

# SE1

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## TOM KING-ONE KING TOO MANY!



### COIN STREET IN COURT

There was a large group of people outside the High Court in the Strand on May 19th, waiting to make their case inside. But beforehand, these people from SE1 showed what they hoped would happen to the Government's Tom King, and his decision to give planning permission for offices on the Coin Street sites.

After much prompting by the local people, the giant puppet judge came out in favour of giving Tom King the chop. When the actual court case started inside though, the proceedings took somewhat longer. At the time of going to press, the decision from the Judge hearing the real legal case was still awaited.

The hearing went on for a week, with barristers representing the GLC, Lambeth and Southwark Councils, as well as the local Association of Waterloo Groups, putting the case for 'quashing' the Greycoats permission. The decision is now expected in mid-June, after the Whitsun court recess.

In the meantime, local people will be able to express their support for housing on Coin Street in another way. Labour candidates for Parliament for Vauxhall and for Bermondsey (Stuart Holland and John Tilley) both pledged themselves to doing all they could to make sure the AWG scheme was the one that went ahead. The Labour Party nationally has also pledged itself to doing all it can, assuming it gets into power on June 9th.

## WELCOME

SE1 is pleased to welcome all the tenants of Hatch Row Housing Co-op to their new homes. With all the houses and flats now occupied, there is a concrete result to all the hard work that local people have put in, unpaid. We'll have a feature on what this means to the inhabitants next time.



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**BIG BAND MUSIC CLASS**  
for people who play trumpet, trombone, saxophone, keyboard, guitar, bass, drum kit. No auditions. Extensive library of parts. Cost £1 for 6 weeks, if unemployed, pensioner, on benefit, under 18 etc. Others £2.40  
Starts Wednesday 15th June 7 to 9.30pm at the Morley Community Building (yellow and rust) King Edward Walk, SE1. Further information: Eithne Nightingale on 928 8501 x 154.

**COACH TRIP TO HASTINGS**  
from Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road on Sunday 26th June. Leaves 10am. Cost £2.50. You must book your seat in advance. Ring Linda on 928 6476 or call in at the Centre.

**LUNCHTIME MUSIC** 1.10pm on Fridays at St Andrews Church, Short St (off The Cut) FREE  
JUNE 10th Horn, organ & piano  
JUNE 17th Guitar, organ & piano  
JUNE 24th Violin, organ & piano  
All feature several classical pieces - come and go as lunch time allows.

**THE BUBBLE THEATRE AT SOUTHWARK PARK**  
Wednesday 29th June to Sunday 3rd July  
Wed & Thurs at 7.30pm: Rogues Progress, based on the life of king of the underworld in 18th century London  
Thurs 2.30pm: 'Under the Hill & Far Away' childrens show  
Fri, Sat, Sun at 7.30pm: 'Forbidden Planet' a tongue-in-cheek Sci-Fi musical  
Fri, Sat at 10pm: 'Hell can be Heaven' - late night band show. Tickets £1.50 or £2 (half price unwaged) Childrens show 50p  
Further details and advance tickets from Southwark Entertainments on 703 2917

**BANKSIDE FESTIVAL AT BEAR GARDENS** 20th to 25th June  
Monday 7.30pm Rob Inglis in 'A Christmas Carol'  
Tuesday 7.30pm Rob Inglis in 'The Canterbury Tales'  
Wednesday 7.30pm Rob Inglis in 'Shakespeare In Percons'  
Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm; Sat 3pm The Globe Players presents 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'  
Tickets £2, Unwaged £1

'TRIUMPH OF LABOUR - a history of trade unions' - an exhibition at the Livesey Museum until July 23rd. Admission free Mon to Sat 10am to 5pm. 682 Old Kent Road, SE15. Further details on 639 5604 (Janet Vitmayer or Nell Maynard)

## ELEPHANT BAND

The summer Elephant Consortium Concert took place at St. Saviours & St. Olaves School Hall, New Kent Road, on Tuesday 17th May.

The Elephant Band itself, drawn from nine schools in the area, started off the programme in invigorating fashion with 'Anchors Aweigh'. They were

followed by the Orchestral Ensemble from St. Michaels, then the Brass Group from Notre Dame. After the return of the Band, the Choir from St Saviours & St. Olaves, accompanied by guitars from Scott Liddett, went into a song from 'Fame', with Choir and Band rounding off the evening.



