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# HOSPITAL CUTS

THE DRAFT PLAN AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR HEALTH SERVICE.

The West Lambeth Health Authority has just published its 'draft' strategy for the development of the health service locally. For all the residents of Waterloo is makes grim reading.

In certain respects the report is quite optimistic. It recognises the inadequacies of long-stay treatment in large institutions such as Tooting Bec Hospital. For what it terms its priority care groups (the elderly, the adult mentally handicapped and the adult mentally ill) it recommends the need for locally based community care and treatment.

If such community care is to mean more than closing hospitals and expecting over stretched families to care for elderly and sick relatives, then it needs real investment (money) in community day centres, small residential units and trained staff.

This is where the draft plan hits the brick wall of present health poilicy. The government has told the West Lambeth Authority to REDUCE its budget by £10.8 million within ten years. The report states quite categorically that there is no possibility of developing community health care facilities and maintaining the present level of hospital acute services if such a reduction is even attempted. In fact, the Health Authority could only achieve such reductions by closing ALL hospitals except St. Thomas', and reducing the number of beds at St. Thomas by so much that it would lose its teaching status and begin a spiral of inevitable decline. (The so-called Choice A of the Draft Plan).



### Health Plan 2

The Draft Plan states that this choice is unacceptable, and suggests instead that the reductions be achieved over 15 years instead of ten. Such a policy would still threaten the teaching status of St. Thomas', it would reduce the number of beds there below the minimum number of 945 needed to provide general training for doctors. It would also rely heavily on job losses (reducing the number this approach. of doctors by 21%, and of nurses by 32%), and the dubious 'savings' of privatisation and further job losses for ancillary grades. Even after all this, the fifteen year spread of the cuts (Choice B) still would not meet the cannot be avoided.

Government's target: it would leave a FURTHER £2.8 million of Health Plan 3 cuts still to be found.

The only option which offers any hope of maintaining a

comprehensive health service in the area is Choice C, which seeks to maintain the present health care service and also develop the community health care approach BEFORE any hospitals like Tooting Bec are closed. As the report states quite calmly: 'this would conflict with the Region's outline revenue allocation' - meaning: there's no money for

One thing is clear: the choice between maintaining an adequate level of health care in West Lambeth and obeying the Government's demands for reductions in health spending cannot be avoided.

A group of local residents and workers in the local health

service have come together to campaign against the possible reductions in health care spending. We want to make sure that everyone in Waterloo is aware of the tremendous damage that will be done to OUR health service unless WE stop it. For more information, please contact: Katrina McCormick on 633 0852.

I you feel strongly that the health service in our area should not be starved of money. then write and let the District Health Authority know. Its important that they know which of the three choices local people prefer. Send your letters before February 28th to:

District Administrator, St. Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1

Don't leave it to someone else: do it now!

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Santley House

Tanswell Estate

#### WORK BEGINS AT LAST

Work is finally to begin on Tanswell's facelift. On February 4th bulldozers will start the £60,000 landscaping job which will also include upgrading refuse disposal and controlling car parking. Mary O'Sullivan, Chair of Tanswell Action Group said at a meeting held to discuss it. 'We've fought for this scheme for the last 10 years. We've fought our case with the GLC. we've argued with the Department of the Environment, we've lobbyied our MP we've been to endless meetings and written countless letters, including one to Mrs. Thatcher telling her what its like to live in car park. Some of us have got worn out but now we've got something to show for it.

#### VIDEO ENTRYPHONE EXPERIMENT

A pilot video entryphone system is being installed in the flats above the Ambulance Station in Frazier Street. The GLC is paying for the work to be done on this block which they used t own and which now belongs to Lambeth. Tenants were asked whether they were prepared to be the guinea pigs for this experiment and voted overwhelmingly to try it. Each flat will have a small video screen which will allow the occupant to check up and see who is downstairs before allowing them in the communal door. If the scheme works it could be used elsewhere in

#### PEABODY T.A. REBORN?

Every tenant in Peabody, Duchy Street will be contacted in the next week or so to see what they think about getting a tenant's association off the ground again on the estate. They'll also be asked what problems they would like a T.A. to tackle and if it should organise social events for people living in the blocks.

If enough tenants are interested, the Action Centre will organise a public meeting to get the new T.A. off the ground.

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Part-time help wanted in busy off-licence. Fifteen hours per week, including some Seturday work. Muer he reenonethle person.

For more information. contact Brian and Kath at: 13, Stemford St, SE1 (928 5239)

Best wishes to readers of SE1

"THE HOLE IN THE WALL" Mepham St SE1 (next to Waterloo Station)

Real Ale, Good Food and a warm welcome guaranteed.

