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WORK STARTS ON COIN STREET!!

SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSES...

After 30 years of dereliction, work has finally started on developing the Coin Street area. On November 9th, under an agreement between the Association of Waterloo Groups, the North Southwark Community Development Group, The GLC, Lambeth and Southwark Councils, contractors moved onto the car park site behind the National Theatre. The initial work involves the laying out of a landscaped park and the erection of a temporary building to house the team of architects preparing the detailed designs for AWG's Coin Street scheme.

The park and temporary building will be opened to the public in February. The initial proposals came from local community groups and is being paid for by the GLC. George Nicholson, local councillor and chair of the Planning Committee, told SE1:

"Whilst acres of the South Bank remain derelict and blighted by unimplemented office permissions, the GLC is determined to bring back life immediately to the Coin Street area where AWG have received planning permission for a mixed housing, industry and recreation scheme.

"In accordance with our Community Areas Policy we are putting top priority on using this key South Bank site in accordance with the wishes and the needs of the local community."

Greycoat scheme goes to appeal court ..?

Meanwhile the validity of Greycoat Commercial Estates' permission for a vast office complex on the Coin Street sites is being challenged in the Appeal Court. On 29th November three senior judges opened a hearing into the Minister's decision to grant permission



to both AWG and Greycoat schemes. The local planning authorities say that the Minister was obliged by law to consider the statutory local plans for the area and London's need for further offices. The Minister is arguing that "the supply of, and demand for, offices is essentially a matter to be determined by the market."

Greycoat have been unable to find a tenant or finance to develop their office scheme. Their latest annual report writes off expenditure on the Coin Street scheme as a loss. Meanwhile the number of empty offices and unimplemented office schemes has risen to unparalleled levels. According

to Jones Lang Wootton there were the equivalent of more than 230 Centrepoint blocks 'in the pipeline' in June this year.

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A 137 foot section of scaffolding crashed into Waterloo Road on 8th November, crushing three parked cars and causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

Val Mundy who was working in Dells Newsagent described the fall:

"There was a swishing sound, and then it all came down like a pack of cards. Then there was an enormous bang as it hit the ground."

3 workmen from Palmers Scaffolding, who were dismantling it at the time managed to jump to safety. A man passing beneath the scaffolding narrowly escaped injury by running into the middle of the road. Ironically he had just come to England from Ireland 'to escape the bombings'. He was treated in hospital for shock.

Shopkeepers expressed their amazement that nobody was seriously hurt. The traffic lights at the other end of the road (by the Old Vic) must have only just changed; one driver skidded to a halt as the scaffolding crashed down just in front of his car.

Jim Bolding from Anjay Displays said that it was fortunate that it happened at 2.30 - the quietest time of the day. An hour later, and mothers and children from a nearby school would almost certainly have been hit by the falling metal.

The scaffolding had been up for 7 months whilst repairs were carried out on Maudly House, on behalf of Southwark Council. Management of Palmers Scaffolding and the surveyor from Gladdings who subcontracted them, refused to comment.

However, the Health and Safety Executive were more forthcoming:

"Investigations are taking place which might result in a prosecution," they said.

Sally Sheen.



2 IS OXO GOING TO CRUMBLE AFTER ALL !!!

A company connected to Lord Vestey's empire has applied to Southwark Council for permission to demolish Stamford and Nelson Wharves, including the famous Oxo Tower. The 'Save the Oxo Tower Campaign' has gathered some 5000 signatures opposing the demolition. On 15th November campaigners were out on Waterloo Bridge collecting signatures from commuters at the rate of one every 6 seconds!

Pressure to list the Oxo Tower as a historic building which must be preserved has been growing. Both the Labour and Alliance parties have tabled motions in the House of Commons.

Individual Tory MPs have also written expressing their support for the campaign. A recent article by Bernard Levin in 'The Times' argued passionately for the listing of the building, concluding "Surely if we can permit the erection of horrible things like the Kuwaiti development at London Bridge, we can forbid the demolition of noble things like the Oxo Tower at Waterloo?"

If by chance you haven't signed a petition yet, call in at the Waterloo Action Centre, or get more information from 22 Roupell Street, SE1 (phone 928 5452).

Accommodation available in waterloo.....

Dear SE1,

For all those families living in poor and overcrowded accommodation in Waterloo a unique opportunity has arisen. A three bedroomed terraced house in Whittlesey Street on the Lambeth Estate has become available. Given that all the houses on the Lambeth Estate were originally built for the working people of the area, this house would provide ideal family accommodation. There is perhaps one slight problem regarding this formerly rented property: the asking price of £75,000 !

Given the normal building society rules you would need a mere £7500 cash and an income of £27,000 a year: hands up who earns that amount of money in Waterloo?

The spiralling prices on the Lambeth Estate, as the area is discovered by a motley crew of Tory MPs and Barristers, marks the final nail in the coffin of a mixed FAMILY community there. What was once an area full of children and working families will slowly but inevitably become the exclusive residences (and most likely the second homes) of a privileged rich elite.

More than ever such a trend points to the need for decent family property at reasonable rents. If we don't succeed in achieving this for Waterloo then the real community there will disappear.

Paul Wheeler,
16 Henry House,
Coin St.

Greasepaint and floodlight.....

While work proceeds to create the new public open space on the 'Coin Street Site' behind the National Theatre, plans are also brewing for two performances inside the theatre itself, on the Coin Street stage.

The two 'platform' performances will be on February 8th and 9th. They will take place in the early evening, before the main play of the evening, and are performed by National Theatre actors, together with others who are brought together for the occasion. The final cast is not yet decided but it is hoped that, together with a few aspiring stars from within the Waterloo community, there will be some 'big names' lending glitter to the event.

Tickets for the performance can be bought from the National Theatre of course, but they will also be available from the Waterloo Action Centre nearer the date.

Meanwhile, if you want to offer your help in putting the play together, contact Steve Barran on 633 9291 (Waterloo Community Development Group).

