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BARGING 'COPTER

A heli-port by stealth could be the result of a planning application which has been put into Lambeth Council.

SE1 residents must be aware of the noise nuisance which helicopter traffic gives already, seven days a week, in the area. What you may not know is that it can be dangerous. Two helicopters have crashed in the river in recent years near Blackfriars Bridge. It seems only a matter of time before one crashes on land, with possibly fatal results in SE1, if 'copter traffic keeps on increasing and ignoring official instructions to only fly along the river. (Police and military are exempt from this.)

So it is not surprising that local groups have made strong objections to this application for temporary use of Gabriels Wharf behind Lonsdales Cash & Carry for storage and maintenance of helicopters landing on the barge moored (appropriately) between Barge House Steps and Blackfriars Bridge.

The barge is intended for private use by Star Aviation. This seems to be a company completely controlled by Lord Vestey. Vestey is the boss of Dewhursts the butchers, and also has a major interest in the office proposals for Coin Street through Commercial Properties. The wharf next to the barge is part of the Coin Street area and is owned by Vestey.

But there is very little control of helicopter flights by any authority in London. So the barge, and the maintenance shop easily be used by commercial delivery 'courier' services, on top of Vestey's private commuter flights into London. It was in this way that Battersea Heliport started, on a temporary basis. The storage and maintenance will increase the likelihood of this happening.

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BUMPER ISSUE

SAVAGED!

Two children have recently been 'savaged' by a dog on the Waterloo Adventure Playground. It happened the Tuesday before Guy Fawkes night: 7 year old Darren and Danny, 8, were at the playground when the dog bit them. As described by a playground worker, Danny had a hole in his leg "which you could put your thumb in, without touching anything".

Both kids were rushed to hospital by ambulance, which luckily didn't have far to come! Darren got away with just a tetanus jab, but Danny had to go back to St. Thomas' on Friday 5th to see a plastic surgeon.

As no ambulance was provided for the return journey on the Tuesday, playleader Jackie Summerford had to take Danny back home carried on her back.

This is not the first time this year that the dog, a large German Shepherd by the name of Kelly has bitten local kids. One who goes to the playground, Lyndon, now has scars on his arm to prove it. But the police don't seem at all interested in doing anything.

When our reporter spoke to

the local police station, after some while they reported that they had got the incident recorded, but there was no record of any action taken. They presumed that the officer concerned was still trying to trace the owner of the dog. They didn't think it was easy either to prove the dogs guilt: the owner could then be prosecuted for keeping a dangerous animal.

'SE1' understands that Kelly is locked up in his owners bathroom all day and night on the Tanswell Estate next to the playground. It is not this paper's practice to rake up malicious gossip about local residents, but there doesn't seem to be a good word going for the dog's owner, who is known to the playground workers.

He apparently came down to the playground before the two mauled kids were taken to hospital, but took no notice, his little girl having already reclaimed the dog. A man from the RSPCA who saw the remains of Kelly's chain stated that it couldn't have been meant for anything bigger than a poodle.

THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

It looks like the future of one of the most important local sites which is up for development may be decided without any local democratic say.

The London Docklands Development Corporation's Draft Corporate Plan (October 1982, but not yet published) shows that the LDDC and the Department of the Environment, run by Michael Heseltine are thinking of making a Special Development Order for Hays Wharf, between London and Tower Bridges. This means that the Government makes the planning decision without taking into account the views of the local authority (Southwark) who would usually be the one to give or refuse planning permission.

This procedure was first used in Lambeth, just outside the SE1 area, with the 'Green Giant' site by Vauxhall Bridge. This time using an 'S.D.O.' would be even worse, as the LDDC itself is not even as democratically accountable as the government. If it gave the LDDC a free hand, then there is no way local people could have any say on what happens to the Hays Wharf site.

All this is despite the fact that many local people put a lot of time and effort into taking part in a public inquiry into this large site back in March 1981. The Inspector, who presided over the inquiry, recommended that the scheme which was then being put forward by a property company for two million square feet of offices should be completely rejected. But Heseltine, for the government, ignored this and allowed office development for about a third of the site. The rest was down to the LDDC to decide on, but the local council could object to anything they proposed.

An SDO would mean that even the council would have no say in the way this land was used.



2. Young Vic Variety Show

This show organised by Lambeth Council Amenities and the Waterloo Amenities Group at the Young Vic Studio was very well attended by about 70 to 80 people.

The organisers had decided to experiment with holding a show in the afternoon, as evening shows earlier in the year at the Waterloo Action Centre on Friday nights were not well supported.

Doris Satch announced future plans which are a slide show on the history of Waterloo (just taken place as SE1 goes to press, and again well attended), and a pantomime by the Young Vic Players in the last week in January, at the Young Vic again. This will also include a childrens painting competition for primary schools in the area.

John Murphy compered the Variety Show on the 29th, and

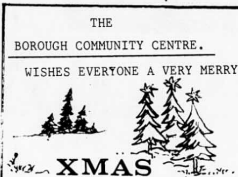
did a singing spot which was well received.

Miss Jean Chandler sung some songs of London and encouraged the audience to join in. She also did a tap dancing routine. Gordon Moss, who also provided the back up to all the acts with his accordion, played some Strauss waltzes and a selection of Scottish tunes in a spot of his own.

Finally Sid Wright gave a versatile performance on the xylophone.

The children in the audience were praised by John Murphy for their excellent behaviour, which brought warm applause from the adults.

The organisers hope to put on another show in February or March, 1983.



Dr. Watsons Xmas list....

PANTOMIME at the North Peckham Civic Centre, 600/608 Old Kent Rd SE15: DICK WHITTINGTON from 3rd January to 15th January daily except Sundays, 2.30 & 7.30. Details from Southwark Entertainment on 703 2917

LET'S MAKE A FAMILY OPERA: a Morley College Family Concert on December 11th at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Rd, 10.30 to 12.30 - listening and participation

MOTHERS GROUP at Borough Community Centre, December: 7th: Childrens books for Christmas, with books for sale. 14th Christmas party. Dental puppets 12.30 for 1.30pm at 56 Southwark Bridge Road. Phone 928 6476 for further info.

PENSIONERS HEALTH GROUP at Bayliss Mow Clinic, 10.30 to noon. December on Wednesdays: 8th: general discussion 15th: Arthritis and the elderly by Dr. Armstrong

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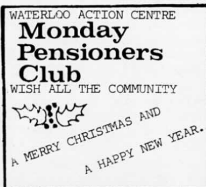
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Neighbourhood Knees-up!

The annual pensioners social at the Colombo Street Sports & Community Centre will be held on Tuesday 21st December, at the Centre from Midday until 3pm. Volunteer helpers for the day to help with serving and collecting the less mobile pensioners are needed.