## KENNINGTON & WATERLOO GINGERBREAD

Kennington and Waterloo Gingerbread have moved their Tuesday evening meetings from Lambeth Mission to Morley College Community Education Building in King Edward Walk TEMPORARILY until July. Until then, there will be two paid workers (funded by the Community Education Project) to look after the children while the adults chat, drink tea & coffee, obtain advice and organise social and fund-raising activities. Membership is open to all lone-parents, with or without custody of the children. Come along and meet us - we're a friendly lot! Tuesday evenings 7.10 until 9.30pm

## WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

Is there a wheelchair in your home that isn't used? If so, we could put it to good use - for groups organising trips, parties, holidays, etc. If you can help us, please contact: Walworth Pensioners Project, Portakabin Offices, Penton Place, SE17 (701 1038)



## ARE YOU A HOME WORKER?

Since January, the Southwark Employment Unit has been doing work on the issue of Homeworking in the area.

We believe that there are a great many homeworkers in Southwark. Most are women who work for very low rates of pay. There are many different reasons why people do homeworking, but they usually have no other choice of employment. Some women cannot get childcare facilities, others have language difficulties or have not been trained for other work. What they do have in common is that they do not work for pin-money but use their wages to support their homes and families.

We have met some homeworkers, but would like to be in contact with many more in order to get a fuller picture of the local situation.

If you are a homeworker, we would like to talk to you about the work you do. We can help you by:

- \* giving £3 for an interview about your work
- \* help and advice with problems
- \* more information about meetings we are organising for homeworkers who want to get together and talk about common problems and interests such as training and childcare.

## CHANCE OF A LIFETIME?

Elephant Jobs Ltd. is offering a unique experience to youth of South London, in learning practical skills. Located in Tress House at 3-7 Stamford Street, SE1, Elephant Jobs has always been concerned with assisting local people in the development of particular skills along with an understanding in how to apply one's self and one's experience.

At Elephant Jobs, eight different workshops offer trainees a variety of settings for learning and trying out new techniques: Pottery, Litho Printing, Silkscreen Printing, Carpet making, carpentry, basic engineering, clerical, horticulture.

No one is promised a job at the end of the 12 month programme, but 65% of those leaving the scheme since the beginning of the year moved straight into full time work. Workshop experience, a developed Social Studies programme and the discipline of a 9 to 5 working day are designed to provide the trainees with the advantage of a strong working background.

Elephant Jobs takes on new trainees each week. 16 year olds are encouraged to arrange an interview early on, to avoid missing out on their first choice of workshops.

The newly renovated Tress House is worth a visit. If you are interested in seeing the workshops, and having an initial interview, ring John Francis or June Hughes on 928 1851.



We think that the information you have about homeworking should be used to try and secure a better deal for all homeworkers. Improvements can happen, but only with your help. Did you know that regulations exist which lay down minimum rates of pay? Are you earning what you are entitled to? Are there other things you want to know?

All information is treated with the strictest confidence, so please get in touch with us: RING 732 9777 or WRITE to Southwark Employment Unit, 135 Rye Lane, Peckham, SE15

## GOING LOCAL

Bureaucracy, waiting, frustrated council staff, despair, being fobbed off, wasting a day waiting for a workman, disappointment, waiting and even more waiting. All this must seem quite familiar to Southwark's council tenants and people on the waiting list. But if we wait a bit longer, decentralisation will solve all our problems. So the theory goes.

Sounds a bit cynical, doesn't it? Well, so does the council's process of consultation with the tenants. So far tenants representatives have been presented with an eighteen page

report written by the Director of Housing (John O'Brien). It is full of technical language, statistics and reasons why John O'Brien should remain in power. Added to this, we have been shown a film called 'Going Local' which showed how decentralisation has improved Hackney's housing. Now we have to give the council our comments.

When will the council learn that they must present things in such a way that everyone can read and understand?