Best wishes from the Members & Staff

BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT WORK CENTRE

WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE
14 BAYLIS ROAD LONDON SE1 7AA

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, SE1 Friends

928 7525/6

AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE REAR HALL OF WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE FROM 10.30am to 2.45pm.



HELPING THE BEREAVED ?

I suppose that most of us at some time in our lives experience the pain and sense of loss associated with the death of someone close. For the majority of people, help is found in the support of family and friends and somehow or other life goes on until an adjustment is made to the fact of the loss. Occasionally though, a bereaved person, even where there is a lot of support, finds it much more difficult to make that adjustment. In these circumstances, the help of a trained counsellor may be what is needed to help the person through their grief.

That is where the North Southwark Bereavement Care Association comes in. We are a very small voluntary organisation, operating in SE1, which provides one-to-one counselling in the home of a bereaved person. At the moment we have five volunteer counsellors who have been trained by a professional psychologist. Obviously they are only able to handle a limited number of cases, and the need is greater than we can satisfy.

And that is where you might come in! The Association is just about to expand its operation by training more volunteers as bereavement counsellors. What we are looking for is people living within the area who can spare some time for training (which will take place between March and May next year) and some time after that on a regular basis. Personality is far more important than qualifications, so don't be put off by the application forms which need to be completed by 6th January.

If you are interested and would like to have more information, please write with stamped addressed envelope to North Southwark Bereavement Care Association, Holy Trinity Rectory, Merrick Square, London, SE1 4JB.

WATERLOO AMENITIES

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

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

IN 1984

WHAT'S ON for Christmas 3

Over the Christmas period, and leading up to it, there is a lot of free events on the South Bank - music, exhibitions, festive folk plays

12th: Pyewackett
13th: Harvey & the Wallbangers
14th: Taverners Trombones
15th: Hartley Piano Trio - classical
16th: Tiny Winters Trio - music from 20s and 30s.
17th: Europa Singers (also 1pm)
19th: City Waites: early instruments and songs
20th: Enigma Ensemble
21st: choir of London Oratory School
22nd: Contemporary Chamber Orchestra: romantic strings
23rd: Chesapeake Minstrels - turn of the century 'pop'
26th: Rex Lawsons piano! (1900s)
31st: Caledonian Highlanders bagpipes & Scottish dancing (also 1pm)

FREE MUSIC

Lunchtimes at the Royal Festival Hall Main Foyer (12.30 - 2pm)
Monday 5th December: classical trio. Tues 6th jazz quartet. Wed 7th, jazz quartet. Thurs 8th flamenco song and dance. Fri 9th piano. Sat 10th School handbell team, and string trio and quintet. Sun 11th: Pyewackett - lively music from this four-piece multi-instrumental and vocal band.

Monday 5th to Thurs 8th: ELBA school steel bands, 2pm to 3.30pm (10am to 11.45 on Monday) in RFH Foyer

JAZZ IN THE MUSIC BOX:
Friday 9th: Digby Fairweather quartet
Saturday 10th: Jazz Unlimited
Sunday 11th: El Dorado
Friday 16th: Cayenne (hot)
Saturday 17th: London Vintage Jazz Orchestra (hot dance band music)
Sunday 18th: Pyewackett, with a seasonal flavour to their lively and varied music
Friday 30th: Digby Fairweather quartet
Saturday 31st: Holiday Allsorts, excellent Latin/jazz
Sunday 1st January: Roy Vaughan Jazz Trio

CAROLS

The annual Pantomime produced by the Inner City Players in February each year is once again getting under way. On Tuesday 6th December at 8pm in the Lambeth Mission, auditions will be held for the adult parts. Later on, probably 4th January 1984, the children's parts will be cast. The children are mostly involved in singing and dancing; adult parts may involve some solo singing - for those with good voices!

Don't be put off by the word 'audition' - it sounds far more awesome than it is. The Inner City Players are a very informal and friendly group. The emphasis is on involving both

families and the local community as well as on enjoying the production and giving our talents an airing. The range is very wide and so is our range of talents.

If you would like to be involved in the next Pantomime, do come along to the Lambeth Mission (corner of Lambeth Road and Lambeth Walk) at 8pm, 6th December, or any Tuesday evening from the beginning of January. We would also like to meet anyone who is keen to be involved in the many backstage jobs. You would all be warmly welcome.

CINEMA

at Elephant and Castle for the Christmas period:
Coronet: 9th-15th Dec
'Return of the Soldier' and 'Chariots of Fire' (15)
16th-29th: 'Jungle Book' & 'Mickey's Christmas Carol' (U); Cruell (18)
ABC: 'Never say Never', 'Jaws', and possibly 'Jungle Book'

OTHER EVENTS

National Theatre Free Xmas Foyer Shows:
10th, 17th, 31st, 5.30pm
Paul Hansack Puppets in 'The Scarlet Pimpernel'
12th, 13th, 14th, 5.45 and 7pm
Table Top Theatre Company in 15min Victorian style play.
Agnat at 5.30pm Zippo & Co clowns.
29th and 30th, 5.30pm. Barry Smith Theatre of Puppets with a ribald version of Mr Punch. Jan 3, 4, 6, 5.30: Juggling act Jan 5, 7: Jactio Puppets (5.30) Jan 7, 11.30am: Rosy the Clown

St. Saviour School Nativity Play
at Southwark Cathedral, December 9th, 7.30pm.

Barbican Theatre rehas PETER PAN 17th December to 28th January. Afternoon and evening performances. Last years sold out in advance, so book early. Special discount price for children - £5 for best available seats. Ring 628 2295/9760 for more information. Prices from £2.

Livezey Museum: "A LITTLE OF WHAT YOU FANCY" an exhibition of London's Music Hall looking at all aspects from the stars and their music to the buildings. Costumes, music and video, admission free, Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, closed Saturday 24th to Tuesday 3rd Jan inclusive. 682 Old Kent Road, SE15 (Phone 639 5604)

QUINN BLAKE - ILLUSTRATOR is perhaps the National Theatre exhibition most likely to interest SE1 readers. Dec 12th to January 28th. Quentin Blake has illustrated for Punch and recently with Roald Dahl and Michael Rosen for their books.