#### OUR THANKS

Waterloo Action Centre Amenities Group would like to thank the Young Theatre for the lovely show of Jack and the Beanstalk which was great and people are still speaking about how wonderful it was. The scenery was simple but effective and the cast really performed well. Also thankyou for the reduced rate on the tickets which were 50p each.

And now some good news: We are going to have a variety show:

BEAUX BELLES Thursday 21st February, 3PM at the Young Vic

This half-term show is suitable for all ages so come along and support us.

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- May 29th Jun 7th

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Oct 4th November - Oct 30th Nov 8th

December - Nov 27th Dec 6th

If interested in joining SE1, please ring: Gerry Vignola on 928 0711 or: Keib Thomas on 928 8501

## **☆KIDS HALF TERM FUN☆**

PUPPET FIZZIII

NETTLEFOLD HALL West Norwood Library 1 Norwood High Street, SE27

Jactito Puppets 11am: Hiccup The Hippo (Under 5's)
12 noon: Neptune and the Ugly Baby (4-11 year olds)

MADAME SOUHAMT! SHADOW PUPPETS 3pm: Ananse and the Sky God + Batty's Box + Silly Songs (4-11 year olds)

TICKETS FOR EACH SHOW 500 FROM: Box Office Lambeth Amenity Services 164 Clapham Park Road, SW4 7DO 622-6655 x 355 or 720-3530 (24 Hours) OR FROM ANY LAMBETH LIBRARY

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For the Under-5's and their families

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TUESDAY FERRUARY 19th at 2 00pm MORLEY COLLEGE COMMUNITY BUILDING King Edward Walk, SE11

WEDNESDAY FERRILARY 20th at 2 00pm WINDMILL GARDENS ONE O'CLOCK CLUB Blenheim Gardens, SW2

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21st at 11.00am Dexter Under Fives at
DEXTER ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND Railton Road, SW9

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21st at 2.00pm LARKHALL PARK ONE O'CLOCK CLUB Priory Court off Lansdowne Way, SW8

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22nd at 2.00pm SLADE GARDENS ONE O'CLOCK CLUB Robsart Street. SW9

\*Note different performance time at Dexter

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19th at 3.00pm LONGFIELD HALL Knatchbull Road, SE5

\*WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20th at 5.00pm NORWOOD HALL Knights Hill, SE27

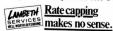
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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22nd at 3.00pm STEWARTS ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (Off Wandsworth Road Northside) SW8

\*Note different performance time at Norwood Hall

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Further enquiries to: Paul Griffiths or Cynthia Westley on 622-6655 x 359/361



## TENANT NEWS LETTERS

COOPERS CLOSE

It looks as if tenants on Coopers Close have received some good news from Southwark recently. After initially turning down their application to be transfered from GLC owner -ship as a Management Co-operative, Southwark have decided to think again after listerning to a delegation from Coopers Close at their January Housing Meet-Coopers Close has been in the

news before. The previous Tory Administration at the GLC refused to let the flats once com -pleted as they wanted to sell off the whole estate. This policy was the subject of much criticism. From (amongst other s) Shelter, the National Housing Campaign whose offices over -looked Coopers Close on the Waterloo Rd. It is one of the few GLC properties which has not yet been transferred to Southwark.

The GLC had acreed to establish a Management Co-operative after consultation with the tenants has shown the vast majority in favour of the idea. Work by GLC Officers was progressing on this basis until Southwark rejected the proposed transfer in October. At the Housing Committee the delegation from Coopers Close was able to show that it was in Sothwarks benefit to allow the GLC to incur the necessery administration and legal work involved and also that the GIC had considerable experience in establishing such Management Co-operatives. If Southwark and Coopers Close Residents Association can now reach an agreement on the establishment of the Management Co-operative prior to the transfer (expected June/July 1985), then it looks as if the tenants at Coopers Close will achieve the -ir ambition.

#### LAMBETH REPLAY

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A meeting of all Waterloo tenants with Hazel Smith, the Lambeth Housing Chair, and Terry Rich, Chair of Kennington District Housing Committee, was hit by bad luck when both had to to pull out at the last minute. Hazel's car broke down somewhere north of Watford, and Terry found himself unexpectedly moving house on the night of the meeting.

The marathon four hour meeting on 10th December continued without them but tenants found that the housing officials were no substitute for the councillors and felt that many of their problems were not resolved.

The good news is that Councillors Smith and Rich have said they are willing to attend a further meeting with Waterloo tenants - watch SE1 for details!