What is decentralisation? Basically, the present six housing districts are too large to operate efficiently so they are to be replaced by smaller 'Neighbourhood units' which can work within the community giving tenants more say in matters. Decentralisation is a good idea and can work well for tenants and housing authorities alike. But we have to make sure that the theory is put into practice in such a way that we can all benefit.

### INGREDIENTS

The Bermondsey District Housing Committee has discussed this issue, and the following items were highlighted as important ingredients:

1. Tenant participation is essential in deciding Neighbourhood Unit areas, and feasibility of the level of decentralisation should be communicated to tenants.
2. There should be no pre-conceived number of Neighbourhood unit areas, as a large estate might be an ideal area but a number of estates might not. It depends on what people consider a neighbourhood.
3. There should be easy access to staff.
4. The Neighbourhood Unit must be accountable to tenants in areas such as repairs, allocations, lettings, improvements and future planning.
5. Repair gangs to deal with the main trades (plumbers, carpenters etc) should be attached to each neighbourhood unit.
6. Leaflets and information on all aspects of housing including welfare rights and refuse collections should be available. Preferably each Neighbourhood Unit should have an information officer.

## OXO PETITION

The campaign to save the Oxo Tower on the South Bank has been growing in strength since it was launched earlier this year (see March and April issues of SE1).

On Wednesday May 4th, a large number of signatures were collected from people crossing Blackfriars Bridge during the morning rush-hour. Some local schools had produced models of the Tower, and most passers-by needed little further prompting from the local residents holding the petition forms to sign. The Tower itself is close by, and visible from Blackfriars Bridge, and is a

unique 1930 Art Deco building. Southwark Council support keeping the Tower, which is incorporated into the Association of Waterloo Groups plans for the Coin Street sites. The danger comes from Greycoat Commercial Estates, who indirectly own the building, and have no space for it in their office scheme for the same sites. The future of the Tower will not be secure until their scheme is completely stopped. Until then, help with the campaign is welcomed: contact Save the Oxo Tower Campaign, 22 Roupell St, Waterloo, SE1.



## OH TO BE YOUNG (AND UNEMPLOYED!)

Charterhouse Unemployment Project has been running for just over a year. It is open every Wednesday 12.30 to 4.30pm. Young people can come and join in the many activities. For example, table tennis, pool, photography, video, discussions, arts and crafts.

Some young people come just to meet others, or to talk over problems. Others need help with courses and job-hunting. Here are some views on unemployment by the unemployed: Bottom to top by John Grennan.

I've been unemployed for seven months before finding this youth training scheme. I am on now. When I left school in July after taking my exams, I had no idea of what I was going to do. Luckily I was offered a part time job on a summer playscheme, which kept me occupied during the summer. After that I had nothing to do. I would get up in the morning and just listen to the radio till about midday. I knew I did not want to get into the routine of sleeping in the morning and just laying around all day. Sometimes I'd go round the library which I hated, but it just gave me something to do. Every day I knew exactly what was going to happen.

Steadily Christmas was approaching and I knew that there was no chance of getting

anything before Christmas, so I made a determined decision to find a job. I knew I was interested in youth and community work, so I went to my careers officer who told me about the youth training scheme being run by the London Union of youth clubs. From there I went onto the place where there was a vacancy for a youth and community worker at charterhouse ark. I then went onto the youth club and had a chat with mina and now to my amazement and joy I'm here.

### THE THINGS YOU DO EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED

It starts at nine o'clock in the morning, when you go to the first job center, to look at the job prospects. But when you get there the cards say you must have experience in the job. When a young person has just left school and you have to have a 0 or 0 level to get a job. The person giving the job should give you the experience in the job. Then when you been to one job center it the same in all of the job center, but you still go to the next job center to see if there will be a job for you then you go home. If you have money, you can go to the pub at the night time

M.E.Pitt



## DIY FOR MUMS

Tanswell Mother and Toddler Group will be attempting a Home Maintenance Course on Fridays 1 to 3 pm, with crèche provision for under-fives. The course will last for six sessions and will cover a variety of topics including plumbing, electricity, safety, decorating and economy. The course starts on Friday 10th June and ends on Friday 15th July. For further details ring Tanswell Mother and Toddler Group on Tues, Weds or Thur on 633 9441 or call in at 4 Santley House, Frazier St (opposite Barley Mow Clinic).