THE PARISH OF WATERLOO WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

And invites you to celebrate the birthday of Jesus at a Christmas service.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 6.30 PM Sunday 18th December in St Andrew's Church, Short Street, (off The Cut) SE1.

MIDNIGHT MASS 11.45 PM Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve in St John's Church, Waterloo Road, SE1.

CHRISTMAS MORNING PARISH COMMUNION 10.30 AM Christmas Day in St Andrew's.

Upstream Children's Theatre present WINTERSONG a Christmas entertainment for children 4 & upwards in the Upstream Theatre at St Andrew's Church 2nd to 7th January 1984inc. £1 children £1.50 adults. Box Office 928 5394

4 A Blight At The End Of The Chunnel

The problem with talking about the Channel Tunnel is that it's a bit like expecting Mrs Thatcher to show concern for the unemployed: always possible but never likely.

However, whatever the possibilities, the Channel Tunnel is something that has to be discussed in SE1 as British Rail have firmly set their sights on a Terminal for it at Waterloo Station.

So it was that a public meeting organised by the Association of Waterloo Groups and chaired by Graham Norwood, chair of Planning in Lambeth, was held on November 9th. Representatives from British Rail explained both about the prospects for a Channel Tunnel and the widening of the viaduct leading into the station which is going to happen in any event. What concerned local people was not the idea of the Tunnel but the reasons for the siting of the Terminal at Waterloo and the possible effects on the area.

What became clear in the discussion is that several sites had been considered, including the Olympia site in Kensington. However, British Rail did not pursue that due to local opposition! It also became clear that the main reason for having one single terminal was for customs clearance for travellers.

However, several people pointed out that customs clearance in Europe was normally done on the train itself. Indeed, having customs clearance at the start or end of a journey would make the journey time by train much less attractive, and reduce its competitiveness with air travel to European cities!

The BR spokesman was unable to answer this point satisfactorily and it is obvious that more research needs to be done on the reasons for a single terminal. The point was made by Vauxhall MP Stuart Holland that a main attraction of the Tunnel was that people from all over Britain would be able to travel direct to Europe without changing trains! BR's present

insistence of a single terminal at Waterloo would mean that everyone would have to change trains in London rather than travel direct - somewhat defeating the point.

Several people said that a Terminal could create jobs in the area and make Waterloo a livelier place. Others thought that any jobs created would only be at the expense of others lost, as with the present work in firms under the viaduct. Terry Rich, local Labour councillor, mentioned the example of the area around Victoria Station whose residential community has been largely destroyed by commercial development.

The real fear that many people had was not over the merits of the Channel Tunnel but the effects of speculation and uncontrolled development would have on the area surrounding Waterloo Station. British Rail had not considered this as 'it is nothing to with them'. Many local people were concerned about further sites being 'blighted' as developers waited to see if a Channel Tunnel Terminal was going to be built here. The tragedy is that the Channel Tunnel may never be built or a terminal sited here but the 'hope value' of the scheme for property speculators may hamper the continued development of Waterloo as a residential community.

We are entitled to ask that BR and other interested parties give serious consideration to all the available sites for a terminal. More importantly, serious research should be done to see if in fact a single terminal is the best approach, both for encouraging use of the Tunnel and for the local area.

Anybody listening at British Rail?



The COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT at Morley at Morley College

wishes all readers of SE1 a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

If you would like to know more about our work or need assistance in establishing Community education classes. Please contact - Eithne or Keib on 928 8501



Buster
Young People's Theatre Co
Grand Christmas Fair!
Sat. Dec. 17th 2 p.m.

SE1 would like to welcome the new Community Education Unit which will be starting at the London College of Printing at the Elephant & Castle in the New Year.

They are putting on four courses for local people and community groups: HANDLING THE MEDIA for those who want to get across their message in the media: press, radio and TV.

PRODUCING PUBLICITY such as bulletins, newsletters, small magazines or handouts, including doing layout, types of printing and economics COMMUNITY RADIO for those engaged in, or wishing to become involved in, the making of community radio and radio programmes, includes practical work on interviewing, editing etc.

POSTER, NOTICE, SIGN AND BANNER PRODUCTION & DESIGN by simple, cheap and quick methods.

All courses start on January 9th at the College. Please contact Mary Chamberlain at the Community Education Unit, London College of Printing, SE1 (phone 735 9100 ext 264) for more details. Or pick up a leaflet at Waterloo Action Centre.

MID LIFE PLANNING - Which way now for people in their fifties

Being 50 can be a time of opportunity or change, with the family grown up, or early retirement or redundancy looming, or a need for retraining. MORLEY COLLEGE NOW OFFERS a new one term course (2½ hours a week) in which people can explore the issues. There will be an open-ended opportunity to raise issues & share views via discussion with others facing similar questions together with a practical focus for such crucial questions as money, living circumstances, fitness and health, learning in later life, stress and the viewpoint of women.

More details from Social Studies and Community Education at Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 (928 8501)

LEARN TO USE A VIDEO PORTAPAK

- a short course for local people or community groups who wish to use Morley's new VHS video portapak.

Saturday 10th December, 10 - 4. Those attending the course will learn how to operate the camera/portapak and we will consider some way in which it might be used locally. Attendance at this course may then enable you to use the equipment for your own project, to make your own programme.

If you are interested in coming, contact Eithne Nightingale on 928 8501 at Morley College.

EXAMS AREN'T EVERYTHING



EXAM QUALIFICATIONS AREN'T THE ONLY SORT THAT MATTER IN REAL LIFE!

"No qualifications but....." is a new course starting on Thursday evening, Jan. 17th 1986 (6.00 - 9.00p.m.)

at Morley College.

We believe that there are so many people in North Lambeth & North Southwark, without any formal qualifications ('O' & 'A' levels, certificates etc) but who have plenty of experience of life and other abilities or talents that could be used by them to get jobs or training or further education if only they knew how to put their experience down on paper in a positive way! Well, this course is all about giving them the confidence and encouragement to assess their own experience, to put it down on paper and then to start looking at the possibilities they have for finding a new better direction for their future lives.