Parking Permit Holders are being taken for a ride. In some cases it's better not to move your car because you'll never get parked again. Nearly years ago I went to renew my Parking Permit and spoke to a Mr Evans about the lack of space in Duchy St, Aquinner St Whittle St and Roupel St He showed me a map of the area and told me that there were places and 180 holders. told me they were looking into it, but they have done nothing about it. They raised the price from ten to fifteen pounds and in 1985 intend to raise it to 30 pounds a year. There must be 200 Permit Holders now and still

would like Lambeth to tell us where can we park our cars?

only 70 spaces

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#### THE EDITOR

The Editor 21/1

Pear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to congratulate you on the very fine 1st free edition of SE1. It was fitting that the Oueen should be featured in that issue. Thanks to all those who worked hard to keep it going despite the meagre circulation it had attracted. It's great to have our own paper with local news relevant to the area that we know and love. I hone it will now enjoy a much wider circulation, with more contributions from residents.

Sincerely Norma H Richards.

> STAMFORD ST. AQUINAS ST. CLIMSLAND HOUSE TENANTS ASSOCIATION

> > A.G.M.

CHEESE AND WINE

All tenants are cordially invited to come and discuss the issues and problems which we face and to decide where the T.A. goes from here.

WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 7 pm at

Edward Henry Community Centre of community projects are going Until now I didn't think rateto have to close down. capping affected me - it was As a user of the Waterloo just something you heard about. Employment Project, I am very

LETTERS.... LETTERS....

but didn't really understand angry that the support which something to do with the this project has provided not government. It wasn't till I only to me, but also to the was told that it could mean the many other unemployed people in end of groups like the Waterloo the area, is no longer going to Action Centre; the Waterloo Employment Project and all the others, that I have now realis-

be available. It is bad enough not having job, but as long as you feel people care, you can just about survive. This Government obviously doesn't care and their intentions to cut off such services prove it. Anyone who has ever used any local service should fight rate-capping.

Due to the Government's rate-

capping policy, I am extremely

concerned that a large number

Liz Mellon c/o Waterloo Employment Project Colombo Community Centre

often been to the Action Centre for advice, used the legal advice sessions and got help with housing problems. They told me about the Employment Project so I went along. As a mum with two small children I found it difficult to find work or get on a training course. Most people thought having kids would mean I could not do the job properly. The Employment Project helped me to find a course and now I'm training to be what I've always wanted, a car mechanic. If ratecapping means we are going to lose our local projects, we should all fight it, because if we just sit

ed how its going to affect me.

Living on Tanswell T have

back and let them take everything from us, there will be 'no-one left who does care about us and who we can turn to for help.

So if you are reading this, and you don't want to let them close our project, nip over to the Action Centre or the Employment Project and see what you can do to help save our services.

Sue Smith

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#### STUART HOLLAND M.P., SPEAKS OUT!!

Dear SE1 Readers,

This is the beginning of my 7th year as member of parliament for Lambeth Vauxhall, and one of the most difficult which the constituency has had to face because of the government's policy of "rate-capping". It seems that the Tories have a simple philosophy - if at first you don't succeed, cut, cut and cut again at community investment and local services, until you have brought people to their knees. 'Knee capping' rather than 'rate-capping' is what they are about.

I am glad to say that the community in SE1 has been fighting continuously against these Tory cuts. We are not on our knees yet. Mums and dads in SE1 fought hard to keep open HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL. They asked me to arrange a meeting in the House of Commons with the Tory education minister, and I was glad to do so. We put the whole case to the minister - Mr Dunn, who told me he would take all the arguments into account. The parents joined me in a delegation to the department and advised him not to close the school.

We lost that battle, but we have not lost the war. On COIN STREET itself, the close links between the Association of Waterloo Groups, the Labour GLC and Labour in Lambeth have meant a dramatic success. Despite Mr Heseltine and other Tory ministers giving planning permission to the AWG for housing but counting on no funds being available to build these houses. the GLC and Lambeth council (who each own part of the sites)



moved very fast, spurred on by the AWG and the local community Now, against all the odds, the old buildings are coming down and new housing is going up.
TANSWELL ESTATE is another

success for the local community The modernisation programme had been delayed for ages by officials at the Dept. of the Environment. Local residents got in touch with me and asked if I could help. As a result of the tenants pressure and my adding a push, Tanswell now has its modernisation programme. It won't solve all the problems but on top of the agreement which we gained from the Labour government before 1979 to convert the former NCP car park opposite the Old Vic into an open space area, it will make Tanswell a better place to live

For all local residents who wis contact me: my advice sessions are at the Citizens Adivice Bureau, 323 Kennington Road on the second and fourth Mondays and Lambeth Town Hall on the first and fourth Mondays of each month (starting at 7.30 pm and excluding bank holidays and August). I appreciate that it can often be difficult for people to get to these sessions and during February I will be holding a special advice session in Bishops Ward during the daytime. A leaflet giving details of this will shortly be distributed locally, or people can contact the local ward Labour Party (928 8806). Do come and see me if you think I can help with a problem - or come and tell me of someone else's case if they cannot easily get to see me.