If you would like to help, please contact Bob at the Centre: phone 261 1658.

The Monday Pensioners Club are having their Christmas Party on 13th December. They are having lunch at Steve's restaurant, and then having a party at the Waterloo Action Centre.



Letters letters letters le

Dear SE1,

I welcome your article in last months issue of SE1 drawing attention to the situation that tenants of Cooper Close have found themselves in.

As you pointed out, there is a two-tier rent system on the estate that means new tenants pay lower rents than the old ones for identical properties.

Call it home....

I became a tenant on the estate under the higher rented property scheme that the then Tory GLC created. I took the flat I now have because at that time I had nowhere else that I could call my home. The present Labour GLC does not agree with this Tory scheme and so has lowered the rent, but only for new tenants, leaving myself and many other tenants paying the higher rents.

lower rents for all...

I do not know why they have not lowered all the rents but I suspect it is because of some political dig at the last Tory GLC. A dig that affects nobody except the people who have to pay the higher rents.

I was also told when I moved into Cooper Close that I would be expected to buy the property, but I don't have any intention of buying at the moment. I would not be able to afford to.

rent rebate....

Even now I have to claim a rent rebate because the rents are too high for me, yet if my rent was on the same scale as the lower rents on the estate I would not have to make this claim.

Some of us on the estate have been trying to get a tenants association off the ground, but with two groups of tenants, the new lower rented two separate groups...

ones and the old higher rented ones, tenants do not feel part of the estate as a whole, but part of one or the other of the two groups. This makes it difficult to get the association going.

The GLC should have handed over the control of Cooper Close to Southwark Council, but I have been told that Southwark will not take over the estate whilst a two tier rent system is in operation. This means that the estate has to rely on GLC estate services that are based over in Lewisham. This often

even longer wait for repairs...

means waiting longer for repairs etc than if the estate was under Southwark Council's control.

So far as I know the GLC has no plans for the future of the estate which seems strange to me as they are the ones who are supposed to be running it.

We have tried to meet the GLC councillor for the area, George Nicholson to see if he can help sort out some of these problems. We had an appointment with him in November but he failed to turn up. This is the third time he has failed to meet us. I get the feeling that he just does not want to help us with our problems.

A. Barker

SE1 footnote: readers may be interested to know that Mr Barker is one of London's essential workers, a fireman, so he is paid by the GLC also!

Dear SE1,

If you are a regular reader of SE1, you will have seen my articles on the conditions of the pavements in and around the Borough area. I have repeatedly spotlighted this, and have also brought them to the attention of the Borough Engineers, whose job it is to see that the roads and pavements are in a safe and satisfactory condition for the public.



But all these complaints seem to be falling on 'deaf ears'. It is little wonder that there have been so many accidents in Southwark of late and especially to the elderly, who are not as agile as they used to be. Do we then have to wait until we have a fatality before real action is taken?

I am also wondering if the Town Hall has its priorities wrong in the spending of rate-payers money. Is it being used wisely or is it just being squandered away unwisely on unimportant things? So please, I beg of you at the Town Hall,



do something quickly as there will be a fatality.

To prove my point, and to show we are not just blowing off steam, I have been on one of my walks with a camera. Some photos are attached. Lets have some action!

Jim McDougall

Hanging gardens of Paris

Over 70 people turned out to discuss what should happen to the old Melody Maker site, on Meymott St/Paris Gardens on 18th November.

After an explanation from North Lambeth Law Centre on what was allowed to be done with the site, there was a debate based on the two main ideas: sports or housing.

We illustrated the two main plans in our last issue.



Whichever gets chosen in the end, the legal agreement which gives Southwark Council the land says that the northern half has to be used for open space. And the only buildings which are allowed on the other half (near the phone exchange) are houses.

There were also suggestions that it should all be open space, or should have a super-market or swimming pool built.

After an hour and a half's discussions, people voted on whether they wanted sport or housing. There was a small majority for sport on a show of hands, but when people's written opinions were counted up, neither side could claim a majority!

It is now down to Southwark Council to make a decision, taking into account local peoples views. Both local councillors for Cathedral Ward were at the meeting, and Cllr. Williams is also the chair of planning, so we expect they have a good idea of what to put forward to the council.

TAKING THE LID OFF!!

"Avoiding insitutions" by James Nelson, Andrew Sternberg, Eddie Brindley £1.45, illustrated.

Avoiding Institutions is one of those publications that makes you realise just what a great man George Orwell was, and how relevant his books are, even in 1982.

Spotlighting the Camberwell Reception Centre, it is full of points that we all need reminding of as often as possible. "Once a dossier, always a dossier" mentality runs through the bureaucracy of places like this, hand in hand with intimidation of people who need help.

The difference between this book and the recent "Down and Out" by Tony Wilkinson is quite simple: it was not written by journalists who had sampled roughing it for a night or two, with tape recorders and cameras. Quite obviously this written and put together with the sort of care that only comes from experience. Its a glimpse into another world swept under the carpet, sincerely put together by people who, for want of better words, have taken enough

shit. Buy it, but I doubt whether you will find it in your local Smiths.

Maurice Widowsky.

SE1 footnote: you can find it, though, in South Bank Bookshop, 113 Borough Road, by St Georges Circus.

Labour back on line

TERRY RICH, LABOUR COUNCILLOR FOR BISHOPS WARD, LAMBETH, REPORTS ON FURTHER EVENTS AT LAMBETH TOWN HALL.

The air was thick with rhetoric and personalities were being attacked with gusto, - a normal run-of-the-mill meeting of Lambeth's 'hung' council? Yes, but with one difference. For on the night of 22 November, one past enemy had been recast as hero. (or vice versa) and Councillor Gordon Ley declared himself 'Independent' of the chains of moderation, resigned from the SDP and so brought to an end the brief though damaging period of Tory rule in Lambeth.

(Rumours that there is a short-list of candidates on the Labour side ready to take up the SDP vacancy created by Cllr Ley, and, of course, totally unfounded!)

So now Labour retakes the reins of the council and barring any accidents, is set to be there for the next 3 1/2 years.

So what? I hear the cry! Well, as your local Labour councillor, I intend to make sure that it will mean quite a lot to our area. For a start it means that the Council is in full support of the needs of the community in

Waterloo and that includes the demand for housing on the Coin St sites. The Tories, predictably were on the complete other side.

As vice-chair of Town Planning I have a great responsibility in making sure that the Waterloo District Plan is fully followed and that it is recognised as a top priority that the community of Waterloo is given the full protection of our planning laws. Another aim of the Labour Party over the next 3 years is to work towards decentralising the services that the Council provides, so that they become more accountable and responsive to local people. I want to see far greater consultation and involvement of local people in the decisions that affect their daily lives.