The classes will be small (15 students and 3 tutors) the atmosphere will be warm and friendly with lots of opportunity for the students to share their ideas in small groups and individually with the tutors.

If you are interested and would like to know more about this course, please ring Anne Dolan 928-8501 at Morley College.



Let us help you get going!



Bermondsey Mafia?

The London Dockland Development Corporation was set up by the Conservative Government to 're-generate' Docklands. But what does regeneration mean? Does it mean building homes for local people in need? Does it mean providing jobs for the local unemployed? Does it mean restoring shops, such as grocers and butchers, to the area? That is what local Bermondsey people who have witnessed the decline of their area would understand 'regeneration' to mean. So would most sensible people, but not the LDCC.

Unfortunately, the unelected LDCC interprets regeneration the area to mean providing more empty offices and luxury housing for sale - just what Bermondsey needs! The LDCC has already given planning permission for 2½ million square feet of offices on Hays Wharf. It has also given permission for more offices and luxury housing for sale on Anchor (Courages) Brewery, which up until a few years ago employed a lot of local people. Next will be Butlers Wharf, where the LDCC have made clear their intent to see more luxury housing and offices.

As far as the LDCC is concerned, the 9000 unemployed in North Southwark in need of industrial jobs and the 2000 families on the waiting list for a decent house to rent just do not exist. The LDCC's concern is to assist developers in making large profits from developing the Bermondsey riverside, rather than the needs of local people.

The LDCC is taking away our riverside and turning it into a ghetto of luxury housing and offices, without listening to the local council or local people. No wonder that people of Bermondsey are fed up with them. A recent survey by Southwark Council showed that only 11% of local people support the LDCC's proposals whereas 78% supported Southwark's intention to develop the riverside for housing for rent, industry, shops and other community uses - what local people want and need.

If you want to become involved in campaigning for a better North Southwark, where the needs of local people are provided for, then please contact North Southwark Community Development Group on 928 0711, or call in at 56 Southwark Bridge Road, above the old library.

Holy Trinity Institute

Not much has been heard recently of the Holy Trinity Institute. Readers of previous issues of SE1 will recall that the Holy Trinity Institute, on the corner of Royal Street and Lambeth Blace Road, had been put up for sale by auction. Its owners, North Lambeth Parish, could no longer afford the maintenance costs.

A number of bids were put in to the Charity Commissioners, who handle such sales. Most of them proved speculative and took no account of the fact that Holy Trinity Institute is on land that eventually will provide an extension to Archbishop's Park.

This has not deterred enterprising individuals. After putting in a completely speculative proposal for a wine bar and restaurant, and being refused planning permission by Lambeth Council, and also extremely unpopular with local residents, they have appealed against the decision. Despite it being clear why the plan was turned down, the council will now have to go to a lot of bother to justify it at a public inquiry.

The only people who are interested in buying what is Institute and eventually using it as open space are the GLC. The GLC's bid is the only one which is not dependent on a change of use, which requires permission very unlikely to be given. Rumour has it however that the GLC have been outbid by a speculative developer. At the present time it looks as if the Charity Commissioners may instruct North Lambeth Parish to accept this higher bid.

If this does happen then the site will be blighted as the speculators won't be able to go ahead with conversion without planning permission. Yet another derelict eyesore for Waterloo! If this does happen, it will be a tragedy for local people. Let's hope that even at this late stage, the GLC are successful and the site is kept for community use.

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WISHES ALL THE OAPS IN SE1 A VERY MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING



A Short Cut To Health???

The October edition of SE1 explained the background to the proposed health cuts. On October 31st, after SE1 had gone to press, the Lewisham & North Southwark Health Authority decided to implement the cuts which mean:

- * cutting 180 beds by closing 5 wards in Guys, 1 in Lewisham and 2 in Hither Green.
- * closing the out-patients department and other remaining services at St Olaves Hospital, except Chaucer Day Ward and physiotherapy.

The Lewisham and North Southwark Health Campaign which has been set up to oppose these cuts has met twice since the cuts were announced. The campaign has organised petitions against the cuts and is working with health workers in the hospitals to take action. The nurses in Guys Hospital have been particularly active and have formed a 'Nurses Action Group'.

This group is pursuing a variety of tactics against the cuts which ultimately may lead to occupation of the wards which are scheduled for closure. An occupation would need co-ordinated support from doctors, nurses and other health workers to be successful.

If patients and equipment remain in wards, the health administration is obliged to pay the workers staffing them. One complication is that the wards tend to be emptied anyway over Christmas, and so they may be closed by stealth - ie shut for Christmas and then not re-opened afterwards. The St Olaves Hospital campaign has also been active. They are at the moment investigating the possibility of taking the District Health Authority to court because they claimed the 'closure' of St. Olaves was in the interests of the health service" - a real

contradiction. The St. Olaves campaign is planning to link up with other campaigns in our health area to lobby Kenneth Clark, the Minister for Health, for more money sometime in January.

Ken Livingstone is going to lobby Norman Fowler at the Houses of Parliament on behalf of the London Health Campaign on 6th December.

For more information on the Health Cuts, ring Martin at North Southwark Community Development Group, 56 Southwark Bridge Road - 928 0711.

Seasons Greetings

TO ALL RESIDENTS in SE1

from the members of EDWARD HENRY HOUSE CO-OPERATIVE ***** WORKING TOGETHER FOR MORE HOMES IN SE1 *****

Merry Xmas and a Healthy New Year

from WATERLOO HEALTH PROJECT

Waterloo Health Project, Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Rd, SE1. 633 0852

COIN STREET ACTION GROUP

happy xmas to everyone fighting for a better

WATERLOO AND N. SOUTHWARK.



CHRISTMAS WITH SEI.

THE XMAS STORY.

