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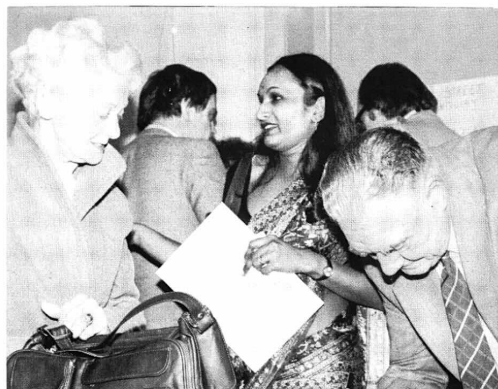
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the local newspaper!



LAMBETH, I REMEMBER IT WELL

LAMBETH at WAR

Fifty people, locals, teachers, librarians, Councillors, the Mayor of Lambeth and John Tilley MP for Lambeth Central, came to a party at Waterloo Action Centre on the 17th November to celebrate SE1 People's History Group's second publication in eighteen months: Stanley Rothwell's 'Lambeth at War'.

Like so many people who now live in this part of the city, Stan came to London during the Depression in search of work. After living in several parts of North Lambeth, Stan and his wife Celia settled in Walnut Tree Walk off the Kennington Road in 1940.

well known

Stan was well known in South London at that time as a wrestler and physical education instructor. He also often worked as model for famous artists like Alfred Hardiman, whose sculpture you can see on County Hall - Stan and his brother posed for the one called 'The Strong uplifting the Weak'.

rescue worker

It was in 1940 during the 'Phoney War' that Stan first began to put his thoughts on war down on paper. Throughout the next five terrible years he kept notes on his life and work as a rescue worker. Later he wrote it up and put it away in a cupboard and forgot about it.

In 1979 Stan and Celia started to come to the History Group, and one evening the manuscript of what was to become 'Lambeth at War' was passed round. Over the next few weeks several people read it and were all struck by its directness and the horror of war it evoked.

Months later, after some editing, the final text was produced and the search for some suitable local pictures was begun. We didn't need to look far, for Lambeth Archives had quite a collection, as well as the records of Lambeth Civil Defence. Armed with these and ten of Stan and Celia's own photographs, plus some copies of Stan's drawings that are in the Imperial War Museum, we set about producing an attractive yet cheap book that local people could afford. We were greatly assisted in this by the help of a designer from the London College of Printing.

not sentimental

The forty pictures and the eighteen thousand words that make up 'Lambeth at War' are no sentimental account. Stan describes the horrors of war because it's his firm conviction that this generation must do all it can do to prevent itself from getting burnt at the same fire that destroyed so many of his. 'Lambeth at War' is available from local bookshops or by post from SE1 People's History Group, Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1; price £1.60 plus 40p postage and packing. If interested in joining the Group please write to Morley College or phone Rodney Mace 274 4617.

The dust and dirt of bombing meant constant washing and cleaning; getting things dry especially in winter was a real problem. Picture: Lambeth Archives.

ANIMAL BATTLES IN SE1.

"After a long and bitter battle, the League Against Cruel Sports has purchased the famous Alfoxton Park - 60 acres of beautiful woodland in the middle of Quantock Stag-hound territory."

This is part of an article in the League Against Cruel Sports newsletter that I picked up in their office on the corner of Union Street. It is the only office the League has, and it was decided to place it in this area because of Southwark's proximity to Parliament where they push for legislation to ban blood-sports, which are more popular in England than other European countries.

The League cannot apply for charity status because it is classed as a 'political organisation' - so its funds come from donations. The League spends its money on key pieces of land on, for example, a fox hunting site, so that the victim fox can flee safely. The hunt can be prosecuted if it follows. Some of these havens are beauty spots like Alfoxton Park: they will be opened to the public in between hunts.

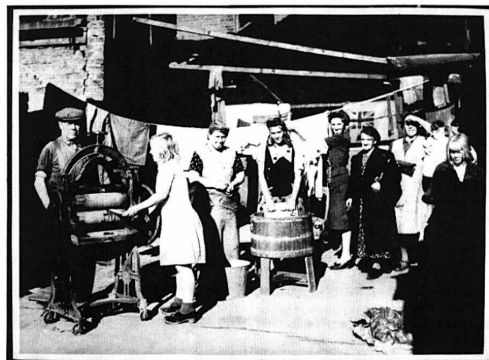
THE LEAGUE'S HEADQUARTERS: on the corner of Union Street and Southwark Bridge Road, they are located for easy access for Westminster.