The experience of the past few months of Tory rule have shown that their intentions were just the opposite. All decisions were to be taken by an inner circle of the Tory leadership, and the only benefits were for the more affluent and secure communities of the south of the Borough. Fortunately, Cllr Ley realised this as well as the 32 Labour members of the council, and had the courage to break away from the hypocrisy of supporting the continuation of Tory control.

WATERLOO AMENITIES

Waterloo Amenities thanks the Young Vic for the use of its space for shows, and wishes all its patrons and committee members, past, present and future, a

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IN 1983

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Mrs. Robinsons invitation.....

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT

The first GENERAL MEETING of the COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT, will be held on Monday December 6th at 7.30pm in the Morley College's Community Education Building, King Edward Walk, SE1. The decision to hold a general meeting is because the project wants more local people to become involved in its activities.

Since 1979, the project has worked with many groups and people in North Lambeth and North Southwark. In the SE1 area, the project has helped organise educational activities at Tanswell Mums and Toddlers Drop in centre, Colombo St. Sports & community Centre, North Lambeth Day Centre, Blackfriars Settlement and Borough Community Centre - to name just a few.

It has been involved in the Coin St. campaign, SE1 Peoples History Group, Waterloo Moveable Murals Group and most importantly, SE1 Community Newspaper!

At the meeting, people will be given a chance to make suggestions for future directions of the work of the project. The present committee will explain the new proposed structure of the committee and invite local volunteers and organisations



living or based in the area to affiliate. This will entitle people to attend meetings, become actively involved if interested, and stand for the project committee in the New Year.

Also, the meeting will give local people an opportunity to discuss a new important resource for community education in the area: the community education building of Morley College.

This exciting new building contain 2 creches, a playgroup, a large hall, a general purpose room on the ground floor; and a very fine multi-purpose studio workshop on the top floor. The design of the middle floor is not yet complete.

And if all this sounds like too much talk and not much action: well the meeting will be followed by a Christmas party.

transport for disabled

Severely disabled Southwark residents are being offered the chance to travel by taxi at fares which are much the same as those for buses. If you think you might benefit from this, hurry, because to start with the first 200 applicants only will get the special GLC 'Taxi-card'. You must live in Southwark, and be unable to use public transport.

This experimental scheme will be enlarged if it is successful, but at least for the moment, it only applies to black cabs, not mini-cabs.

The Taxi-card will allow you to travel with up to three other people at a greatly reduced fare. It is a pity, though, that many of the most disabled won't be able to benefit, as it is difficult to get from a wheelchair into a taxi, and also the step up is almost as high as a bus. Specially adapted taxis to solve this problem won't be around until 1984.

If you think you qualify, and are on a mobility allowance or your doctor certifies that you can't use public transport, get a form from Southwark Disablement Association, Room 48, Aylesbury Day Centre, Boyson Rd, SE17.

DISTRICT PLAN

SECOND TIME AROUND FOR THE NORTH SOUTHWARK DISTRICT PLAN

The new Southwark Council have set up 10 public meetings throughout North Southwark in order to produce a plan which will meet the needs, and TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS of people in Blackfriars, Borough, Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.

Along with other groups concerned with the planning of North Southwark, the North Southwark Community Development has taken part in a steering group set up by the council to make sure that when the plan is written, local people can understand it and respond to it.

It was local residents pressure which was the main reason for old and infamously complicated North Southwark District Plan (NSDP) to be abandoned. We can all congratulate ourselves for this, but we must still be on the lookout! If you have missed getting the current set of consultation meetings, your second chance will be on the 'consultation on the Draft Plan' stage. This will be about September/October next year. WATCH THIS SPACE for further information, or CONTACT N.S.C.D.G. on 928 0711.

Over the past 6 or 7 years of our opposition to the old council's proposals for the area, the NSCDG has fought for:

- * low-rented family housing with gardens
- * local job opportunities to match the skills of residents
- * community recreation, parks and open space
- * shops to serve the local community
- * and tenants halls and other community buildings for the benefit of all local people.

From the first round of meetings, it is plain that people are still demanding what they have done for years: land should be developed to meet their needs. We urge you to tell the council how you want the land in your neighbourhood to be used. IT IS YOUR IDEAS THAT COUNT!

OFFICE BAN HELPS LOCAL PEOPLE

So far, in response to local demand, Southwark Council has introduced a new policy which halts any further office development beyond that which has already been given permission. (Don't forget that the council's preliminary estimate is that they have 2½ million square feet of outstanding office permissions in North Southwark.)

NSCDG supports the new council's office policy because we know that further speculative office development will destroy our community. We are not prepared to let this happen. If you feel the same, give us a

ring, or drop us a note at 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1, and we will be happy to help you put forward your views for this vital Plan which will determine the environment of North Southwark for the next 10 years.

supermarket for

S.E.1.

'SE1' is very pleased to be able to report some good news on the need for more shops for local people, rather than office workers.

Now open in the new development to the east of Blackfriars Bridge, on Hopton Street is Presco Supermarket, whose owners come from Wembley. They hope to have an off-licence soon, and already carry a wide range of foods etc. It is a little off the main route for most SE1 residents, but it is worth going to see what they have to offer: it might stop you going further afield.

A new supermarket, a Spar grocers run by Spokemay who have the newsagents opposite, opened in Lower Marsh back in August, and their dispensing chemists section is now also open.



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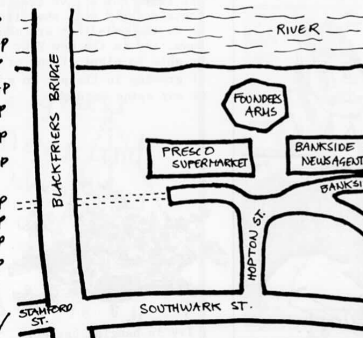
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3ozs Breadcrumbs. 2ozs Sugar.
2 Eggs. 1 Tbs. Black Treacle.
1 Tbs. Whiskey. 1 Dts. Golden Treacle.

Mix dry ingredients together add beaten eggs. Mix treacle syrup and whiskey together, add to rest of mixture. Stir well and don't forget to wish. Boil or steam in a greased covered basin for 6-8 hours. Boil again for four hours when required.

2.) HOT SPICED ALE. Preparation and cooking time 45 minutes. Makes 24 pints.
3ozs (half a cup) Light Brown Sugar. 3 Eggs. 2 Pints (5 cups) Pale Ale. 1 Teaspoon Ground Ginger. 1 Teaspoon Grated nutmeg. 5 Fluid ozs (3/4 cup) Brandy.