It was getting near Christmas and Father Christmas was marking off the presents for the little boys and girls. After he had checked the presents, he went to see the reindeer, but when he got to Rudolph, Rudolph's nose was hardly shining. Now Father Christmas was very worried that he wouldn't be able to bring the children's presents to them. For without Rudolph's shining nose, Father Christmas wouldn't be able to find the way. What could he do? How could he get Rudolph's nose to shine again?



Father Christmas tried to light his nose with a match but that was no good. All night Father Christmas was thinking what he could do to make Rudolph's nose shine again. He even tried to polish it but that didn't work, and he tried to polish it with oil but that didn't work either. Then suddenly he thought that Rudolph might not have been eating

the right food. But how could he find out what it was that Rudolph needed? He walked up and down outside his ice house thinking very hard, suddenly out of the corner of his eye he spied a snowman with a large carrot for his nose. "That's it!" he cried "carrots!" The next morning he set off early to buy a large sack of carrots. When he returned he took the sack to Rudolph's barn and filled up his nosebag with carrots. "Eat up!" he said "Eat up and get that nose glowing. I need you to guide the way on Christmas Eve so that I can take the presents to all the children." The next morning Rudolph's nose was looking just a little brighter, and by supper time it was glowing brighter than ever before! So don't forget children to look out on Christmas Eve for Rudolph's nose lighting up the sky as Father Christmas delivers all the toys.

By Vanessa Haines age 11.

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Cathedral Ward Branch
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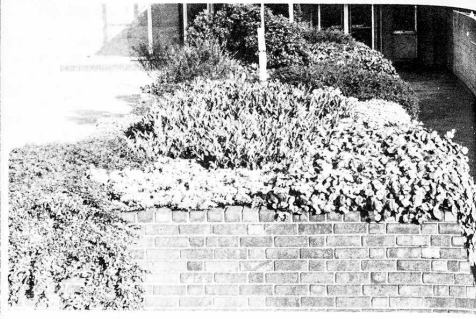
We wish you a happy Christmas and a Thatcher-free New Year. Help us fight to defend the health service ... stop the Tories putting up your rents.

JOIN US: write to The Secretary 12 Meymott St SE1

YOUR LOCAL LABOUR COUNCILLORS. Alan Davis and Geoff Williams send their seasonal greetings. They hold **SURGERIES** on the 2nd and 4th **Fridays** of the month at the Blackfriars Settlement 7.00-8.15pm.

GARDENING.

WITH
KEIB THOMAS.



Instead of killing a Christmas tree this year, why not buy a dwarf conifer in a pot. This will happily live on in a pot or window box and give you all the year round colour. The dwarf conifers are very slow growing and take many years to outgrow their welcome. Nearly all conifers are 'evergreen' and come in many shades of greens, golds, yellows, blues and silvers. They can be tall and narrow, round and plump, flat and spreading, feathery or dense.

They are particularly effective when planted with Heathers which come in just as wide a range of leaf colour with the additional advantage of flowering in every season of the year depending on the variety obtained. A window box, small garden, tub or a raised bed (see photos) planted up carefully with conifers and heathers will give colour and shape throughout the year, flowers even in winter and needs very little maintenance.

The only disadvantage I can think of... is their names, normally long and Latin. Here are some varieties that I can recommend with their approximate height after 5 years of being planted out.

Chamaecyparis Lawsoniana	"Ellwoodii" - blue/green - 3ft.
"	"Ellwoods Gold" - green/yellow - 3ft.
"	"Minima Aurea" - gold - 8ins.
"	"Minima Glauca" - sea green - 8ins.
"	"NanaGracilis" - bright green - 16ins.
"	"Boulevarde" - silver blue - 2 1/2ft.
"	"Fillifera Aurea" - yellow - 2ft.
"	"Pyramidalis" - steel blue - 3ft.
"	"Blue Star" - silver blue - 10ins.
"	"Meyerii" - blue - 3ft.
"	"Albertiana Conica" - bright green - 2ft.
"	"Fastigiata Aurea" - Golden column - 10ins.
"	"Rheingold" - coppery gold - 2ft.
"	"Rogersii" - dense, gold & bronze - 8ins.

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Juniper Squamata
Juniper Squamata
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* frozen foods
* confectionery

* video rental

* photocopying
* hot snacks, rolls and sandwiches to take away
* cut price cigarettes and tobacco

Merry Christmas from Glyn & Lynne (TOMS)

To All 137 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1

"your local pub" THE LORD CLYDE THE BOROUGH S.E.1

TRUMANS BEER
Merry Xmas from
Dennis, Molly, Michael, Lucy

Hot & Cold Food 407-3397

ANSWELL Mums & Toddlers A.G.M.

A.G.M. was held at Morley Community Education Building. It was a Creche so mothers did attend.

It was a good turnout of mothers and others who had been invited. The highlight of the evening was the Tape Slide show, which started at the beginning with a little bit of history-- how a group of mothers got together and felt that a safe play space for the children, continuing to the present day.

It was followed by the Secretary's report, and the Treasurer's report. A new committee was elected in a matter of minutes.

Janice who made the tape slide show with the help of the mothers was profusely thanked for her help and patience over the past few months. Everyone turned their attention to the ample food and drink and the evening ended on a happy note.

Mint Street Adventure Playground Association

WISHES THE KIDS OF S.E.1.
A MERRY XMAS

and welcomes you to the playground in Lant St SE1. We are open during the school holidays 12 - 8 on Tuesday to Saturday. Leaders: Anthea Garv Michael



COLESLAW APPETISER

Just right to go with the left over turkey.
8oz White cabbage, cored and finely shredded.
3oz Celery, trimmed and finely chopped.
3oz onion, peeled and finely chopped.
3oz walnuts, roughly chopped
3oz seedless raisins
Grated rind and juice of 1 small lemon.
2 tablespoons oil.
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 teaspoon dry mustard salt
Ground black pepper
Put the cabbage, celery, onion, walnuts, and raisins in a bowl. Combine the lemon rind and juice with the mayonnaise, oil, vinegar and mustard. Adjust the seasoning to taste, fold the mayonnaise dressing through the veg.

