, etc. The course's content will cover business skills, ways of working collectively etc.

The course is made up of 20 days in residential blocks, day release, and project work, between September 1980 and March 1981.

For further information, contact Ced Jackson at the Community Work Service, LWSC, 68 Chalton St, NW1 (388 0241)

# the police

## DO THEY KNOW THE LAW? ..... DO YOU?

### CAN THE POLICE SEARCH YOUR HOME?

Generally speaking, not unless you agree. However, there are times when they can enter - even if you don't agree:

- 1). If there is a breach of the peace or someone is going to be seriously hurt;
- 2). To carry out a warrant for arrest or a search warrant;
- 3). If they suspect that a person is there whom they can arrest without a warrant (i.e. one suspected of an arrestable offence such as theft, assault, possessing drugs or firearms.)

Even so they can only search for the PERSON when they have a warrant to search the premises. If they claim to have such a warrant, ask to see it before letting them in and make sure that it actually refers to YOUR home - a block of flats is not good enough

### DO YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE POLICE STATION IF ASKED?

Only if you are actually arrested. If you are asked to go to the Police Station, ask if you are being arrested. If the answer is 'no', it is up to you to choose. Unfortunately if you refuse to go you may end up being arrested anyway. If this happens DON'T use force to resist. If you decide to go of your own free will, you have the right to leave at any time as long as you have not been arrested. But get a solicitor or friend to go with you - it may be difficult to contact them from the police station even though it is your right.

### DO YOU HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AT THE POLICE STATION?

No! It is usually best to have legal advice before saying or signing anything. If you want to protest your innocence you should say: 'I didn't do that' or 'I'm innocent' but never go into further explanations before taking legal advice.

### DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT?

No. If you do make a statement write it yourself or dictate it. Make sure that it is in your words and what you want to say - not what the police officer suggests to you. If you are in any doubt about it don't sign it.

### DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN ENGLISH?

No. If English is not your native language then you may make it in whatever language is.

### DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE FINGERPRINTS AND BE PHOTOGRAPHED?

No. During questioning and after being charged the police have no right to your fingerprints or to photograph you. If you agree to it they do not have to destroy them even if you are found not guilty. They can apply to a Magistrate for an order to take them and can then use 'reasonable force' to carry this out. If an order is obtained the fingerprints must be destroyed if no charges are made or if you are acquitted.

### HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE TO STAY?

If you are only 'helping the Police with their enquiries' you can leave at any time. If you have been arrested, you must appear before a magistrate within 24 hours (48 at weekends) or be released on bail. Always ask the Police for bail as they might not offer it. Always try to get a message to a friend or a solicitor so that a check can be made on how long you are detained.

### REMEMBER:

- 1). It is often easiest to co-operate with the Police, especially if you have done nothing wrong;
- 2). Always note the number of the Police Officer, in case you wish to complain later;
- 3). Always ask for the reasons for a Police Officer's actions;
- 4). Always make sure that they really refer to you or your property;
- 5). Always alert a solicitor or friend;
- 6). If in doubt please contact:

WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE  
Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
14 Baylis Rd. SE1  
Tel: 261 1404

## Congratulations!



Councillor Peter Lane and Mary Chamberlain, seen here during their marriage ceremony, in St. George's Cathedral in Lambeth Road

Readers will recall that Peter played a large part in encouraging the Lambeth Council to adopt the Waterloo District Plan and to use its planning powers to build up the local community. Last year he gave evidence on behalf of the Association of Waterloo Groups as an employment expert at the Coin Street Inquiry.

During the last Labour GLC administration he resigned in protest from the Housing Committee over cuts in the GLC housing programme.

Securing the old Lower Marsh Library as a base for the Waterloo Action Centre (featured in last month's SE1) was one of Peter's achievements in the six years as a councillor representing Bishop's Ward - and he is now involved in the fight to stop Lambeth Council selling the building to Burton's, who want to knock it down to make way for a large new office block.

Peter's wife, Mary, is no stranger to our part of South London, either. She works as a lecturer in the London College of Printing at the Elephant and Castle, and is a delegate to Southwark Trades Council.