In a medium mixing bowl beat sugar and eggs until well blended. Set aside. In a large saucepan combine ale, ginger and nutmeg over a moderate heat, until hot but not boiling. Remove pan from heat. Combine all ingredients in a very large jug or punch bowl whisking until they are very well blended. Result: Delicious.



OUR XMAS MESSAGE TO ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS :

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SOCCKER

ROSE & CROWN GO INTO SEMI FINALS!!!!

The Rose and Crown 5-a-side soccer team became the first to qualify for the semi-finals of the Hatfields Tournament, at present taking place on Friday evenings on the Hatfields Open Space. In a four team group, the Colombo Street pub drew with the Crown, and then beat the General Abercrombie and the Osborne (Peckham), to take 7 points from their 3 matches.

The competition will continue on Friday evenings with the semi-finals and final being held on December 17th. Other teams still to play include the Prince Albert, the Anchor and Hope and the Royal. Danny Connor of Action Sport, who organised the event with the Colombo Street Sports Centre, said:

"Spectators are welcome to attend. We can't promise free drinks from the winning pub, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that the excitement of competition might encourage publicans to display their well-known and loved generous side.

We hope that pubs will now look to other competitions involving women's teams. Netball, rounders, and football might be ideas, but Action Sport will welcome others."

LEARN A SPORT

BAYLIS ROAD MULTISPORTS AREA
Interested in learning a sport on the Baylis Road Sports Area? (Sports such as Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Tennis, Football.)

There will be courses in the spring if enough people are interested.

Contact Elaine at Waterloo Action Centre between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday (phone 261 1404)

or Jim on Thursdays between 5 and 7pm at Waterloo Adventure Playground (phone 633 9635)

...THEIRS...



GARDENING.

XMAS - THE GARDENERS PARADISE

For the gardener, Xmas is a marvellous time for receiving and giving gifts.

PLANTS

A living plant makes the ideal present and if taken care of it can last for years - a small tree or shrub may last a lifetime!

Of course success depends on knowing your plant and what its needs are. Provided you know the name you can look it up in a book or consult someone who's keen on gardening (if they don't know themselves they will probably know where to find the information you need.... and be happy to do it for you). At the moment there are lots of pot plants on sale in SE1, for hot sunny rooms there are chrysanthemums, African Violets and Begonias. For cool shady rooms there are Cyclamen, Ivy, Ferns and many glossy green plants like Fatsias. Rubber plants or cheese plants.

BOOKS

Books are the ideal gift for the active and the armchair gardener. They can be expensive but there are bargains at this time of year in the W.H. Smiths at Waterloo, Charring Cross, and London Bridge Stations. It is also worth a visit to Marks & Spencers as they have marvellously illustrated (colour photographs) books on every aspect of gardening, at a cost of £1 - £3 each.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Amongst the smaller items there are all kinds of gloves for different jobs, cloth, leather, and fingerless gloves. Secateurs for pruning or a new hand trowel and fork set. A pack of pots and a bag of compost always comes in handy, as do ceramic pots or saucers to put a pot plant on or in.

XMAS TREE

Lots of people today prefer to buy an artificial one but you can't beat a real tree for that special Xmas atmosphere. Best of all is to buy a live tree in a container, it won't shed its needles as do the ones that are chopped down. And in the New Year you'll be able to plant it out or keep it growing in its pot on a balcony or any space outdoors.

SEED CATALOGUES

Whilst sitting around the Xmas Tree, happy indoors out of the cold, what could be nicer than browsing through this years seed catalogues which are fully illustrated with colour photographs giving details of all the seeds on offer and telling you what sort of conditions they need to grow well. If you write to the following asking them to send you this years seed catalogues, they will send it to you absolutely free and without any obligation to buy. If you send off straight away you'll have some back in time to give as part of your Xmas presents.

Suttons Seeds Ltd, Hele Rd, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 7QJ;
I.S. Unwin, Cliffside Lane, Wisbech, Cambs, PE13 2HW
SE Marshall, Regal Rd, Wisbech, Cambs, PE13 2rf
Thompson & Morgan, Crant Hall, London Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk.
Unwin Seeds, Histon, Cambs CB4 4LE

Local places to visit for seeds, bulbs, plants and tools:

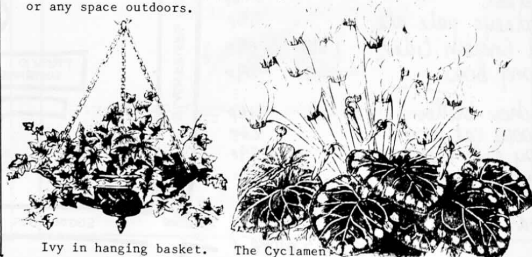
Roots and shoots, Walnut Tree Walk (off Lambeth Walk, SE11)
They have pansies in pots now flowering like mad, shizanthus (poppy mans orchid): a beauty on the window sill in spring & early summer, polyanthus & more. Suttons Seed Shop, 33 Catherine St (opposite Drury Lane Theatre) WC2. Very full stocks of flower and vegetable seeds, bulbs and herbaceous plants.

Not forgetting stalls a selection down Lower Marsh during the week, and a plant shop and flower stall in Waterloo Road good for indoor plants.

Lastly, the birds

Whilst you are enjoying your food over Christmas, do remember to put something out for the birds. Bread is good, but fat, peanuts and seeds are much better for keeping the cold out. Do have a merry Christmas.

Keib Thomas



Ivy in hanging basket.

The Cyclamen

Merry Christmas

from

JOHANNA

PRIMARY

SCHOOL



Shona J3



Class J1

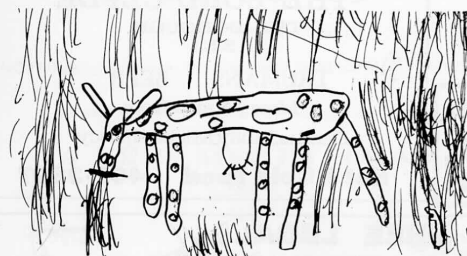
In our classroom we spoke about our friends. Darren says, "I like my friend called Charles. He lets me go to his party. He lets me play with his toys and when we go to Margate, he sits with me."

Mary says, "Susan is my friend's name. She lives in a flat. She lets me play with her disco lights and her radio." Charles says, "I like my friend because when it is eight o'clock he takes me to the shop and buys me peanuts and lollies and then I go to bed."

Dairy Farming

Keith J1

Every cow has to have a calf every year otherwise they do not give milk. Cows do not eat like us they have more than one stomach.