SHERRY TRIFLE

A trifle sponge cakes
Jam
2pint medium sherry
6 macaroons crushed
2 pint custard
1/2 pint double cream whipped.
Sugar
Flavouring
Glaze cherries or toasted almonds or grated chocolate.
Split the sponge cakes in half, spread them with jam and arrange them in a glass dish. Pour the sherry over and leave to soak for 30min.. Sprinkle the macaroons over the sponge cakes and pour on the warm, not hot, custard. Cover the dish with a plate to prevent a skin forming, and leave until cold. Sweeten and flavour the whipped cream to taste and spread over the custard, decorate with the rest of the cream piped and the toppings.

LIGHT FRUITY XMAS CAKE

A deliciously light and fruity cake which children often prefer. However it does not have the keeping qualities of the rich xmas cake, so plan to make it only 2 weeks before xmas or make it now and freeze away for xmas.
6oz(150g) margarine
6oz(150g) soft brown sugar
1 small orange, finely grated rind only.
3(size 2) eggs
9oz(250g) self raising flour, sieved.
1/2 level teaspoon salt
8oz(227g) can pineapple slices, drained
4oz(100g) glacé cherries roughly chopped.
2oz(50g) flaked almonds
2oz(50g) shelled walnuts
10oz(275g) sultanas
2oz(50g) angelica chopped
2-3 tablespoon milk
1/ Grease and line an 8" round loose bottomed cake tin.
2/ Cream fat and sugar together in a bowl until light and fluffy. Add orange rind and eggs one at a time. Beat well after each addition, adding 1 or 2 teasp. of the flour with the last addition of egg.
3/ Add remaining flour, salt and fold in lightly. Chop pineapple and mix with cherries almonds, walnuts, sultanas and angelica. Add to bowl and mix well. Stir in milk.
4/ Turn mixture into prepared tin, smooth surface then make a slight dip in the middle. Cook on centre shelf in a moderate slow oven(325F 170C or gas3) for 2 1/2hrs or until cooked through.
Store in an airtight tin until required, ready to marzipan (about two weeks before xmas day)

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ANOTHER YEAR IN THE LIFE

Another year has gone by for SE1. Over the year, we would like to think that the presentation of the paper has improved, and that the articles are more varied and interesting. We've been fortunate in having Martin at NSCDG getting material together from the North Southwark end, plus more people writing for the paper.

But we can't help balancing this plus side with the negative - an even smaller group doing the production (4 or 5 regulars, with virtually no other help), and sales which seem to have dropped heavily from a not very high figure since the summer.

It's unlikely that we will have time to organise one of our supposedly annual public meetings this year. But we would still welcome comments from SE1 readers and contributors on what you think of the paper. Most of the people the SE1 group talk to say we have produced some good issues this year, although there are some things they would like us to have done differently - such as the jokes which don't quite work!

Is Keib's gardening corner interesting? How about the recipes, or is the 'whats on' information useful? Is there anything else we should be featuring regularly? Are there news stories we have missed, or interesting groups, firms or people in the area which we could do a feature on?

It's YOUR paper, and it's YOUR views and news which count, not what we think you want.

Even better would be contributions from you: the occasional letter, or short article on what your group is doing (such as tenants association, football team, playgroup, youth club etc.).

Or perhaps you would like to give a hand getting the paper out - a couple of hours a month will do. There is 'paste-up', or typing, taking photographs, working on news items or feature on local history, event or people.

Or you could help distribute or sell the paper. Nobody gets paid for doing any of this work, but it can be a lot of fun, and good experience as well.

Get in touch if you think you could help. Contact John Howes via Waterloo Action Centre (261 1404) or on 928 4748, or Martin Whiteside for North Southwark people - 928 0711 (NSCDG).

Finally, thanks to all our helpers over the year (in no particular order):

Lynn Stafford, Pete Simmons, Keib Thomas, Catherine Muller, Bob Flett, Sally Sheen, Dave Freen, Mark Heksel, Martin Whiteside, John Howes, Ray Kingbury, Chris McKie, Sean Mitchell, Gina Flett, Paul Ferman, Mike McGann, Rob Ritchie, Chris Thorogood, Paul Wheeler, Dolly Davey, Fred Miller, Linda Kerley, Ted Bowman, the workers at Waterloo Action Centre, NSCDG, Blackfriars Photography Project, others who have written for SE1 and others I've forgotten. Not forgetting the 12 Meymott Street household for the use of their kitchen and toilet, and disturbance to their weekends!

ISSUE 22

As this is a December/January issue (even we take a break over Christmas) the next issue will appear with a bit of luck on February 6th. Deadline is 25th January 1984, meetings 11th and 25th.

Seasons greetings!

Another life in the year

STOP PRESS

A warm welcome to a new addition to the Meymott Street household. Born over paste-up weekend, naturally! Here's to SE1 not disturbing her too much and vice versa!



LOCAL GLC COUNCILLOR SHOWS HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN HIS AREA WHEN IT COMES TO HANDING OUT MONEY! He's seen here handing over a cheque to Max Nicholson of the Ecological Parks Trust for £13,875.00 - they are the people who run the William Curtis Park near Tower Bridge as a natural refuge and wilderness. Wot, no suit?

Best wishes from EVERYONE

ADVICE CENTRE
Mon - Fri 10am - 2pm.
FREE LEGAL ADVICE
Thursday 6.30pm - 8 pm.
PENSIONERS LUNCH CLUB
Every day
PENSIONERS CLUB
Monday and Tuesday
YOUTH CLUBS
Mon, Tues. Weds. 7pm.
REGULAR JUMBLE SALES
HALL & MEETING ROOMS FOR HIRE
14 Baylis Road SE1. Tel: 261 1404

The Action Centre will be closed from Friday 23rd December at 2pm, and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January.

Borough Community Centre

WISHES A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO THE PEOPLE OF S.E.1

We hope that those groups who used the Centre in 1983 continue to do so in the New Year. We are holding a New Year's Eve Party and welcome all local residents.