# NORTH SOUTHWARK BEHIND BARS!

A number of council estates in North Southwark have for several months been the scene of some quite extensive building rehabilitation. Quentin House, Nelson Square, Webber Row and Marshalsea Road are at this moment having old brickwork renewed and roofs replaced.

Although the council are to be congratulated for finally addressing themselves to the fundamental structural imperfections that afflict council estates they have failed to deal with many of the problems that these sort of repairs create.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY PROBLEMS

For example, there have been a number of problems surrounding safety precautions and security. The scaffolding that has been erected has meant that flats above the ground floor are far more accessible from the outside and more prone to break-ins. Kids deprived of play space scale the scaffolding which understandably cause great anxiety for parents. Scaffolding has been left lying around and can be dangerous at night. Scaffolding bolts that have been left on the ground could be used to smash windows. A section of scaffolding on one estate actually collapsed.

It seems ridiculous that with all these hazards and the potential for break-ins that the Council or the contractors don't provide night watchmen when such works are being carried out.

There have also been shortcomings over the liaison and consultation between the council, the contractors and the tenants which probably accounts for the lack of security and safety precautions.

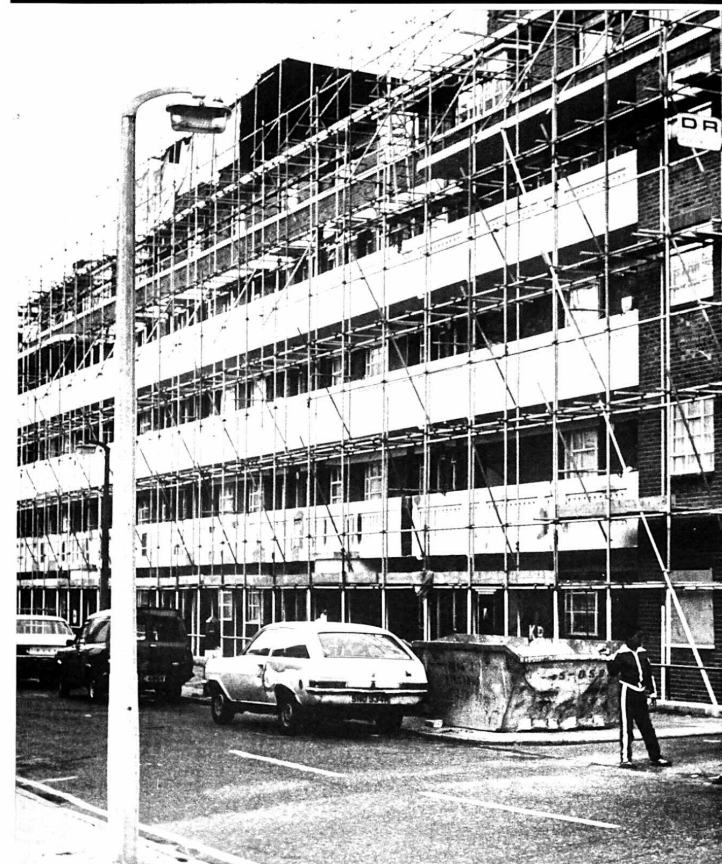
If your property is damaged whilst the work is being carried out make a claim and report any problems to your site office. The contractors are responsible for any damage.

You are entitled to compensation for the disturbance caused with the work is going on under your tenancy agreement. See below.

Problems are created for children too!



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A common sight in North Southwark.

## COMPENSATION...

If where you live is undergoing major building works you are entitled to compensation for the disturbance. This is Clause 25.4 in the new tenancy agreement:

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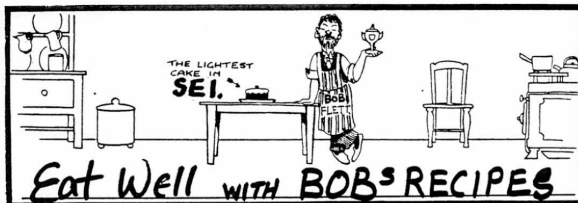
'Where the tenant is required to remain in occupation of the dwelling house while the works are being carried out and her/his occupation is substantially disrupted or restricted she/he shall be entitled to compensation payable on completion of the work, calculated as follows.