The League has persuaded the Co-op to ban blood-sports on 58,000 acres of their land. Some county councils now also take some more interest in their local wildlife, which is quite often being destroyed by the landed gentry, who seem to have so little to do that they kill for pleasure.

The people in the League's office are committed to their cause, and have a friendly attitude towards newcomers. I am sure they would be glad of help in whatever form. After all, in a world where certain groups of people in need are forgotten, animals seem lost.

Sean Mitchell



EXCITING housing DEVELOPMENT

The Edward Henry Housing Co-operative which has involved local people over the past three years has finally stopped being just a plan on paper and a long awaited hope; it is now a reality. Amid last minute delays and confusion, the first batch of tenancies were handed over together with keys and central heating operating instructions. Cornwall Road where the first completed block is situated, experienced a different kind of traffic problem a few weeks ago as removal vans and cars laden with plants, cats and cookers headed for their destination, the place known simply as the Edward Henry co-op. With its commanding views of St. Georges spire and Waterloo station, the tenant managed and operated scheme will provide people with real secure housing and for many somewhere that can really be called home.

'the beleaguered lift'

The block was hurriedly cleaned and vacated by the builders. It was sometimes difficult to tell them apart from the new tenants as they jostled each other around the beleaguered lift, complete with its smoked glass vanity mirror. Although there were still a few door handles missing and odd paint jobs etc, the new homes were taken over relatively smoothly. And now, a few weeks later, with the cardboard wrapping off, and the automatic street door and entry phone system working fully, the place is beginning to get a sense of identity and comfortable feel to it, so that it's nice to visit with friends there, and get to know new faces. And when the second block on

Coin St. is ready for occupancy in February 82, the scheme will have brought new life to the area, and together with the local Coin St. plan will go a long way to helping to make Waterloo and even more smashing and lively place to live in. The co-op, the first of its kind in the area has taken several years since the idea from a few local people and nearby tenants associations to actually providing local people with an alternative to either privately rented or strictly run Council properties, housing co-ops are somewhat of a new idea and are ideal for some people though not all.

Edward Henry is providing homes, not just for single people but also families and elderly. Even infirm or disabled people can find comfort there with specially designed flats to cope with their particular needs, which means they can, not only stay in the area, but will be valued members of the community and could also take an active part in the organisation and running of the whole estate. Co-operative living in Edward Henry will mean people working together at all levels over a variety of issues; because the members of the co-op are ultimately responsible for cleaning stairwells, seeing to rubbish disposal, rates and the use of spaces etc. and who gets housed there, as well as repairs and maintenance. This will be done through meetings involving every tenant in discussions and decision making and will take some commitment from everyone there to make it work. SE1 anyway is looking forward to summer tea parties and strolls around the roof gardens, so come on everyone there, get those bulbs and seeds planted ready for a blooming summer.



RIGHT: TONIA NEWMAN AND BABY RICARDO ON MOVING-IN DAY.



Young Vic

Young Vic cntnd.

On Thursday 12th November, about 10 local residents went to County Hall to give evidence at an oral hearing. They were protesting against the Young Vic being granted an annual music and dancing licence. Objections had been sent to the GLC by over 50 groups and individuals. The Councillors after hearing evidence from residents and the Young Vic general manager, Mr. Sautaine, granted a 5 month licence (due to end in April and added some special provisions onto it. The Councillors heard how residents had repeatedly to go and complain about noise, during the Young Vic's nine years of existence. Mrs. Smith, who lives near the Young Vic told the enquiry how she had gone down several times after lam to ask that noise be turned down at late parties. There was also sometimes scenery shifting during the night when the show changed and 1 resident told the enquiry, his daughter had had to sleep with earplugs in. The enquiry was told by Hugh Edwards, environmental health officer that he had a large file of complaints on the Young Vic made by local residents over several years and that the building was made of breeze block and was not therefore properly soundproofed.

"more careful about noise after shows"

Mr. Sautaine told the enquiry that he had instructed his staff to be more careful about noise made after shows had finished and that he wanted to be informed personally of any complaints that residents had. He said that the Young Vic intended to have about 6 concerts a year but that these should finish by 11pm. The enquiry heard that several people in the flats had been deterred from

objecting because they had been afraid they would have to give evidence in person. They are elderly residents, who are unable to do this, or people who work during the day. Further complaints about noise from the Young Vic should be made to Mrs. Bristo at County Hall and to Hugh Edwards, environmental health officer and to local councillors. The Young Vic are also applying at the moment to Lambeth Council to renew their 9 year old planning permission on a theatre. Any comments on this should be made to the Chief Planning Officer, Lambeth Planning Department, Courtney House, New Park Rd., LONDON SW2.