Best Wishes from the Management and Staff.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

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

EVERY THURSDAY 6.30 - 8.00pm
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

The Legal Advice Service wishes all readers of SE1 a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are a team of lawyers who can offer you free legal advice on all sorts of problems: Housing, consumer, matrimonial, debts, tax and insurance, wills, legal aid, court procedures, personal accident and injury, employment, unfair dismissal, social security, motoring offences etc. We can help you to write letters or complete forms or do them for you and can contact other agencies, the Council, landlords, government bodies on your behalf.

Keep GLC Working for North Southwark

How would abolishing it effect SE1?

During the current debate on the future of the GLC and ILEA, most people probably know what may do on a London-wide basis: schools, fire service, Thames Barrier, Fares Fair, pensioners passes etc. Less people may be aware however of which of our local projects are also supported by the GLC and ILEA. The BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE has been renovated over the last few years has had considerable help from the GLC. GLC grants have assisted with the renovation and the GLC currently funds one of the 2 community workers based there. The community centre is used for a wide range of groups including mothers and toddlers, youth clubs and North Southwark Pensioners Action Group.

The same building as the Community Centre there is NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP, also largely funded by the GLC. The Group is involved in a variety of planning issues locally, community work and also runs a printing resource centre.

There are a number of nursery projects in the area which have recently started or are just being set up with help from the GLC. BERNONDESEY COMMUNITY CENTRE is run by a committee of local mothers and provides nursery space for 15 children in the Tooley Street area. TENANTS ASSOCIATION and BIRMINGHAM PLAY ASSOCIATION are also just starting community projects with help from the GLC Community Areas Policy. Peter Keane from Rockingham PA has announced that the GLC's PA will not only be financial. At the Dickens Festival for instance the GLC had provided all sorts of assistance including a bus and a photographer. The BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT which has a wide range of projects receives grants from the GLC for its photography project, advice centre and housing for young people.

CHARTER-HOUSE SETTLEMENT gets funding through ILEA for its womens worker, and the womens project has recently applied to the GLC Womens Committee for an equipment grant.

If ILEA is abolished this will not only effect all our local school but to an even larger extent our local youth projects. CHARTERHOUSE YOUTH PROJECT, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MISSION, PICKWICK CLUB, SQUIRES CLUB, BERNONDESEY ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND, and MINT STREET ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND all receive considerable support directly or indirectly from ILEA.

In a similar way, Adult Education is also supported by ILEA which means projects like the COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT linked to Morley College, and the TABARD INSTITUTE, which provide a wide range of courses and services for local people.



FUN AT THE BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

BUSTER YOUNG PEOPLES THEATRE and UPSTREAM YOUNG PEOPLES THEATRE are both local arts projects supported by the GLC and ILEA.

Finally there are all the new projects set up with help from funds from the GLC's Community Area Policy. By setting up the Community Area Policy, the GLC is at last recognising the special needs of areas like North Southwark and Waterloo under pressure from commercial development forcing out industry, housing and open space with office developments and speculation. Under the policy, the GLC has bought the old Courages Bottling Plant by Southwark Bridge Road and plans are at present being prepared to build family housing, sheltered accommodation and small industrial units to bring back life to that area.

Other projects which are also being funded under the GLC's Community Areas Policy are:

Extension of Pickwick Youth Club; equipment for a community flat in Quentin House Tenants

Group; purchase and refurbishment of building in Abbey St. for Boerumund Community Centre; play equipment for Nelson Sq. Gardens TA; Community Education Building, Morley College; equipment for a community flat for Webber Row Tenants Assoc; new sports pitch in Tabard Gardens; open space refurbishment for Swanmeade, Harold and Creasey Community Association; refurbishment of Little Dorrit Playground, Grotto Place Playground, Mint Street Open Space and Hatfields Open Space; development of open space and community hall on Leathermarket Gardens; refurbishment of Long Lane recreation ground improvements to Charterhouse Toy Library; refurbishment of Leroy Street Playground.

What will happen to all these projects of the GLC and ILEA are abolished?

THE PLANS

When Southwark Council draws up things like North Southwark Plan, they are doing very good work for the local community, but no one can pretend that things like transport, jobs, education and many other things can be done on a local basis.

And when national government tries to tackle these aspects of people's lives they often make an expensive mess of it.

A London sized organisation is needed to oversee the interests of Londoners. How do we know that the Thames Barrier would ever have been built if the GLC had not existed? Flood protection might have been privatised, and we would all have had to buy life jackets and swimming lessons in North Southwark!

The government says the GLC is too big and too wasteful, but the truth is that it has done too good a job recently in protecting the interests of Londoners, often against the government.

An example of this is the South Bank Community Area Programme. This shows how localised and flexible the GLC can be.

London Transport is threatened with a government takeover sooner than the GLC proper - by mid-1984 in fact. A Tory minister will have direct control over our buses, tube trains and fares. The first casualty might well be pensioners bus passes, the second jobs, and the third the level of service.

The GLC has been working with Southwark Council to prevent the property speculators and the London Docklands Development Corporation from building more office blocks, yacht marinas and penthouses on the Surrey Docks site, as well as at Hays Wharf, near London Bridge, and on the Coin Street site.

Think of all the other things the GLC does, like the Fire Brigade, the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) and support for the arts, sport and entertainment. The government says they will keep these things going by * letting the boroughs do them - when they are already struggling under the cuts to do what they do now * creating quangos - agencies which are accountable to no one, like the LDDC and give jobs to 'the old boys network' * or giving them to Whitehall ministries (Heaven help us!)

And I bet we have some plans to 'privatise' parts of these essential services before too long.

The government plans won't save money at all. Things will be run down and become even more expensive to the public. The governments own figures prove that they are less efficient than the GLC. Even under the penny-pinching Tories, government spending has risen.

The biggest problem with the GLC is that it needs more money, more power and more democracy, while the government is being true to form by giving LESS of all these. Where it is allowed to operate freely, it has had lots of success. The Greater London Enterprise Board (GLEB) has retained or created 500 jobs since it was set up earlier this year.

And remember the "Fares Fair" policy? That would have saved money and created a much better transport system and environment for London, but the government sabotaged it!