The cows wrap the grass round their tongues and they swallow it then they bring it up again and they chew it properly and swallow it again. Alphie J1

Waterloo's Roving Reporter :

Traffic Lights

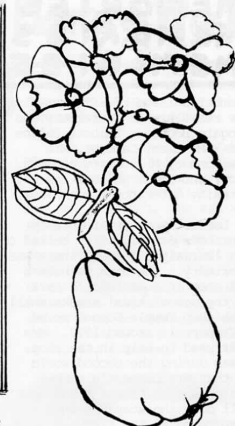
Reporter: One of today's problems for old people. They can not walk fast when the green man flashes. A - a beep beep noise comes on - Old person: We cannot walk over the main roads with them traffic lights.

Reporter: I know I have problems when I cross the road too.

Person in a wheelchair: It's hard to get across the road in a wheelchair if you're old.

Reporter: Do you think we should do something about it? Old lady: Yes, we do, and make it a bit longer for us.

Reporter: This is Young Chi Liu reporting from Waterloo.



QUINCE

Quinces look like apples and pears, they have a sort of bitter taste. Quinces have more pips than apples or pears. Quinces grow on bushes. They are a member of the rose family. Quinces can be made into a pale pink jam or jelly.

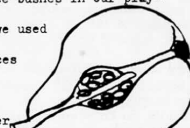
The leaves of the bush are green and oval shaped, the blossom is red, pink or white small flowers.

We made quince jam from the quince bushes in our playground. This is how we made it, we used

17½ kgs. of quinces

13 kgs. of sugar

12 litres of water



First we washed the quinces then cut them into quarters, then we boiled them with the water. After that we drained them and we got a peach coloured juice.

We boiled this juice with the sugar. We kept taking the scum off to get a clear jammy colour.

When it was thoroughly boiled we tested a little bit

and it set good so then we got some old jam jars that

we had thoroughly washed and poured the jam in them and

let it cool. And now we are going to sell it at our

Christmas Fair. We made 50 pounds to sell.

Sarah Jane Tuckey J4



I am at the dentist

Lorraine and Patsy J3

MEMORIES MEMORIES MEMORIES

December's issue of SE1 presents four residents of Canterbury and Satngate House on Lambeth Palace Road - Mr Lizzy Lambert, Mrs Rose Ronner, Miss Darby and Mrs Joyce, who spent an hour one wet and rainy afternoon reminiscing.

Mrs Lambert went to Archbishop Tennison's School, which backed on to a 'Burialpark' where there was a mortuary. She used to have a tuck shop in Archbishop's Park for the school kids' snacks until Archbishop Temple School moved to Camberwell around 1970. Mrs Ramer used to help in the shop. It was during the second world war that Mrs Lambert's mother slid on sprats from a fishmonger's stall down the steps of the underground at the Elephant, and this fall precipitated the birth of her sister, Miss Darby.

Mrs Ronner remembers the beautiful old buildings of Johanna Street School which have since been demolished, and also taking the Sunday dinner to Sharpe's the baker on Baylis Road for it to be cooked for about 1 1/2 (5p). Her own mother, a midwife, would buy trays of loaves from Obriek's bakery and neighbours could get their bread from her on credit and pay at the end of the week.

Mrs Joyce went to Addington Street School - where St Thomas' lying in hospital once stood. "Kids didn't go to play school then, we used to take care of 6 or 7 kids". She missed out on school to bring up her younger brothers and sisters - her own mother died at 44 giving birth to the last child.

Mrs Joyce remembers going to 'the lump' in Renfrew Road before the days of Social Security. 'The lump' paid your rent and supplied either food - including horse meat - or food coupons. There were great blocks of margarine which were cut up as well.

You could have a night out on 3/- or 4/-, and go down East Street market and buy yourself a dress for under 2/6d (12p). Mrs Joyce's mother used to blacklead the stove until you could see your face in it. She remembers George Strauss getting electricity and gas for Wexwell Terrace (where Stangate House stands) by bringing to the attention of local councillors the deplorable services in their houses.

There used to be a candle factory where Canterbury House stands. When the Canterbury Theatre was in its prime, it was usual to 'bunk in', i.e. get in the back entrance of the theatre for free. On the Upper Marsh there used to be a grocer, greengrocer, pepper shop, fish shop, coal shop and bakers, most of which were destroyed in the war. In Royal Street there used to be a children's welfare clinic, known as the mother's meeting. Mrs Joyce is not impressed with the new part of St Thomas' Hospital - "I don't know why they knocked down old St Thomas' - the new one's like a jam factory!"

Mrs Ronner remembers going 'hopping' for three weeks around the end of August. Whole families would catch the train from Waterloo to Marsden in Kent, taking their pots and pans along.

The kids used to collect eggs for the farmers and would be given sixpence to take away in return. In the evenings gypsies would bring out plum duff and jam rolls.

Mrs Lambert remembers how smashing Lambeth Walk used to look when it was all lit up. Her mother did the 'Lambeth Walk' with Lupino Lane on top of Taylor's the draper's shop, and the photo appeared in the Lilliput magazine.

Down the Lower Marsh you could go shopping until 9 o'clock of a night - it was all lit up. For 7/- you could buy the family's meat for 3 or 4 days. Soup was supplied - generally for free - by the Salvation Army from Boneface Street. You could buy a pillow case of yesterday's bread for 6d from Obriek's bakery. There was a large fruit shop in Westminster Bridge Road, where you could buy a bag of bruised fruit for 2d.

On the topic of work, Mrs Joyce and Mrs Ronner remember going peashovelling in Covent Garden - they were paid by the pint and enjoyed the work because of the



From left to right:
Mrs Lambert, Mrs Joyce,
Mrs Ronner, and Winston in front.

**REVELATION-Local
'WHITE ELEPHANT'
SHEDDING ITS SKIN!**

To protect the public from the whitish-brown mosaic tiles falling off Century House, the building is to be clad from the bottom to the top of its 22 stories with 'bronze' sheeting. Looked at any angle except head on, which Waterloo residents aren't going to be able to do, the bronze in fact looks a dirty brown/khaki brown, and won't add anything at all to this skyscraper which already sticks out like a sore thumb on Westminster Bridge Road.

It's no secret that this building is a 'sensitive' Government building, but they don't seem to be at all sensitive about the local community.

company. Mrs Joyce remembers getting up at 3.30 a.m. to go cleaning in the Grand Palace Hotel. Then you could sort waste paper for Bowaters', Lawson and London Waste from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. - your target was 50 sacks a day - at the age of 15 years you earned 10/-.

Mrs Joyce looked after the old folks until recently - she's now 77 and married in 1929 in St Marys Lambeth.

Men who were out of work used to be paid 1d/day to shovel up the snow in bad weather. The ground used to be black after it snowed when the air was full of smog.

But they were nice days - people were friendly then. Children of tenants of Canterbury and Stangate have no right to their own flat in these blocks, and many have been forced to move away to raise their own families.