Southbank Book-shop

We are sure all 'SE1' readers will welcome the new bookshop just opened in Borough Road. Not only is it filling a gap in the range of shopping available in SE1, it will also be selling the newspaper itself. The amazingly wide range of books, magazines and pamphlets on show even at the opening party (see picture) was most impressive, even though there was more stock to come.

Maurice Widowsky, the moving force behind setting up the 'South Bank Bookshop', is not doing it for money though. He does hope it will pay him and his assistants a reasonable wage, but it is a basically a non-profit making venture, giving a service to the community. He has also shown his commitment to the area by helping with putting together this paper. We wish him well, and trust the shop, at 113 Borough Road (near St. Georges Circus) will soon be an established part of the area.



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any information regarding the
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Here are some of the pensioners
belonging to the group, at one
of our meetings.



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and watch films. We also play games that also
included by the fear of the disabled.
I hope you come

by Astrid

MURALS



If any part of the country
needs a bit of a facelift, it
is the SE1 area. With so many
derelict buildings and sites,
and dreary old railway bridges,
murals are one way to liven up
the place.

In Bermondsey Street, one
side of a building by a patch
of greenery has recently been
turned into a colourful
history of the area. A black
and white photo does it little
justice! Why not go and see
for yourself the scenes
depicting Bermondsey Abbey
back in 1082, or the tanning
and cooperage which went on in
Bermondsey up until quite
recently? And not forgetting
the printing, which is still a
noticeable tradition around
the South Bank. And of course,
the artist could hardly have
got away without featuring
the docks.

Lynette Lombard, who with
some help from the Bermondsey

Lampost school kids, did all
the painting, was paid by
Southwark Council and the Royal
Academy. However, she did not
just pick a wall and paint on
it: she spent a lot of time
talking with the local business-
es and community groups to see
what they thought ought to go
there. In total, the mural has
taken two years, from initial
idea to finish.

Lynette has also organised
the dozen murals which have been
designed and painted by various
groups in Waterloo. They have
been done on individual boards,
and planning applications
(at £20 a time) have been put
in for their display probably
at the Movable Gardens in
Cornwall Road or possibly on
the Cut allotment site.
The picture shows work being
done on murals at Colombo St.
Sports & Community Centre.



A message from the Waterloo
children's health club- soon to
have a new worker (see next issue
for more details).



WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE

MONDAY PENSIONERS CLUB

WISH ALL THE COMMUNITY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Peter Tatchell, a 29-year old housing advice worker who lives and works in SE1, has been selected as the prospective Labour Candidate for Southwark-Bermondsey. Peter is currently Secretary of the Bermondsey Labour Party and lives on the Rockingham Estate SE1. He works at the North Lambeth Day Centre. SE1 sent a reporter along to talk to Peter in his flat on the Rockingham.

One of the first things that Peter stresses is that an MP should never forget that he is the representative of local people. He recognises the danger of being drawn into the remote world of Westminster and is determined to stay in his Council Flat if elected. 'Being from a working-class background and living on a local estate gives me an understanding of the problems and needs of local people', he told SE1. To show that he means business he has stated that if elected he will accept only the wage of a skilled worker and donate the rest of the big MP's salary to the Labour

LOCAL FOR M.P.?

Party. As he explains: 'Since I want to represent working-class people, I see no reason why I shouldn't remain living in a council flat on an income equivalent to local people. After all, how can any MP on £14 000 a year really know and understand the hardships faced by working-class people. On that kind of money they drift away into a different life-style and become remote from the people who elected them. You can bet that if MPs had to get by on a worker's wage they would fight a lot harder for the interests of working-class people. They wouldn't collude with wage-restraint and 5% limits. By living on a skilled worker's wage I intend to stay in touch with local people and their needs. That way I'll be in a better position to speak out with conviction as their voice in Parliament. I don't expect any special privileges and rewards for fighting for the interests of Bermondsey people. I'll accept a better standard of living when we win it for everyone!'