The Waterloo Action Centre will shortly be running a basic training course including supplementary benefit, housing benefit housing and health rights. The course will run for about 8 weeks starting 13th February, for about two hours on Wednesday afternoons.

It is mainly intended for new shopfront volunteers but there may be a few places for those interested in learning about their rights.

If you are interested in voluntering we'd be really pleased to talk to you about it. People usually do one morning a week and the main qualities we look for are patience and a sympathetic manner. We welcome anybody keen to

volunteer. We are are keen though to hear especially from black people and from other minority groups so that we can provide a better service to all our

customers.
If you're interested, drop into WAC, 14 Baylis Rd or phone 261 1404, and have a that with John Austin

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Hermione Wood

A lttle more tired at the end of day;

A little less care for gain or gold;

A broader view, and a saner mind -

A little more love for all mankind.

A little more charity in our views;

Blessed are they who understand

A little more zest for the days of old;

A little less anxious to have our own way;

A little more love for the friends of youth;

A little more zeal for established truth;

A little more leisure to sit and dream;

Blessed are they who know my ears today

A little more real the things unseen.

my faltering steps and shaking hand.

strain to catch the things they say.

my eyes are dim and my mind is slow.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile,

that I'm loved and respected and not alone.

who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who make it known

Blessed are they who seem to know

HAPPY OLD AGE





Part-time help wanted in busy

work. Must be responsible

For more information, contact Brian and Kath at:

off-licence. Fifteen hours per week, including some Saturday

63, Stamford St, SE1 (928 5239)



invite you to visit the Design and Exhibition Centre and temporary park at 99 Upper Ground, SE1 (behind the National Theatre). For further information on Coin Street and the Waterloo area phone 633 9291. The Centre and Park were funded by the Greater London Council.

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e) to deal with bookings are of an all-weather sports area, when the Adventure Playgroi

a part of the Waterloo Adventure Playground, 8 hours a week. Salary APT & C Scale J (AP2) pro rata, Likely starting point (688) ap (£7.75 per hour) (award pending). For further details and job description please contact Peter Hudson, Blackfirars Settlement, 44-47 Neison Souzie, London SEI OQA, tel: 01-928 9521.

Do you have a favourite shop in SE1? Write and tell us about the shop and why its your favourite. A special SE1 Tshirt will go to the writer of each story. Contact SE1 at 12 Meymott St, SE1 or ring Keib on 928 8501 ext. 155 or Gerry Vignola on 928 0711.

# DHSS CAN HELP YOU

The recent spell of cold weather sends a chill through everybody who thinks of heavy gas and electricity bills to come. If you're on supplementary benefit, this money is hard to find.

Did vou know vou can get extra money each week for Some people may even be entiimprove insulation and draught- My home is centrally-

costs down). benefit why not fill in the tear-off slip below and send it to the DHSS to claim what is yours by right?

DHSS Wedge House Blackfriars Road

Full name: Address :

Please tick

I/somebody in my family is sick (e.g. bronchitis. rheumatism, arthritis. anaemia)

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I/someone in my

over 65 under 5

with four rooms or less more than five rooms (excluding bathroom,

My home is difficult to heat (e.g. damp, draughty or very large rooms)

wc & hall)

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I wish to claim a single payment for:

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## SOUTHBANK.

The days of the local cinema are sadly gone in this age of television and video. All the more reason why we should be grateful for our nearness to the National Film Theatre on the South Bank.

Despite many people's initial impressions, not all the films at the N.F.T. are in a foreign language or very highbrow and intellectual.

February for instance sees two major reviews. The first concerns Robert De Niro, one of Hollywood's major stars in films such as Mean Streets (Thursday 7th February 8.45PM) and "The Deer Hunter" (Thursday 19th February 7.00PM).

The second is a review of World War Two as seen through British Film and televison fiction. For many people in Waterloo an North Southwark, the war was a major part of their lives. For all of us it is interesting to see some of the war-time films such as "The Bells Go Down" made in 1941 about the war-time fire service (Monday 11th February 6.15PM) and "Western Approaches" made in 1944 about the Atlantic convoys (Thursday February 14th at 8.30PM). These films make an interesting contrast with later attempts to re-tell the history of that period such as "Yanks" made in 1979 (Friday 15th February

The N.F.T. also has a popular repertory feature which in February includes "Another Country" (11th - 15th February at 2.30PM and 16th February at 2.00PM) and "Missing" (Wednesday February 27th

Children are also included in February with regular Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 4.00PM. "The 5,000 fingers of Dr T" a lavish technicolor musical fantasy on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th February.

The N.F.T. also hosts the Irish Film season on each Friday in February with an emphasis on the life of the Irish in Britain. Particularly interesting are two films "The Irishman" and "Our Hire" which will be shown on Friday February 1st at 8.30PM.