SDP-LIBERAL ALLIANCE

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year from JOHN MEDWAY and PAUL REYNOLDS your Alliance Councillors.

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merry christmas

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National Tree Planting Week! FOR EVERY CHILD A TREE.

In the last 25 years, in England and Wales alone, over 20 million trees have been lost as a result of modern agricultural practice, increasing urbanisation and diseases, such as the Dutch Elm epidemic. If these trees are not replaced soon then our wildlife will continue to become more and more impoverished. It is not impossible that our present children's grandchildren will only be able to see trees in 'living museums', such as Kew Gardens.

Here is one of the 'young foresters' account of what happened when they planted a tree:

"This week is National Tree Planting Week. Today we went to William Curtis Park. We planted some trees which was Ash and some Oak. The man who showed us how to do it was called Steve. He demonstrated to us. There was holes all ready dug for us. All we had to do was get on with planting. Steve laid down the young trees and told us to choose one of them. When we had collected it we started planting. First of



To try to encourage the planting of trees, the last week in November has been made National Tree Planting week, and this year, the theme was 'For every child, a tree'.

Over the week, more than 150 children from local primary schools (Rotherhithe, Tower Bridge, Surrey Square, Galleymall, Malmesbury) have each planted a tree in the William Curtis Ecological Park. The types of trees planted included: oak, ash, alder, field maple, plus shrubs such as hawthorn, broom and dog rose. It is hoped that these additions to the 250 trees already in the Park will encourage even more wildlife, and visitors, to it.

The William Curtis Park is open to all, seven days a week from 9 to 5pm. It is near Tower Bridge on the riverside: entry is through either from the Hays Wharf section of the Jubilee Walkway, or off Vine Lane, opposite the Anchor Butter factory.

all we made sure that our hole was big enough for the roots to grow. When we had sorted that out we started to put earth on it. My friend was holding the stem so it wouldn't grow wonkey. 'When we had filled in half the hole we had to stamp down the earth. Then we found some worms to keep the soil healthy. When we had found them we put some earth on top until we had filled the hole. When the hole was completed we put some dead grass on top and round the tree to stop weeds from growing.

"We were lucky it was a nice day. The night before though we had a bad shower of rain, and that made the soil nice and moist. Everyone in the class done 2 trees each. And Steve has loads of trees left stored in the pond. When we was just leaving Steve asked me and my friend to go into the warden's hut to look at some things like badges and pamphlets about the park."

COIN STREET ACTION GROUP

happy xmas to everyone fighting for a better

WATERLOO AND N. SOUTHWARK.



Best wishes from EVERYONE

at the Waterloo Action Centre

14 Baylis Road SE1. Tel: 261 1404

The Action Centre will be closed from Thursday 23rd December at 2pm, and will re-open on Tuesday 4th January.

'RENT DIRECT'

During the last month or so, it has come to the attention of those working on the advice desk at the Waterloo Action Centre that some council tenants claiming supplementary benefit who have their rent paid direct to the council have been experiencing some unique problems.

One of the most common problems is that people are not told that the Social Security office transfers the rent to the council every 13 weeks. This means that tenants appear to be in arrears on all but four weeks of the year. This way of dealing with rent which has to be paid by the Social Security can cause a large amount of anxiety and worry to tenants when they keep on receiving a statement of their rent account from the council. This statement doesn't give any indication that any rent owed will be paid by the SS when the 13 week cycle starts again.

Even more disturbing is the experience of a Lambeth tenant who has been on 'rent direct' for several years now. Recently this tenants asked for a transfer to another estate. This request was turned down by a housing official who said that she could not be transferred as it was against council policy to transfer tenants who are in rent arrears. When this tenant protested that she couldn't possibly be in arrears because the rent was 'paid direct'. She was told somewhat unsympathetically that if she had any complaints about the way her rent is dealt with she should see the Social Security.

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It seems that in some cases, the council's housing department discriminates against tenants on 'rent direct'.

Although many council tenants on supplementary benefit will now (from November 22nd) get their rent paid direct to the local council by the local council instead of Social Security, there are bound to be slip ups between the housing department, finance department and any other which has its finger in the pie. And not everybody will be under this new system yet. It would be helpful if Lambeth's Housing Department formally acknowledged the fact that individuals have no control over the administrative oddities of the Social Security, or the council's internal paying. They should realise that despatching statements of the rent account of somebody on 'rent direct' with no explanation of how the 'system' works, often causes a great deal of worry.

Happy Christmas from Sid at The Wheatsheaf in Borough Market



MEET FRANK!

FRANK'S FASCINATING 'FACT FILE'

WEDNESDAY: I waited patiently in the queue for my Quarter Pounder and Chips (French Fries - Ed) but I knew something was wrong. It wasn't the deafening noise of a 'kids party' going on to my immediate left with dozens of jubilant ten year olds screaming at their mothers and throwing food at each other; nor was it the incessant bed-rock vibration of lorries pulling up to the lights outside in the Walworth Road; it wasn't even the Irish ten pence pieces in my pocket that Gloria behind the counter was going to get as payment for my meal (she's only got two stars on her badge, she'll never notice the difference). As the queue slowly moved forward I suddenly realised what it was. It was Honest John standing on me foot.

JOHN: Watcha Frank. Knew you'd notice me sooner or later 'specially wiv me messing up your DM's 'n' all. I assured him that it was quite alright, that they were Desert boots, and that I'd do the same for him some day, but for the present I'd settle for the loan of a fiver.

JOHN: Like to help you son but you do happen to realise that I had it hard as a kid. I lost both me parents at the age of six. What a card game that was!

Joking aside we made the switch as usual. We both had identical yellow plastic bags, so it was simply a question of putting them down side by side and casually picking up each others bag. Wasting no time I shelved the idea of a burger and hurried off with my stomach rumbling furiously in protest at being cheated yet again. Self-preservation was foremost in my mind. I didn't want to be around to witness John's reaction when he discovered that he'd been paid in useless ten-penny notes. Mind you John wasn't in a hurry to stick around himself, not only were half the negatives missing, but he'd also forgotten to use flash on the most important documents. Still, undeterred in my crusade to uncover 'the truth behind the dirt' of Fleet Street I can now bring to you (courtesy of Honest John).....THE THINGS THEY REFUSED TO PRINT!

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....
* The force needed to crush a head louse is about 500,000 times its own weight.

* A lawnmower which cuts grass with high pressure water jets has been patented by Derek James of Birmingham. The advantage of the lawnmower is that its cutting parts are not damaged if they strike hard objects like stones or roots.

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* There are more than 100,000 Americans of 4'10" or under, a whole foot below the national average.

* A glass fibre artificial beak has been surgically attached to a brown pelican in Southern California.