Mary is also a member of the SE1 People's History Workshop, and author of two books: 'Fen Women' and 'Old Wives Tales'.



## Heated Debate Over St. Olave's

Some 150 people attended the meeting organised by the Community Health Council (CHC) last month, to discuss a controversial proposal for St. Olave's Hospital.

The proposal, put forward by doctors in Guy's Hospital and others, was to put a Health Centre in the Hospital, instead of at nearby Albion Street, where it is at present planned.

The CHC is against the change of plan and organised the meeting so the question could be debated. Unfortunately, the discussion that took place generated more heat than light on the subject. The only winners were the glib-tongued medics whose confidence persuaded many of those who attended the meeting that a Health Centre in the Hospital would be the best thing since anaesthetic. In fact, neither the doctors nor the representatives of the CHC really raised the real questions at stake - which were:

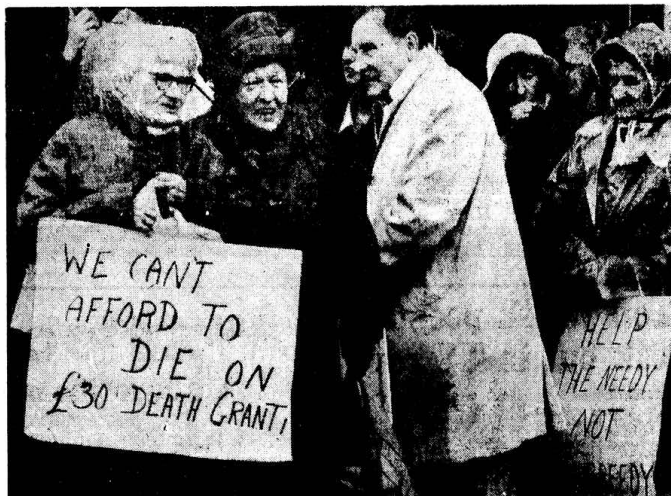
- that the point of a Health Centre is to take good medical care out of the atmosphere of hospitals and into the community, where the community can be involved and have more say in their health services
- No one discussed how the Health Centre would be absorbed back into the hands of the professional and the bureaucrats if it were put inside a hospital.
- second, and most important for the many people at the meeting who cared passionately about getting St Olaves re-opened, almost nobody discussed how far the plan to put the Health Centre in the hospital was a simple trick to divert anger or even attention away from the fact that the in-patient facilities at St Olaves STILL haven't been re-opened.

This is so obviously the purpose of the proposal, in the minds of the health bureaucrats, that it was surprising the question wasn't raised at all. A campaign now needs to be launched to make sure this diversion isn't allowed to happen.

MP Bob Mellish disgusted many people by his admission that the reason he took the Docklands Development Corporation job was so that he could be the one who made the decisions in the area.. So much for democracy..He then went on to say that, as for the Health Centre, his decision was that it would be fine in St. Olave's.

Since the Docklands Corporation is providing the money for the Health Centre, Mellish's opinion may carry some weight.

The week after this meeting, the Area Health Authority made it clear that, for all the fine words, it has no intention of restoring services at St. Olave's in the foreseeable future.



Pensioners ate bread and water last month outside DHSS HQ at the Elephant and Castle - in protest against Social Security cuts.

## campaign lift off: HAYS WHARF

The last issue of SE1 reported on the speculator's bid for the Hays Wharf sites - offices of the equivalent to 14 'Centre Points' between London Bridge and Tower Bridge. Since then, organisations in North Southwark have been gathering forces for the battle.

The North Southwark Community Development Group called a special meeting on the issue at the beginning of June, appropriately it was held in the Tenant's Hall on the corner of Fair Street and Tooley Street. The impact the planning applications have had was obvious, the attendance was good and people came full of ideas as to how the fight can be organised.