The National Film Theatre has over 100 diffrent films to view in February as in most months. For more information contact the N.F.T. on 928 3232 or go along and collect a programme

To view films at the N.F.T. it is necessary to become a member. This can be done on a daily basis or a full year and is very straightforward.

Tickets normally cost \$12.40 and there are half price concessions for OAP'S unemployed (proof of eligibility needed.

## FILMS ON THE ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST?

#### Hands-on Experience?

'Children's Experience Centre'. This would be a kind of museum of computers and robots and other machines that children would be able to learn about by on pavements. From the 2nd using them (what people call hands-on experience).

Apparently it would cost about £1.50 for a child to

However, some people think that before the GLC make any decision about such an idea. there needs to be public consultation about the whole question of the future use of these spaces and how to make

There is to be a public meeting on the issue on Thursday February 14, at 6.30pm bills to put on the windat 99 Upper Ground so if you've screens of offending cars got something to say about the bullring, or about the idea of 'Children's Experience Centre', get along to the meeting. Or if you just want to know more about it: contact Steve at 99 Upper Ground, on

#### PAVEMENT PARKING BAN

The GLC has recently introduced a ban on parking of January it became an offence to park with one or more wheels on a footpath, central reservation or on a grass verge. There is a fine of twenty-five pounds for infringement.

The ban will be welcome news for all pedestrians but especially for those with disabilities, elderly people, parents with small children and shoppers.

You can participate in keeping the footpaths car free by writing for handwarning them that now can

The address is: GLC TD/PM/PC County Hall London SEl 7PB

## CONFERENCE NOT TO BE MISSED!

One of the most important housing conferences for many years is due to be held on Feb. 23rd at Hamden Community Centre, 150 Ossulton St by Euston Station. Registration fee: £1 (50p unwaged).

With the cutback in house building and repairs, the cuts in the staff in social security and the housing benefits, more and more people are living in terrible housing conditions or becoming homeless through lack of housing and unployment; building workers are on the dole - so come along to this conference and fight back by joining the campaign for housing improvements: in the next few years - hopefully.

Enquiries: Mike Comley,



#### Edward Henry Co-op

#### Cathedral Ward Branch

SOUTHWARK-BERMONDSEY CONSTITUENCY

#### Labour Party

Cllr. Alan Davis & Cllr Geoff Williams

ADVICE SESSIONS If you have a problem they would be glad to see vou on:

2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at: Blackfriars Settlement Nelson Square from 7.00-8.15 pm.

CHILDREN (AND ADULTS) ARE SEEN HAVING AN ENJOYABLE TIME AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT EDWARD HENRY HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE IN COIN STREET, WATERLOO.

### UNUSUAL HOBBIES!!!

ANYONE WITH ANY UNUSUAL HOBBIES?

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### CHARTERHOUSE YOUTH PROJECT

## WANTED very much PREFERABLY ALIVE YOU?

THIS PERSON likes sport, games, discussions, crafts (from video-making to jewellry-making), parties and group fun!

So far many people could easily fit the description of the WANTED PERSON... even if only some of the activities appeal.

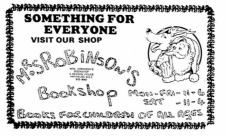
Let's narrow the suspects down...this person would enjoy making these activities possible for young people - preparing, helping, persuading, and sometimes calming when enthusiasm runs too

If this description fits somebody you know, who would like to voluntarily give one evening a week (or even once a month)...or if you discover that you are a WANTED PERSON... PLEASE LET US KNOW...YOUNG WOMEN HELPERS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED.

> Monday: Girls Only Groups. Tuesday: Mixed Club Night. Wednesday: Mixed Club Night. Thursday: Juniors Session.



RING: Gary or Mina 407-5666



MIKS ROBINSON'S BOOKSHOP Mrs Robinson's Bookshop is a small, friendly bookshop situated in Hatfields, just off The Cut. It is run by Mrs Robinson (appropriately enough) and has been there for the last three years.

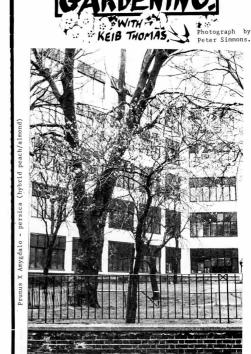
The bookshop has a very good collection of children's books and is an excellent place to find a suitable present for a growing youngster. It stocks the popular "Brockwell Books", an inexpensive (25p) series of children's stories with twentytwo different titles.

Mrs Robinson's also has a good range of secondhand books of all titles and a growing range of new books for expectand mothers and fathers.