Peter's own background is a working-class one. His father was a lathe operator and his mother was a packer in a biscuit factory. He himself left school at 16 and became a carpenter and painter and decorator, and eventually, after doing A-levels at night-school, went to the North London Polytechnic to do a degree in social sciences. He spent

a bit of time researching and doing freelance journalism - one of his 'scoops' was a report on the British-owned tea estates in Malawi where child labour was used, starvation wages of 15pence per hour were paid, and trade unions suppressed. Peter has travelled a lot and believes that politicians should have an international outlook. He has been involved in campaigns against the Vietnam war, and against the treatment of working-class dissidents in Russia and East Europe.

Peter thinks that the Labour Party can learn a lot from these campaigns and that it should try to introduce a more campaigning style of politics in this country. In doing so, he says, it would be recalling the traditions of the Labour Party in Bermondsey before the war: 'Bermondsey has a radical tradition dating back to the 1920s when Alfred and Ada Salter campaigned to clear the slums and rid Bermondsey of its poor and insanitary housing conditions. I want to revive that old Bermondsey fighting spirit. We have to openly and honestly argue that only through a fundamental redistribution of wealth and power can we secure full employment and better housing, education and health care for working-class people. We will never achieve this within the context of the

present political and economic system. Only a radical socialist transformation of society, with the support of the overwhelming majority of people, can ensure industrial recovery and economic prosperity, together with social justice and equality for all.'

SE1 asked Peter what he thought the priorities were for Bermondsey politically: 'Stop property speculation carving up the Bermondsey and North Southwark riverside, and ensure that the riverside sites such as Hay's Wharf are used to meet local people's needs for jobs and better housing. As a council tenant I'm very aware of the rapid deterioration of housing conditions in the borough and will make it my business to oppose any further rent increases and to demand faster and more efficient repairs.'

When a by-election is called in Bermondsey next year (the current MP Bob Mellish is retiring to take up a job with the Docklands Development Corporation) the electors will have as their candidate quite clearly someone who is determined to be different from the run-of-the-mill career politician. It should be a lively and exciting campaign if nothing else.

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to thank them for their help
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

I.T.A USED AT St SAVIDOUR'S

Parents of children at St. Saviours School in Redcross Way SE1 may well have come across a new way of introducing reading and writing, called I.T.A., or Initial Teaching Alphabet.

I.T.A. was introduced into 21 schools in England in 1961, and also introduced in America, Canada, Australia and other English speaking countries where it flourished. St Saviours introduced the code in 1965. The I.T.A. is a completely different way of teaching to the conventional T.O. (Traditional Orthography) method which most schools teach. I.T.A. is not only used to teach children in the early school years up to the age 7-8, it is also used in the teaching of immigrant adults and children in England, Sierra Leone, Hong Kong and Columbia, where English is learned as a foreign language, to give good pronunciation and help in the reading and writing of English. Miss McKenzie, headmistress of St. Saviours, thinks it important to make the point that I.T.A. is not a method of teaching, but a code, a simple code that most chil-

dren find easy to follow.

Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of the world's most widely used form of shorthand, laid the foundation for I.T.A. as far back as 1844. He developed the alphabet called Phonotopy, which was tested in schools in the USA between 1852 and 1860. Although Sir Isaac lived to see state recognition of shorthand in the 1890s it was left to his grandson, Sir James Pitman K.B.E., to perfect the work on I.T.A.

The alphabet is based on, and similar in design to our Roman alphabet, but with regular and consistent spelling. There is a high success rate in children learning by I.T.A. which gives them freedom in their writing. Basically the child writes the word by sound, and this is also a great help in teaching the deaf to read and write. Young children are frustrated when they cannot put their feelings and thoughts onto paper. I.T.A. eliminates the usual difficulties and restrictions of T.O. There are no 'silent' letters and few words are spelt the same, therefore the child can

write the words as they sound which encourages more reading and writing. Around the age of 7 most children make the change over from I.T.A. to T.O. It is usually very easy and in fact in some cases the children don't know that they are no longer doing I.T.A. I think most parents would be put off if they saw the I.T.A. books. To us it looks very much like shorthand, but a child's mind works on logic, and many children find it easier than conventional reading. As a parent myself I am very satisfied with the I.T.A. code. My children have been able to read from an early age, and are now able to read in I.T.A. and normal writing with no difficulty. This means that they have already read a variety of books and acquired more knowledge and had more enjoyment than struggling with the T.O. method. Miss McKenzie makes a point of involving parents as much as possible, and always has time to spend with parents to explain the I.T.A. code and its advantages. Quite a lot of schools which began in the