Information has been hard to come by, but we were in a position to examine on maps what sort of land uses and buildings were being proposed for this very large site. It was unanimously decided to oppose the plans which, with their monstrous 2 million sq.ft. of offices (1½ times what Greycoats want on Coin Street), are totally opposed to the needs and demands of local residents who have been arguing for years for having light industry, shops and open space.

The meeting was very positive about how the fight should be organised and decided to make an immediate demand to Heseltine for a full Public Enquiry. One heartening aspect of the meeting was the presence of a number of people who had been involved in the Coin Street Enquiry, who generously offered all sorts of practical help. Already several organisations have written in backing that demand and Stuart Holland is organising other London MPs into joining his call for an enquiry. It is crucial that as many individuals and organisations as possible write letters of support to Heseltine at

Department of Environment  
2 Marsham Street, SW1

Southwark Council have also had our opposition spelled out

and again it is very important that letters are sent to the Borough Planner at:  
30-32 Peckham Road  
London SE15  
arguing that the application be turned down.

We launched a petition at the Carnival of Education and it was encouraging to see how widespread opposition to the plan is.

Copies of the petition, plus information sheets, maps of the scheme and drawings are available from the North Southwark Community Development Group at the Borough Community Centre  
56 Southwark Bridge Road  
(the old library)

The group can also arrange for one of its members to talk about the proposals at meetings and can help with letters. But equally the group can use some help, anything from addressing envelopes, designing posters, helping with petition drives etc. If you can help us or if we can help you, call into the Borough Community Centre on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday or ring Ted Bowman or Theresa McDonagh on 928 6476.

The Bermondsey Labour Party has also expressed its condemnation of the plans..Peter Tatchell, Party Secretary, told SE1: 'London's riverside communities are engaged in nothing less than a battle for survival. Our Labour Party is concerned to defend the local community's right to decent housing, jobs and a high quality environment. The Party will not stand back and watch property developers destroy working class communities for crude speculative gain. We are urging Southwark Council to stand up to the developers, and refuse planning permission for these latest proposals, which are clearly in breach of the Strategic Plan for the area and against local people's wishes..There is already a surplus of offices and hotels in North Southwark and we don't see why local people should once more be elbowed aside by business tycoons and the City of London.'



## WATERLOO WOODY

The other day, I thought I would go for a trip along the river bank. On seeing what looked like giant worms coming out of the ground, I of course investigated. However, they turned out to be giant rope 'sculptures' in what will be a park eventually. But from there, I was attracted across the road, where there seemed to be an awful hubbub coming from this funny old building. 'Old Rotherhithe Tunnel Pump House' said the posters 'opening ceremony at 12 noon'. It was then 1pm, and humans outside were still waiting to get in. However, I found a crack in the skylight, and flew in. The place was full of well dressed people pouring large quantities of brown and red liquids down their throats. Mingling in the crowd, I heard Bob Mellish (the local MP) talking to Ron Watts about how pleased he was to have been made vice-chairman of the Urban Development Corporation for Docklands. It would give him an opportunity to impose his ideas on the area, so never mind all the fuss local people were making about the Corporation being unapproachable and undemocratic.

They, and everybody else, were so deep in conversation & drinking that it wasn't until 2pm that the general public were let in, 2 hours after the official opening ceremony! But I couldn't find many grubs in the timber which took £60,000 to restore, so I flew on.

Meanwhile, my feathered friends at Southwark Council's General Purposes and Finance Committee were in a lazy mood on Wednesday evening. Asked by a strong lobby of residents to support the continuation of the Walworth(Community) Project by applying to government for more funding, Chairman McSorley (whose ward is in the Walworth area) argued that signing the application would put him out too much: he preferred to simply close the project down.

Nevertheless, the brilliant ornithological scheme I mentioned last month (whereby Southwark would spend a fortune to have a sparrow as its emblem), wasn't approved either. Inevitably, there were those penny-pinching left wing (sic) councillors who felt spending £127,000 in order to give Southwark a 'sparrow-image' (as experts call it) was a bit excessive.

As Councillor Paula Moore said afterwards: 'They shot the Walworth Project, but we shot the sparrow'.

W.W.