* Japan's Nissan Motor Company has developed an entirely new engine ignition system that uses a laser instead of spark plugs. Since there is no high voltage electric sparking the system does not interfere with radio and audio equipment.

* A total of 16% of mothers with dependent children work full-time. * One pound of Plutonium (equally distributed) is enough to poison the entire human race.

* A contraceptive nasal spray has successfully prevented over 80 Canadian women from becoming pregnant (New Scientist 8.11.82). It is also being developed for men.

* Magnetic fields make Rainbow Trout more fertile say American scientists at the Pacific Northwest Laboratory in Washington State.

This startling discovery was stumbled upon by researchers investigating what happens to industrial workers exposed to large magnetic doses. * A recent inspection of British schoolchildren revealed that 26% had head lice. Lice are the main carriers of typhoid.

* Locusts have their ears on their abdomen.

* A saliva substitute has been developed in Africa. Selling under the name MOI-STIB (at 4 p per spray-pump bottle) it is chemically similar to saliva except that it does not contain enzymes, and has a slightly minty flavour. Xerostomia, or dry-mouth, afflicts many old people being treated with cancer-killing drugs. It can cause severe dental problems, and make the retention of dentures difficult. Food is virtually tasteless without saliva.

One in three men between the ages of 45 and 64 probably suffers from coronary heart disease (its less common in women). * Since the Immigration Act 1971 came into force 10,559 people have been subject to deportation orders.

* A Birmingham made Austin Mini Metro costs £1662 in Denmark, £2100-£2500 in the rest of Europe and £3440 in Britain.

* Just under three million notifiable offences were recorded by the Police in 1981, 10% more than in 1980. 80% of all offences were of theft and handling stolen goods or of burglary. The overall clear-up rate is 38% of recorded offences, and the clear-up for offences against the person (less than 5% of recorded offences) has fallen from 82% in 1971 to 75% in 1981. * 3000 pints of pigs blood are required to produce one gram of cold and cancer-curing wonderdrug Interferon.

* 'Yesterday' by the Beatles has been recorded by over 2000 different artists. AND NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT! See ya - FRANK.



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* Southwark Council has no such problems, with the new set of Labour councillors very firmly in control of the council's meetings, even if some officers are still living in the old regime.

* a fleeting visit from the Pope brought Waterloo to a standstill in early summer and gave a little sunshine to the disabled, sick and dying, and even a few office workers (bless 'em).

* the Waterloo Festival made a welcome return, and people with ideas will soon be wanted for next year!

In ten issues, of course there has been a lot more that we can't possibly mention here, and also a lot we would have liked to have covered, but couldn't due to lack of people to do it.

OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Firstly, we hope that the paper will continue to come out regularly, and that it grows in its distribution and also the number of people who write to us, provide articles or illustrations and put it together increases. Several people who helped with previous issues of 'SE1' have now moved out of the area, and we urgently need others to replace them. Now we have the basic problems of lay-out sorted out, any help, small or large, is valuable: please add your penny's worth!

PUBLIC MEETING

So new people can find out more, and so readers of the paper can let us know what we are doing wrong, or right, and make their suggestions of how to improve matters, we are having a public meeting.

It will be on February 16th in the lounge at Blackfriars Settlement, Nelson Square, SE1 (off Union St/Blackfriars Road) Put it in your diaries now so you don't forget! 7pm is the time, and its a Wednesday. Please let us know there, or by letter, phone or visit, what you think of the new 'SE1' first year.

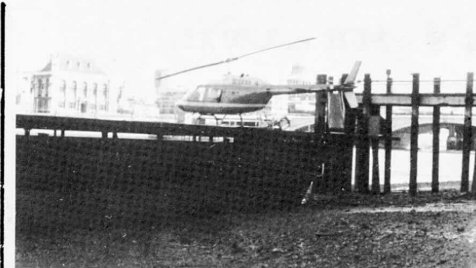
As to what we hope for the area, how about:
* approval for housing on the Coin Street sites

* both Lambeth and Southwark Council being responsive to the needs of local residents

* the GLC continuing its policies for less offices and more houses in the area, and its good intentions turning into solid results

* SE1 Community Newspaper sends seasons greetings to all who have helped with the paper over the year, especially: * our printers for doing a good job and putting up with the odd problems on the artwork

* our selling points: Purdoms; Jims Newsagent; Ellis's, Hercules Rd; Brook Drive newsagents; Panbros and Potters in the Cut; Dells; Waggy at Lambeth North tube; Southbank Bookshop; Welfare, Great Suffolk St; Toms; Tonys; Newsagent, Redcross Way; Tiernies; Newby and 208 Borough High St; Tower Mini Market;



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The planning application argues that seven jobs will come with the maintenance set-up, but these are not new jobs, and will almost certainly mean the transfer of existing workers from Andover, and not jobs for local

people. They also claim that it is only for 'temporary use' pending the decision on the Coin St. sites. But anybody at all familiar with planning knows that 'temporary' can easily become 'permanent' by default.

STEPPING OUT

While we are on the river and Lord Vestey:

Our picture shows a student doing a project on Coin St. taking his life in his hands negotiating the steps down to the river next to the helicopter barge. These are Barge House Steps themselves, but for how much longer? Each tide is gradually bending and moving them, and one day they will break altogether.

But before then somebody could easily have an accident on them. It was thought that the GLC was responsible for them, but they now say that it is back to our old friend Vestey to keep them in good condition, as part of his

'riparian duties' as a river front landowner.

While he is making these safe, we also suggest that he clears up the mess of asbestos sheeting which his crew have left on the foreshore after demolishing the shed which used to jut out over the water. A large amount of time and money has gone into making the Thames clean again: mainly taxpayers money. Perhaps Vestey could use just a little bit of the tax he has avoided paying over the years to fulfil his obligations for everybody's enjoyment of the river.



Babbs; newsagents in Snowfields and Porlock St; Pat Gibbons;

Rockingham TA Hall; Borough Community Centre; Waterloo Action Centre; Blackfriars Settlement; Morley College; Young Vic; Colombo St. Centre; The Wheatsheaf.

* our hard-working sellers: Ray Kingsbury; Dolly Davey; Peter Beckett and St Thomas' Residents Association; Ted Bowman and NSDCG

OUR NEXT ISSUE will be out on February 5th, and all contributors must reach us by Wednesday 26th January. You can phone us by ringing John on 928 4748 home, or via WAC: 261 1404, or Rob on 735 5168, or Nick on 261 9119, or Chris on 261 9710

SHORTS.

WINDMILL WALK

Following our article last month, it is expected that there will be a public meeting on the ideas for the closure of Windmill Walk, off The Cut, very shortly. Both Lambeth Council and the GLC are interested in finding out the views of local residents, so look out for information on this.