- (a) a sum equivalent to a day's rent and rates for each day between the day on which the work starts and the day on which the works are completed.
- (b) if the tenant or anyone on the tenants behalf is required by the council to take time off work in order to be at the dwelling house, a sum equivalent to any wages or holiday pay lost by such a person. Such compensation shall be limited to the loss of wages of any one person at any one time.
- (c) the cost of tenant's electricity used by the Council's workers or contractors.

You should put in a claim now if work is being carried out on your block even though you will get no payment until the work is completed.

## ...CLAIM NOW

The scale of the problem.



## BOB'S BURN'T OFFERINGS

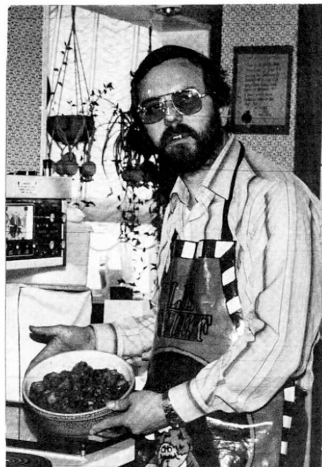
All the recipes published have been tried and tested on a guinea pig, namely my patient wife. To start off, I have chosen a quick and easy Ratatouille. It's a delicious vegetable stew which will compliment any meal.

## INGREDIENTS

2 medium onions  
4 tbsp. butter  
2 tbsp. oil  
1 large clove garlic  
12oz courgettes  
8oz eggplant(aubergine)  
4oz can peeled tomatoes  
1 green pepper  
salt and pepper to taste

## METHOD

Prepare onions and chop. Peel garlic and crush. Wash pepper, remove stalk and seeds, and dice. Wash eggplant and courgettes, remove stalks and slice. Warm butter and oil in pressure cooker and add all ingredients. Close lid and cook for 10 minutes after valve begins to murmur. Serve either hot or cold.



If you would like to share your favourite recipe, send it in and we shall try to publish it for you. Why not drop us a sample too?!



## COMMUNITY NURSERY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

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Tabard Gardens TA has a grant to convert a flat to a community nursery for under-fives on the estate.

We need a development worker for nine months to progress the project. This involves setting up a local community nursery association, contacting parents & tenants, liaising with builders, architect and funding agencies, and advising on the management & operation of the nursery.

We would like to hear from local people with the experience and skill to help make the nursery a reality.

Salary: £4250 (39 weeks, 30 hr week). Contact Rita Sargent, 9 Shere House, Great Dover St, SE1.

## FOCUS ON THE BOROUGH

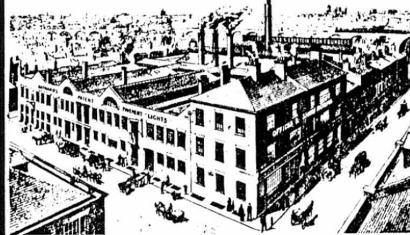
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Above, Coal-hole cover found in Southwark.

Below, 'Haywards' OF THE BOROUGH



Union Street offices, works and foundry, 1897

## ALL LONDONERS STEP ON

"THE BOROUGH" by Keib Thomas

Recently, on a walk through The Borough, I was once again struck by the historic richness of this area. It was a quiet Saturday morning, I was on my way from London Bridge station to the SE1 photography course at Blackfriars Settlement in Nelson Square. Out of the station into Borough High St. After noting the pub where John Harvard lived as a boy, I turned down Lant St and across into Copperfield St. There, I could not resist going into Copperfield St. Community Garden. Its so refreshing to come upon such a colourful public space filled with old fashioned cottage garden plants. Its such a credit and resource, to the people living and working nearby. Feeling uplifted, I continued down Copperfield St, passing John Harvard school before turning into Risboro St which cuts through to Union St.

What a contrast! Far from the delights of a community garden is Risboro St! Here, one side of the street is completely demolished and fenced off. Two thirds is used as a car park (what else?) and the corner site facing on to Union St is 'tinned up' (ugh) with corrugated iron!