In short its a bookshop with a friendly atmosphere, unlike many of the larger bookshops in the West End and Mrs Robinson MRS ROBINSON'S BOOKSHOP will advise on what books are available. Its a place to go and browse and have a chat about books as well as buying

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday 11am-6pm Saturday



days are lengthening and on warmer. By the end of February years. leaf buds will be swelling and the first spring flowers appearing, e.g. crocuses, aconites, snowdrops and the earliest daffodils. This year however, I shall be more interested in the flowering trees and shrubs in SE1.

to most is the flowering tree in the photo above. It is a cross between an almond and a in the last 10 days of February, coming into its peak of bloom in March. You find it opposite Colombo Sports and mmunity Centre. This tree is still young so that its best

mild days the sun is noticeably show is yet to come in further

If you wish to see two mature trees smothered in pink bloom, take a trip down Lambeth Walk early in March. Lambeth Council must have planted these many years ago in the grounds of China Walk estate. What an investment they have turned out The one I am looking forward to be - they're breathtaking in full bloom.

The other shrub worth mentioning at the moment is the peach. Given a mild spell, it climbing Winter Jasmine. There should start flowering sometime is one trained over a wall in St George's Cathedral car park, its a fountain of vellow flowers at this time of year. It's easy to grow (even in shade ) and flowers throughout the late Winter and Spring.

#### Sheltered Housing gets go ahead

In response to Southwark Council's persistence the Government has now given the go ahead for Southwark to build a sheltered hous ing unit on the former site of the Courages Bottling Plant on Southwark Bridge Road. Work will start this April and when it is complete the unit will provide thirty- five two person flats for the elderly. This is a major victory for the local community which has been fighting for over 10 years March

to get homes and jobs in this part of Nth Southwark instead of offices. It is also a victory for the Community Areas Policy of the GLC.

The GLC bought the site under its Community Areas Policy. In addition to sheltered housing, there will be 107 family houses with gardens. Work on a first phase of 21 houses and flats will start this summer. Work has already commenced on 21 industrial workshops in Park St and this will be followed by the construction of 6 small factory units in

## **POST OFFICE OCCUPIED**

On Thursday January 24th over 150 local residents occupied the Crown Post in protest at the threat of closure hanging over two Crown Offices in the SEl area. The occupation lasted nearly two hours while a delegation went to put the case for keeping the Offices open to the Assistant District Postmaster.

The occupation followed a half-day strike by the Four sub-Post Offices P.O.counter staff the day have already been closed before which shut down in SE1 and an announceall Crown Post Offices in ment is expected soon on the London District in the Crowns. The Campaign order to attend a rally though will continue.

lobby of Parliament in protest at the threat by the postal authorities Office at Borough High St to close nearly 70 Crowns in London.

> The Campaign to keep the service P.O.counter full strength has been going on for some months and is formed by local community groups, Tenants Associations and the SE London Counter&Clerical Branch of the UCW.



Photo by Paul Traynor (Militant)

### DOG SHIT!

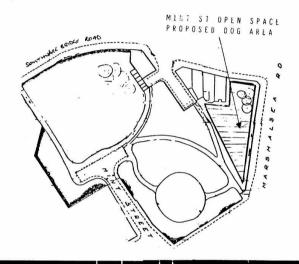
## Councillors go to the dogs

Southwark Councillors from dog faeces. are to act on the menace of dogs which foul public When local groups such as open spaces in the area.

local residents, as well as from Douglas Buildings and local residents, as well as from Douglas Buildings and a campaign by members of Union St were consulted, the local Cathedral Ward they said that they wanted Labour Party branch, the 2 to see a properly sign-councillors for Cathedral posted special dog area Ward-Alan Davis and Geoff with seats. They agreed the Williams have said they best site would be on the will be taking up with the Marshales. Williams - have said they best site would be on the will be taking up with the Marshalsea Rd side of the Borough Engineer the sugg - park (see Map). They also estion which has come from wanted a park attendant to local residents to set be employed there by the aside part of the Mint St Council. These suggestions Open Space as a fenced off are now being taken up by dog exercising area.

The problem is very severe on the Mint St Open Spacean area saved from speculative office development by Southwark Council which was officially opened last year- where parents have been worried about their children catching diseases

NorSPAG, Mint St Adventure Playground Association, the After many complaints from Marshalsea TA, and tenants Geoff and Alan.



#### E1 EDITORIAL GROUP

Sally Howe; John Howes; Margaret Schofield; Dave Scott; Peter Simmons; Keib Thomas; Gerry Vignola; Paul Wheeler.



#### Tony Phillips. Chairperson of the Association of Materloo

said "the Government must be crazy to cut money from areas like this when the NHS can't even cope with the present demand. It's inner city areas where extra resources are needed".

More decrease of beds at the hospital which this plan will do will encourage people who can afford to, pay for private medicine. 's the number of private beds increase, the number of NHS beds will decrease. This will mean one health service for the rich and one for the poor .... Elaine Thomas laterloo Resident.