early 60's to use I.T.A. no longer do so. Due to education cuts the 3 day course for teachers in I.T.A. is no longer run. The advantages of I.T.A. speak for themselves. There is no doubt that there should be room in our society for this teaching code, as it can benefit many people, in including non-literate adults. The only difficulty I can see is learning to spell when the child has to change over, but for example when an Englishman goes to America, he doesn't have to learn a new language, he already knows the basic and just has to adjust to a few changes of speech with which he is already familiar. The same goes for I.T.A.: the basic reading and writing is already learned. There are a few adjustments to make for the spelling. Next year I.T.A. celebrates its 21st anniversary and hopefully there will be more publicity and more interest in this novel and interesting form of education.

COIN ST MODEL ON DISPLAY

The housing and light industry plans of the Association of Waterloo Groups (AWG) for the controversial Coin Street sites have taken shape in the form of a scale model showing what the area would look like.

If the plans get the go-ahead from the public inquiry now taking place, Coin Street and the South Bank will be transformed into an exciting living, working, shopping and recreational environment. It will give a vital boost to the Waterloo community after many years of neglect. The Association of Waterloo Groups will soon be presenting its case at the inquiry held in County Hall.

(The inquiry started in September with the proposals from Greycoat Commercial Ltd for mainly offices on the sites.)

As part of the AWG case, informal evening sessions are being held at the Waterloo Action Centre, on December 3rd and 10th, when local people can say what they think should happen to the Coin St. area.

If you would like to speak, contact the Waterloo Action Centre (WAC) as soon as possible (see address below). Don't worry if you miss these dates, the inquiry will last at least until February, and there will be more opportunities to make your voice heard.

The AWG model will be on display at the evening sessions or contact WAC for further details of other places it will be on show.

The latest issue of 'Coin St. News' with details of recent events and a background history of the long-running saga has been distributed throughout Waterloo and part of North Southwark. 'SE1' will keep you up to date on future news.

If you have not yet got a copy, or need more, 'Coin St. News' is available free from:

Waterloo Action Centre,
14 Baylis Road,
SE1.
Phone: 261 1404

The four
Playleaders:

Jackie,
Roz,
Elaine
and
John
(left to right)



PLAYGROUND'S NEW SESSIONS

The Waterloo adventure playground has always been very concerned with the needs of Waterloo residents and their children. It was originally set up by, and is still managed by a committee of local people who make all financial and policy decisions and to whom the four full time workers are responsible. The recent changes which have occurred in the way the playground is run are, therefore, not the result of some obscure shift in the playground policy of the borough—they are a response to the needs of local kids as seen by people in a good position to judge.

As John the head playleader put it 'At one time the playground was dominated by a group of older children and many parents felt that it was quite a rough place—not really suitable for their younger kids.'

Since the summer there has been a fairly strict 'under 14s only' rule, and this along with the new programme of events which we are now running, has made the playground a quite different place from what it once was.'

Here is the new weekly programme:-
MONDAY arts and crafts.
TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY health club.
THURSDAY cooking.
FRIDAY sports club for the under 12s.
SATURDAY on site activities and occasional outings.

If anyone would like to help with one of these sessions—particularly if they are interested in a sport for the Friday club they should contact one of the playleaders.

MINT ST MARCHES ON

Slowly, building work is taking place on the new Mint St. Adventure Playground and part of the surrounding area for a park. It's a shame parks are not completed as quickly as office blocks!

The new Mint St (at the corner of Marshalsea Road and Southwark Bridge Road) has a larger and better equipped building. However, Gary, John and Anthea who run the place are in need of materials for the frames: wood, paint, nails, etc. A new football pitch is also being built with floodlights. Hopefully this area will also be used for tennis and badminton.

In the building, arts and crafts will be going on, including a bit of photography. There will be a new grass covered, sun lit space in the Borough: something desperately needed in the shadow of the growing number of office blocks.

COLOMBO ST KIDS MARCH ON TOWN HALL



On the evening of November 11th, an assorted group of young people from the Colombo Street Centre could be found on the steps of Southwark Town Hall. They were brandishing badminton rackets, boxing gloves, uni-hockey sticks and placards. The aim of it all? To get Southwark Libraries and Amenities Committee to give the Centre money for more conversion work, and for a resident worker who will be able to open the Centre during week-ends.

The Committee were very impressed by the many activities taking place at the Centre, but had run out of cash for the time being.

They're going to be reconsidering next year so watch this space for news of the follow-up.