My curiosity got the better of me and I peered through a gap in the sheeting - that lovely shrub Buddleia, known as the 'butterfly bush' as they find its lilac flowers irresistible throughout the summer. This shrub seeds itself freely and thrives on any derelict city site. Local councils really owe this plant a medal for the splendid way it reclaims and improves the derelict sites they create and merely 'tin off'.

What a waste of space! Why couldn't it be a temporary garden or useful space for people nearby? I was in a hurry....so I noted the number, well I worked out that it was between No.181 and 195 Union St. This rang a bell....

For many years I have had an interest in the round, metal coal hole covers that can be seen embedded in pavements. I recalled that I had seen many different designs, with the name "Haywards, 187-189 Union St, BOROUGH" all over London!

This tinned off site, that very same address. The following Monday I visited John Harvard Library in Borough High St.

There, I was greatly helped by Bernard Nurse (local studies librarian) who brought me a book '1783 -1953, Years of Reflection', a history of Haywards, who started as glaziers in Bread St. In 1783 they combined working in glass with working in iron and set up as ironmongers in Union St.

As a small boy, Charles Dickens noticed a sign in 1823 as he walked backwards and forwards from his home in Lant St. to the 'blackening factory' where he worked at Hungerford Stairs.

"My usual way home," he wrote to his biographer, "was over Blackfriars Bridge and down that turning in Blackfriars Rd, which has Rowland Hills Chapel on one side and the likeness of a golden dog licking a golden pot over a shop door on the other."

This was Haywards Ironmonger shop and the 'dog and pot' (the ironmongers symbol) can be seen preserved at the Cumings Museum, Walworth Rd.

After the 'Great Exhibition', Haywards developed 'The Union Kitchen Range' and became wholesale only in 1857. In



1871 they revolutionised lighting basement rooms under street level. They used glass prisms that directed daylight into the darkest corner of the underground room.

However, by 1919 the expanded Union St. premises became unsuitable because of new production methods and materials (sound familiar?) A six acre site was found in Enfield and the production work was moved out of SE1. But the headquarters of the Company remained at 187/189 Union St until the firm ceased to trade. I believe that this building was pulled down in the mid-Seventies, leaving us a 'tinned up' site to conceal another layer of local history!

Whenever I go in London, I see artifacts proclaiming the name 'Haywards of the BOROUGH'. Some of their coal hole covers are over 100 years old, in excellent working order and still very decorative. Long may Londoners step on 'em.

Next time you pass a derelict site, stop and think over what it may once have been and what it could become if given over for permanent or temporary use to the local community.

## BOROUGH

In 1975 when it became known that the Southwark Bridge Road library was to close, local residents wrote to Southwark Council requesting that the building be used for community activities.

Permission for this was granted in 1978 and local people immediately started to renovate the old building, which was in a poor state of repair. At the same time, they started various fundraising and community events, such as socials, jumble sales and day trips to the coast.

The building is now known as the Borough Community Centre, and is still run by a voluntary management committee most of whom were involved from the beginning. Their aim was, and still is, to provide social educational and recreational facilities for the people of North Southwark.

In January 1982 the Borough Community Centre was given a grant by the Greater London Council to finance much needed alterations and re-decorations, equipment and the salary for a full-time worker.

Having been a voluntary worker with the centre for five years, and having been involved in organising many of the centre's activities, I very much wanted the opportunity to work with and for local people on a wider scale. The management committee gave me that opportunity, and employed me as the Centre's worker.

Although it has been hard work, I have had the continuous support of the local residents, firms, councillors and other organisations such as Morley College, Blackfriars Settlement, North Southwark Community Development Group, and of course the centre's management committee.

Virtually all the building work has been done now. You would think it the easiest thing in the world to spend large amounts of money, but it actually proved to be quite

difficult buying equipment that met with everyone's approval, and to continue the day to day routine while build ers constantly worked on the premises. Plus people from various companies dropping in all the time to give estimates for one thing and another. However, we continued to operate well, as did our user groups.

I feel that the management committee, with the help of local people and the GLC, have put the centre on the map, so to speak. The centre now offers a wide choice of activities. In fact there is something for everyone, young or old.