#### Murse in Mest Lambeth District

"I am very concerned about the hospital having to send patients out early, the district staff are already over streached and over stressed".

#### HOSPITAL CUTS Cont

## What Local People Have To Say

Marie Parry Jones

Resident from Wellington Mills 'I feel NHS is already declining and if Option A or 3 are implemented it will mean a further deteriation'.

#### Caroline Laing Local Resident Domestic at it Thomas's

'I am very worried about job Also the standards ar declining because they are giv increasing and more and more ing people twice as much work which cannot be completed.
's a patient at St Thomas' I know the waiting lists are already very long. already very long

#### Local Resident

Tooting Bec must go but only will harm the NHS and will when there is something better to bring a blight on local in its place".

PAT MOBERLEY (Member District Health Authority)

#### ST THOMAS

If Option B is approved, the much-loved South Western Hospital will be closed to inpatients, leaving no hospital to serve the needs of the elderly in central Lambeth. At the same time, massive cuts in beds at St Thomas' will take place. THESE BEDS ARE NEEDED! There is NO EVIDENCE that we are doing too much for the old or the sick - on the contrary, waiting lists are patients have admissions cancelled.

The DHA has no policy for retaining JOBS and TRAINING PLACES. Option B will mean many more JOBS and NURSE TRAINING places will go. This will harm the NHS and will help communities.



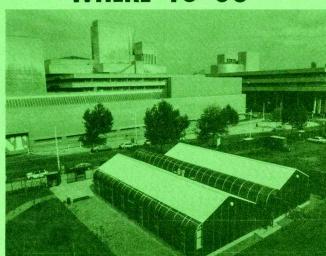
The Waterloo Community Development Group (or 'WCDG') has been involved in planning issues in the Waterloo area for over twelve years. It was involved in the consultations about the Waterloo District Plan, and has played a part in the battles over ten years for more family housing, open space, shops, and jobs in Waterloo.

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Waterloo. By making it possible for people to get involved, WCDG aims to link up the concerns of different groups so as to fight together for a better Waterloo future.

Working together not only makes us stronger it also helps to knit the community together.

WHERE TO GO



Above: the building at 99 Upper Ground

If you want to know what changes are being planned in Waterloo, you could do worse than to call in at 99 Upper Ground (see map) or ring 633 9291.

That's where you'll find the offices of the Waterloo Community Development Group. They have copies of the plans of any developments of which Lambeth Council has been notified.

Until recently you had to go down to Brixton if you wanted to see these plans. But now a

copy of each set is delivered to 99 Upper Ground and is available there for public inspection.

So from now on, if you hear of some change that is being planned in your neighbourhood, and you want to know more, get in touch by phone (633 9291), or drop in at 99 Upper Ground and have a look for yourself. Incidentally, you'll also find there the most recent designs for the Coin Street sites.

## Join in

Membership of the Group is open to any resident of the Waterloo area who supports the aims of the Group. The intention is to make it possible for ordinary people to have their voice heard when decisions are being made that will affect their life in the area. SE1 readers should feel free to call in at 99 Upper Ground, or to ring 633 9291 to learn more about the work of the Group and how you can get involved.

Open meetings

The regular meetings of the group are now to be held at 7.00pm on the third Wednesday of every month at 99 Upper Ground, in the new park by the National Theatre (see map). Dates for the next few months are:

February 20th March 20th April 17th May 15th June 19th

### **Current** issues

Apart from the public consultation beginning on February 18th about additions to the Waterloo District Plan, main issues of the moment are:

possible plans for more offices in Westminster Bridge Road (Century House)

new plans by Burtons for offices to replace the existing Burton's shop and the two shops next to it.

increasing the number of residents car parking spaces in Waterloo

improving the South Bank area (Jubilee Gardens, etc)

trying to get housing built on sites in the Cut and by Aquinas Street

keeping a check on all new planning applications that are made (see below).

# BULLRING: What do you want PICTURE BELOW: The Waterloo Circus or "Bullring"

One particular question that is coming up very soon is about the Bullring (that big hole inside Waterloo roundabout, and those echoing spaces under the bridge that you walk through to get up onto the bridge from there, or out to the National Theatre).

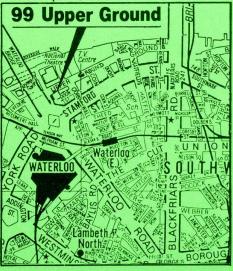
Some people want to rent those echoing spaces from the GLC and construct a building in there under the bridge, to house something called a 'Children's Experience Centre'. This would be a kind of museum of computers and robots and other machines that children would be able to learn about by

using them (what people call hands-on experience).

However, some people think that before the GLC make any decision about such an idea, there needs to be public consultation about the whole question of the future use of these spaces and how to make them better.