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The S.C.A.S. was set up to help sick and disabled people of any age who are prone to sudden emergencies and are at risk in their own home. The alarms, which are provided by the Social Services Department, consist of a unit which plugs into any electric point, plus a portable handset enabling you to summon help from anywhere in your home.

The radio signals from the alarms are monitored 24 hours a day by an operator who then contacts a Neighbourhood Volunteer who will come to your aid as quickly as possible.

Neighbourhood Volunteers are your friends, relatives, neighbours. They need to be contactable by phone and willing to respond in an emergency if they are at home at the time. No training is necessary they simply need to pop round to see what action is required (ambulance, doctor etc).

Volunteers are needed in the following areas; Purbrook Estate, Great Dover St., Nelson Square, Jacob St., Gaywood St. (SE1).

Character references are taken up for volunteers to ensure they are trustworthy to protect the client as far as possible.

If you can help or know somebody who can, contact: SANDRA FURZE, AT CASTLE HOUSE, 2 WALWORTH ROAD, SE1, OR TELEPHONE 703 6363.

HERE'S HEALTH.

WELL WOMAN CLINIC

Interest is building up around the proposal for a 'Well Woman Clinic' for Waterloo. Several women braved the pouring rain to attend a meeting at the Barley Mow Clinic on 24th November to discuss how we should go about putting the ideas into a firm proposal.

We decided to visit all the local tenants associations to talk to more women about the ideas, and then to hold a meeting in January to finally draw up proposals to put to the Health District authority. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

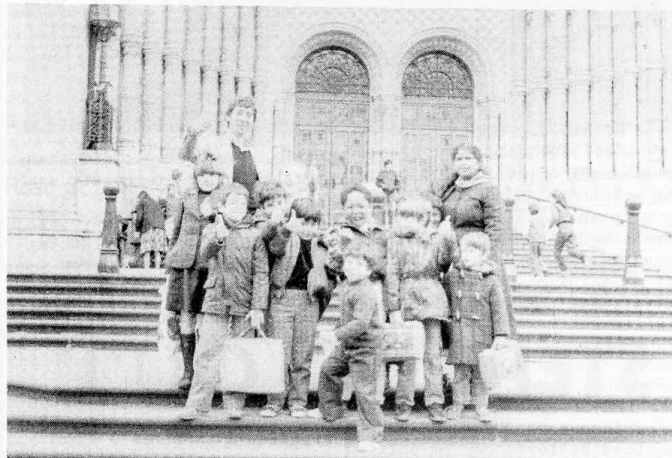
In case you are wondering why we need a service for 'well woman'.... as most people think of going to the doctor when they are feeling ill.... the idea is to give all women, of all ages, a chance to get a thorough check up, a smear test, breast examination and time to air any worries. It's very difficult to get this normally, as most people don't get enough time with their GPs, or at the family planning clinic. In any case, older women approaching or going through the menopause get left out of the services offered.

The meeting felt that we must be sure what we want before the ideas go to the health district. Some well woman clinics do not provide enough time for each consultation. Others, like one in Manchester, offer women a very good service with enough time to talk over things.

So come along if you feel you could use a service like this, here!

Its at the Barley Mow Clinic, Tuesday 18th January 1983 at 7pm! (in Frazier St)

On Saturday 6th November Health Club members were taken to the Natural History Museum and later on to Archbishop's Park. Members saw films and displays about dinosaurs and the evolution of man. Going by the smiles and thumbs-up signs in the photo, their club should be going for a long while to come.



A YEAR in the life

It is now a year since the first issue produced by the new 'SE1' group hit the street. In that time a small group of people has managed to bring out 10 issues of the paper.

The new group was got together because of the concern of groups and individuals in the area that 'SE1' was a valuable part of the community, and was needed to provide a place to exchange information, news, opinions and report what was going on in the area. We've tried to meet this need, and also make it interesting.

We think we have slowly got better at doing this, but only you can tell us if we are doing it right.

Some issues we've covered over the year include:

- * the ever continuing saga of the Coin Street sites: now awaiting the results of the second inquiry held earlier this year, for which many people in Waterloo devoted a lot of time and energy.

- * Campbell Buildings took up quite a bit of space in the first few issues - once again a long running saga of ordinary folk trying to get somewhere decent to live. There are still a few tenants left in the old blocks, with the fourth block half demolished. And plans for replacement homes now take into account the views of local people.

- * people in the Edward Henry House Co-op are now finally appreciating the results of their own efforts in getting somewhere decent to live. The first co-op members moved into their flats shortly before our first issue, and now the rest, both in Cornwall Road & Coin Street are filled.

- * the new houses for Hatch Row Co-op have been growing before our eyes just down the road from the SE1 office, and will be ready in the spring for more families to bring back life to the area

- * the North Southwark District Plan has also lasted out the year: first with opposition to the old plan drawn up by Southwark Council, which was then abandoned by the new administration. The first round of consultation on a new plan is now coming to a close.

- * staying in Bermondsey, the will he, won't he of Bob Mellish MP resigning has finally been resolved, and we look forward to an interesting by-election

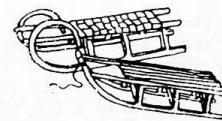
- * politics has also seen an odd series of events at Lambeth Council, with cries of 'traitor', 'scoundrel' and the like being used as if they were going out of fashion. Nothing is certain even now on what the council will try, and be able, to do, with the May election leaving things very finely balanced.

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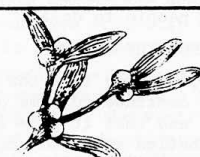
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MELLISH RESIGNS

Peter Tatchell, the controversial parliamentary candidate for Southwark-Bermondsey who lives on the Rockingham Estate in SE1, now looks likely to be the official Labour candidate in a by-election early next year.

Now that Bob Mellish has resigned his seat to concentrate on a lucrative job as vice-chair of the Docklands Development Corporation, which was set up by Michael Heseltine, a by-election will take place. While Mellish was still an MP, he could not take a salary for the LDDC job, but he can now do so.

The Labour Party has now accepted that Peter Tatchell is eligible to stand for selection again as candidate. If local party members elect him again, as they seem certain to do, then he will be allowed to go ahead and stand in the by-election.

Peter, who lives and works in SE1, told us that he is very confident of winning the seat for Labour and looks forward to representing local people's needs for better housing and jobs in Parliament.

John O'Grady, former leader of Southwark Council, and a close associate of Bob Mellish, has said that he will stand in opposition to the Labour Party at the by-election because he doesn't agree with the local Labour Party members' choice. If he does carry out this threat, he will face expulsion from the Labour Party.

The by-election will take place almost certainly early in the new year. The SDP/Liberal alliance has named its candidate as Simon Hughes, a Liberal

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