The next time you pass the centre, pop in and have a cup of tea with me. I look forward to meeting you, and remember that the Borough Community Centre is run by local people for local people.

Linda Kerley

## COMMUNITY



## CENTRE.

## Come JOIN our 'NEW' DRAMA GROUP...

## DRAMA IN THE BOROUGH

As a new resident of Southwark Borough, I have been warmly welcomed at the Community Centre in Southwark Bridge Road.

I was offered full backup to my suggestion of forming an adult North Southwark Drama Group. Leaflets giving details of the first meeting are being prepared and will be distributed liberally in the Borough.

I have been connected with drama groups over the past 20 years, so can vouch for the laughs, tears, tantrums and sheer fun that they provide, apart from offering good quality entertainment to local people. I felt that there must be a need for such a group in this area, and you don't have to be an Oscar winner to join.

I would welcome everyone from 18 years onwards.

If you are shy to tread the boards, there are a million and one other jobs I can find you. But everything you do will be as important as being up there on stage.

Later, I hope to organise a social club for the members. I am, with the co-operation of Linda Kerley, having our first meeting on June 10th at 7.00pm. (You can all sleep in on Saturday!) I would love to be able to put up 'house full' notices on the night, so please come along and find out what it is all about.

Membership is modest - £2 a year which will include the social club, in the future. Don't forget, Friday June 10th, 7.00pm at the Borough Community Centre. Let your curiosity take the strain!

Odette Lesley

## The good old days!

## OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

I would like to thank all the local people who took part and helped me organise the Old Tyme Music Hall at the Borough Community Centre on Sunday 15th May, which was a great success. A special thank you to the artists, many of which were old age pensioners, who rehearsed and went to great trouble to

dress for the occasion.

I would also like to thank everybody who made the cakes and sandwiches, and Blackfriars Settlement for the loan of their piano.

Everybody had a good time, and photographs of the event will be on display in the Community Centre, at 36 Southwark Bridge Road.

Linda Kerley

## LOCAL SONGSTERS





## 8 TIN'S MURAL

"It brightens up my day when I see it in the morning" .... "hard work" .... "I'm featured about 3 times in the mural, guess who I am"..... "Its given the people stuck in the rush hour traffic outside something nice to look at".... "now people know who is in T.I.N." .....

Well, it only took us from August until March to do. We projected slides of the people who came to T.I.N. on to the boards and traced them. 20 people at least put their hands to the painting. We wanted to brighten the place up and show some of the things that happen inside: the information bank, talking, crafts and photography, more talking.

T.I.N. (Teenage Information Network) is an advice, information and counselling centre for young people. We're at 102 Harper Road, SE1 (phone 403 2444).



## FARE WELL

This issue of 'SE1' is the last one with which Paul Ferman will be involved as a student 'on placement' with the paper.

Since October last year, he has been playing an active part in keeping the paper on course, and getting wider involvement and interest locally. It's not an easy task to 'get more people involved', which was the task set him to start with. Especially when the idea of being able to influence what is printed in a newspaper is so strange to many people.

Although the SE1 group still hardly as large or as strong as it should, some new people have come forward recently, and a wider range of groups and individuals are in touch with ideas and articles. Paul's work and encouragement has been useful in getting this to happen.

We hope that this wider involvement will continue to grow, despite Paul finishing his placement. Although he won't be around 3 days a week in future, we are hopeful that we won't have seen the last of him.

All the best with future plans, Paul!

The SE1 group

# SPECULATION

"A gigantic piece of property speculation" is what one speaker at the public meeting on 10th May thought about the latest scheme for 2½ million square feet of offices on Hays Wharf.

Over 100 people attended the meeting at the Social Services Office in Tooley Street. It was organised by the GLC, Southwark Council and community groups to give the local community a chance to voice their objections. The London Docklands Development Corporation and the property company who put up the scheme are using special procedures to get a quick permission and avoid any public consultation.

The only place the scheme is on full display is in Switzerland! Other speakers at the meeting drew attention to the staggering amount of unbuilt offices in North

Southwark - at present there are 3.2 million square feet of office permissions outstanding in the area, and another 700,00 square feet standing empty.