There is to be a public meeting on the issue on Thursday February 14, at 6.30pm at 99 Upper Ground so if you've got something to say about the bullring, or about the idea of a 'Children's Experience Centre', get along to the meeting. Or if you just want to know more about it: contact Steve at 99 Upper Ground, on 632 0201

PUBLIC MEETING
6.30pm
FEBRUARY 14th
99 Upper Ground



Exhibition:
Your IDEAS
ARE NEEDED
Come and see the
exhibition and say
what you think is
needed to improve the
South Bank area.

WATERLOO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

633 9291

# COIN STREET **UPDATE**

COIN STREET UPDATE

Coin Street Community Builders has received detailed planning permission to build 56 new homes on the existing Coin Street car park. Each home has a private garden. The detailed permission was given the day after the Royal Fine Arts Commission had accused CSCB of persisting with a "Garden City concept and a suburban layout which are wrong in scale and inappropriate for this central London site."

The Royal Fine Arts Commission had supported Greycoats' 16-storey, 1/3 of a for Coin Street. The housing development should start on site at the beginning of June. homes in relation to the

Meanwhile demolition of buildings on the other Coin Street sites continues. The Boots' buildings are almost completely demolished; the Eldorado coldstore is half-demolished and a contract to demolish Nelsons and Gabriels Wharves was recently let.

PARK AND RIVERWALK

A group of residents from the North Southwark and Waterloo areas has been meeting to discuss the design of the new park which will link Stamford Street with Upper Ground. These meetings are open to all local residents (ring Theresa or Gwen on 633-6402 for more information). A meeting on February 6th will decide the final design of the park which is to be funded by the GLC. In the meantime CSCB has applied for detailed planning permission for a riverwalk linking the walkway in front of LWT to that in front of the King's Reach buildings. plans and illustrations are on display at the Design Centre behind the National Theatre. ALLOCATION OF HOUSING

Following two public meetings and discussion by the Coin St. Action Group, the Association of Waterloo Groups and the North Southwark Community Development mile long wall of offices plan Group, CSCB has accepted that the Borough Councils should allocate the first 56 Coin St. proportion of money each Council puts into the development. However, CSCB is insisting that a proportion of the new homes go to existing local residents, that non-local authority tenants are included in the allocation, that a non-racist allocations procedure is adopted, and that a satisfactory definition of housing need is agreed.

BOOTS SITE AND STAMFORD WHARF

Coin St. NEWS

Following consultations with local groups, the GLC and the Borough Councils, CSCB has agreed a brief for the detailed design of Stamford Wharf in line with the existing AWG planning permission. CSCB is seeking ideas and proposals for the areas earmarked for the 'Thames Museum' and the shopping arcade. If you have ideas for this large space (3 floors of the wharf building, equivalent in size to eight tennis courts) please send your proposals to CSCB at 99 Upper Ground, SE1. But please remember that CSCB will have to raise money to build and run whatever is being proposed!

Casaon on the design brief for the Boots site has been Jeferred until AWG has discussed the site. So far the North Southwark Community Development Group, the Coin Street Housing and Social Facilities Group and Lambeth Council have all indicated that they want to see a substantial Tenants/Community facility as well as new housing on the site.

For further information ring: 633-6402

COIN ST. COMMUNITY BUILDERS.

the Waterloo District Plan has provided a firm foundation for Lambeth Council and the the Waterloo area in their efforts to protect and promote the interests of the local people of community.

The Plan makes no bones about the need to put people before profit. It aims to provide:

More and better homes for local people - The right sort of jobs - and a full range of social and community facilities - a pleasant and safe environment.

The Plan has stood the test of time and as a framework for the future development of Waterloo, it is as effective today as it was in 1977. However, certain issues have emerged and become more prominent in the area in recent years.

add new policies to the Plan covering SHOPPING, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, intends to THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND WOMEN.

Between 18th March and 1st April we will be seeking YOUR VIEWS on how these policies should be drawn up.

## COME TO THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AT

WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE 14 BAYLIS ROAD, SE1 12TH MARCH at 7.00PM



HAWKESTONE HALL KENNINGTON ROAD (opp. Nth Lambeth Tube) 27th MARCH at 7.00PM

 $\overline{\text{RE AD}}$  THE LEAFLETS: They will be sent to every household in the area in  $\overline{\text{mid-February}}.$  They give a summary of the proposed policies and give you a chance to put your views in writing.

 $\frac{TALK}{Library}$  TO THE PLANNERS: Lambeth planners will be at the North Lambeth  $\frac{Library}{Library}$  in Lower Marsh every  $\frac{Monday}{Library}$  evening (6.00-8.00PM) and every  $\frac{Monday}{Library}$  morning (10.00-2.00PM) between 18th February and 27th March.

PHONE: 674 9844 (ext.373) and ask Elaine Paterson or Paul Duffield for further information about the proposed policies.



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