In North Southwark we are in a very vulnerable position with regard to our jobs, homes and services. If we let the GLC be disbanded, we will regret it. And anyway, why should they tamper with our democratic rights?

Ray Kingsbury

NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

WHAT IS:-



WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SE1 READERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

56 SOUTHWARK BRIDGE Rd. SE1.
Ring Ted, Martin, Deb, Roger or Stewart on 928-0711 or call in.



THE NORTH SOUTHWARK PLAN#



Following full consultation, Southwark Council has now produced the final version of the North Southwark Plan. This sets out how the area is to be developed over the next ten years. It allocates land for housing, industry, shops and community uses, and places a ban on further office development - what local people have been arguing for years for.

Before the plan can be finally approved, it has to clear one last hurdle, the so called 'deposit' stage. This is when the plan is made publicly available and when support and objections can be expressed. The developers who want more offices will object, but to prevent the plan being changed and thereby protecting the land for housing and other community uses, local people must make their support known to counter the developers' objections.

Southwark Council's advert in this issue list where you can see the plan, from December 12th.

Please go along and look at the plan, and if you would like further information or to talk about the plan, please contact the North Southwark Community Development Group on 928 0711 or call in at 56 Southwark Bridge Road for a chat.

NOTHING LESS THAN THE FUTURE OF YOUR AREA IS AT STAKE, SO PLEASE GO AND LOOK AT THE PLAN AND MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN.

NORTH SOUTHWARK PLAN A PLAN FOR COMMUNITY GROWTH

The North Southwark Plan is available for inspection December 12th-February 6th 1984.

Objections to or support for the North Southwark Plan must be submitted before February 6th 1984. The Plan and forms to submit objections are available at the following locations.

Southwark Development Department
30-32, Peckham Road,
London SE5
(9.00am-5pm. Mon-Fri)

Borough Community Centre
56, Southwark Bridge Road,
London SE1
(9.30am-4.30pm. Mon-Fri.)

Borough Road Library
7/12, Borough Road, London SE1

John Harvard Library
211, Borough High Street, S.E.1

Bermondsey Library
Spa Road, London S.E.16

Blue Anchor Library
Market Place, Southwark Park Road
London S.E.16

Rotherhithe Library
Rotherhithe Civic Centre,
Albion Street, London S.E.16

Objections to or support for the Plan should be sent before February 6th 1984 to Director of Development, 30-32, Peckham Road, London SE5 8QP.

London Borough of Southwark December 1983.

COIN STREET

CONTINUED.....

The start of the foundations for the temporary building.



As SE1 goes to press, the Department of Transport have advertised a public inquiry into Greycourt's proposals to close most of the roads, including Upper Ground, in the Coin Street area. They need, to get these closures approved if they want to be able to implement their office proposals.

The other roads affected are Cornwall Road, Coin Street, Duchy Street and Barge House Street. The closures would have implications for traffic,

parking, pedestrians and river access.

Objections to the closures must be in by 22nd December. The inquiry will be held in February. The Coin Street Action Group is urging local people to object, and you can get more details from Waterloo Community Development Group on 633 9291 (Steve, Sue or Theresa). There should also be details at Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1



WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE

Monday Pensioners Club

WISH ALL THE COMMUNITY



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HOLY TRINITY ALL WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...?!!

The fate of the Holy Trinity School is likely to be decided at the next meeting of the ILEA Development Sub-Committee on December 14th. Parents and friends of the school are apprehensive but hopeful that the ILEA representatives will recognize the value of their school and the tragic loss its closure would be to the Waterloo Community.

Much has happened since the parents first learnt of the threat to their school in July. Months of hard work and research has enabled them to present a strong case for the continuation of their school.

The Board of Governors, who were originally convinced by ILEA (Inner London Education Authority) officers that the decline in the school population would continue inevitably, have now agreed to join forces with the parents in persuading the ILEA committee to give the school a new lease of life. Considerable doubt has been cast on the statistics produced to justify closure. It is now clear that they did not take account of all the new housing developments in the area. Also they assumed average class sizes of 30 pupils per class: way above the 19.6 average for ILEA primary schools. In terms of the proposed option of transferring all the pupils at Holy Trinity to one school in the event of its closure, it would have increased average class sizes from 19 to 25 pupils per class at the new

IBM. LEST WE FORGET.....!!

On November 30th, the riverside walk in front of the London Weekend TV and new IBM buildings were officially opened. It is an appropriate time to remember that the walk is all that is left of the 'planning gain' promised by the developers of the IBM building in return for receiving an office permission. The site in 1972 contained a printing works, a garage and workshops, 700 people were employed there.

Associated Press proposed a mixed development which included nearly 200 flats. Subsequently, they dropped the number of flats and added a parade of shops, a restaurant and a pub. The offices were to be occupied by Reuters (the news and financial information agency).

One month after planning permission was given, AP announced that Reuters had withdrawn from the project. After IBM took over the project, the office building was increased by 25% in size and all the flats, shops and the restaurant and pub were dropped. A mixed development which was meant to bring back life to the riverside has become just a large office block described by Bob Hoskins on TV as "another bleeding great Mars Bar."

school! After many weeks of canvassing support amongst local parents, the parents of Holy Trinity School are convinced that it has a strong future. In terms of increasing its popularity in the area (which is what the whole debate should have been about in the first instance) they are asking the Development Committee to:

1. Agree to the original Governors request to appoint a new Head Teacher.
2. Agree to provide much needed nursery facilities at the school in the form of a conventional school nursery, and a community nursery for the wider area.
3. Provide support and assistance for the school over the next five years to encourage its growth and dispel rumours of closure.

Much has been made in the initial discussions of the supposed isolation of the school. Yet this is likely to be dramatically lessened (if it ever was true) with the construction of the new underpass under Westminster Bridge Road along the riverwalk.

What the parents are asking for is a chance to prove their case after years of benign neglect of the school. There may or may not be a Santa Claus in County Hall but if there is, then its pretty clear what we want for Christmas!!