Not surprisingly, people at the meeting called for:

1. a public inquiry
2. a rejection of the scheme proposed by the LDDC.
3. a rejection of the Government's attempt to by-pass local people's views by using a 'Special Development Order'
4. support for the proposals in the North Southwark District Plan for housing, shopping, industry for local jobs and open space on Hays Wharf.

## TRINITY UNDER THREAT

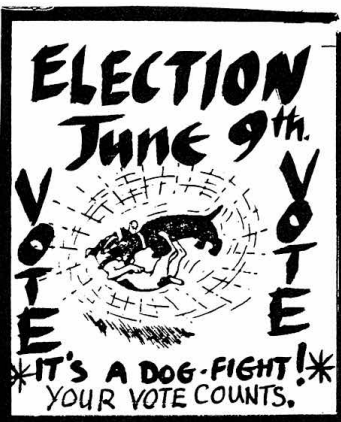
Local people were astonished to discover in a small advert in the South London Press that the strangely named "Charity for Ecclesiastical Purposes" proposed to seal the Holy Trinity Institute building in Royal Street for demolition and intended use as a car park! Hardly the most pressing need for the Waterloo community.

The Holy Trinity Institute was built as a parochial hall of the former Holy Trinity Church which was destroyed in the war. In recent times it has been used by the Holy Trinity School next to it. However, its poor state of repair has meant that it has remained unused in the last few years.

Waterloo Community Development Group were extremely concerned that the sale of this property was being rushed through before local groups could consider possible uses for the building. The whole area along Royal St. has for long been designated as an extension to Archbishops Park, and until this is achieved, the Institute could be extremely useful for community purposes.

Suggested uses include as a retail outlet by Roots and Shoots, an MSC funded employment scheme concerned with teaching mentally handicapped youngsters gardening and horticultural skills.

Bishops Ward Labour Party was also concerned about the loss of this property, and contacted Councillor Terry



YOUR GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES:

VAUXHALL:  
Stuart Holland (Labour),  
Roger Liddle (SDP),  
K. Manning (Con),  
J. Wright (National Front)  
D. Cook (Communist)  
G.B. Shorter (Workers Party)  
P.J. Lingard (Loony Society)

BERMONDSEY:

John Tilley (Labour),  
Simon Hughes (Liberal),  
Robert Hughes (Con),  
J.S. Neath (National Front)  
S.C. McKenzie (Nationalist)  
K.T. Mason (New Britain)  
A. Farehk (Revolutionary Communist)

T.L. Keen (Independent)

KEY ISSUES FOR SE1 are the need to support the campaign for low-rise family housing at rents local people can afford, unemployment, and the run-down of services due to cuts etc. USE YOUR VOTE WISELY!

Rich, the local Labour councillor. Terry soon arranged for the Chair of Planning at Lambeth Council to send a strongly worded letter saying that whatever else the site would be used for, it would certainly not get permission to be turned into a car park!

The GLC were also contacted, and are at present investigating the possibility of purchasing the land, so that in due course the aim of extending Archbishops Park can eventually be realised. But as the building is owned by a charity, they have to take the

highest bid, whoever it is from.

The saga isn't ended yet, and it is too early to say if the Holy Trinity Institute will be used for Waterloo people. However, the story does show that local people can influence decisions in their area, even if they have to read the public notices in the 'South London Press' to do so!

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The SE1 group warmly invite you to come and take an active part in your local paper.

You can help with SE1 in a wide variety of ways and spend as little or as much time as you please. We gave a list in the March issue of what there is involved. If you would like to know more, get in touch.

Please let us know if you have any information or news which you think might interest other people in SE1. Send us a letter, or article or photo, or drop in at one of our meetings.

Our next issue will appear on July 2nd. All contributions must reach us by Wednesday 22nd June at 12 Meymott St, SE1. Meetings are on May 8th and 22nd.

To contact us, ring John on 928 4748 evenings, or leave a message at Waterloo Action Centre (261 1404).



## WELCOME-BAC

The Blackfriars Advice Centre re-opened on May 31st.

It will be open to give advice on wide range of problems every Tuesday, 10am to 12 noon, and Wednesdays 2 to 4pm.