

SEL

ISSUE 36 OCTOBER 1985 FREE COPY

HELIPORT - NO THANKS !!!!



BERMONDSEY HELIPORT

Is the LDDC passing the buck?

Bermondsey residents still do not know if they will get a Heliport in their backyard. A Vestey company called **Star Aviation** wants to redevelop Chambers Wharf as London's Heliport serving City of London businessmen. It submitted an application to the London Docklands Development Corporation - planning overlord of Docklands - in June. And the indications are that the LDDC is attempting to pass the buck to the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The developers have lodged an appeal with the Department of the Environment because the LDDC made no decision on the matter within the statutory time limit of 8 weeks.

Meanwhile, in Bermondsey, the public campaign against the Heliport is hotting up. The LDDC has received hundreds of objections to the proposal. These come from local residents, Tenants Associations, the local schools, and also tourist and business interests. Eddie Hart, Chairperson of Dickens Estate TA, with 1,200 dwellings and right next to the Wharf, said that "there is 100% total objection of local people to the Heliport." At the Rotherhithe District Housing Committee recently, the 16 TA's present, according to Eddie, unanimously condemned the Project. The Councils of

Cont'd p.2



SCANDAL

CHARITY'S SALE OF THE CENTURY

The activities of St Olave, St Thomas & St John United Charities - first brought to light in SEL Newspaper - are now causing national concern. We reported on their activities in February 1985. Since then, the Charity has been featured in recent editions of 'The Guardian', 'Daily Mirror', 'South London Press' and the 'Estate Times'. Questions have been asked in Parliament by MP Stuart Holland about the Charity. Various calls for a public inquiry by the Charity Commission have also been made. Below, we continue our revelations.



At a recent press conference called by the tenants of St Olaves Mansions in Kennington and Fairlawn Park in Sydenham (both owned by the Charity), the new Chair of the Trustees Mr John Thomas revealed that the Charity had sold 13 properties in Kennington Road and Walnut Tree Walk for a total of £52,000 in January 1985. All of these houses were sold to Kindrid Property Company based on the Isle of Man. The company then immediately resold two properties to Apton Properties Ltd, 53 Walnut Tree Walk and 114 Kennington Road.

The directors of Apton are Mr B Rosoman and Mr B Glen who together with Mr Pollock, Clerk of the Charity, are

directors of Flowerbrook Ltd. This is a building company responsible for carrying out repairs to property owned by the Charity.

Less than 6 months after its first sale, 114 Kennington Road was being advertised by local estate agents Daniel Smith for £110,000!!!

Incredibly, the Charity Commission, the official watchdog for all Charities approved the original sale of the properties by the Charity to Kindrid for a fraction of their true value.

Cont'd p.2

the local newspaper!

cont'd from p.1



Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Lewisham, Greenwich and Hammersmith and Fulham are also opposed to the idea.

which seem to be connected with the growing number of film studios springing up on the wharf.

Mrs McAvoy, of St Michaels School Parent-Teachers Association, and Maggie Lough of the Vauban TA are organizing a petition which has so far attracted hundreds of signatures. Mrs McAvoy complained of the noise of helicopters which already overfly the river. Often there are helicopters hovering in the area

Over the water in Wapping a petition is also circulating against the proposed Heliport because of the nuisance the noise would cause residents.

It is hoped that a public meeting will soon be called that will demonstrate the total and united opposition of the local residents to yet another unwanted developer's intrusion into the area.

LABOUR working for you locally...

**TERRY RICH &
KATHY CONNELLY**
your LABOUR councillors
on Lambeth council

Surgery
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING 6.45-7.00
at China Walk Tenants Hall,
Lambeth Walk, SE1

MUSIC FOR THE FAMILY

The Family Concerts are about sowing the seed for a child's life-long enjoyment of music. It can be a real pleasure, long-remembered, for a family to share a wide variety of music in a relaxed and happy atmosphere without worrying about the etiquette of the Concert Hall. The aim is that children should enjoy going to concerts. Babies and toddlers are welcome. Children won't always pay attention but if they wander around quietly or look at a favourite picture book until something in the concert attracts them again, that's fine.

Adult members of the family will also enjoy the high quality of performers and programmes as well as the pleasure of participating in their children's experience.

The first three concerts in the series are as follows:

OCTOBER 12: 10.30AM-12.30PM

THE LAMBETH YOUTH STEEL BAND
Directed by Ricky Decairo, opens the series with its rhythm and energy. After the interval, a step back in time with the complete contrast in music and style of the SOUTH-WARK WAITS, directed by Bernard Thomas, playing crum horn, shawm, curtal, sackbut

NOVEMBER 2: 10.30AM-12.20PM

BRILLIANT BRASS: A sparkling family concert programme from the London Collegiate Brass Band, conducted by Jim Stobart. **FUN AND GAMES IN SONG** with Margaret Field (bring your voices!).

NOVEMBER 23: 10.30AM-1.00PM

LET'S MAKE A FAMILY OPERA
Come and join the English National Opera's family workshop production of Malcolm Williamson's **THE MOONRAKERS** with Peter Kay and Stefan Janski. (Families can learn the music and words at home in advance - scores available at the 2 previous concerts).

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adults 70p, children 35p.
Season ticket for 6 concerts £4.20 for first adult plus 70p each for rest of the family).

More details: Shirley Anderson 499 9080 ext 2327 or Morley College office 928 8501.

CHARITY CAPERS

cont'd from p.1



John Howes

"Going for a song": Houses in Walnut Tree Walk sold for £4000 each

INTERNAL INQUIRY

SE1 Newspaper has obtained a copy of the internal audit into the Charity by accountants Ball, Bakes, Leake. Far from clearing his name as Mr Pollock claims, the audit points to serious deficiencies in the financial management of the Charity and the accountability of its Clerk to the Trustees.

As Clerk of the Charity, Mr Pollock gave himself sole responsibility to pay the invoices received from Flowerbrook Ltd, the company of which he is also a Director!!

Mr Pollock also took sole responsibility for letting empty flats and houses of the Charity, and for making payments to the poor and elderly of Bermondsey without any reference to or agreement from the Trustees. He even employed his father-in-law and ex-clerk Mr Bryant as a Consultant to the Charity.

Mr Gurvitz, Surveyor to the Charity, has no professional qualifications and was appointed to the Charity without a contract being drawn up. In 1984/85 Mr Gurvitz received over £30,000 in professional fees from the Charity. Even the auditors had to admit that the total inadequacy of the filing system at the Charity's offices meant that they weren't even sure that they had seen all the relevant information.

NEW TRUSTEES

Thankfully, the new Trustees of the Charity appointed by Southwark Council have acted swiftly to rescue the reputation of the Charity. They have agreed to sell St Olave's Mansions to the London & Quadrant Housing Association for a fair price to be assessed by the local District Valuer. Incredibly, the Charity Commission are threatening to prevent this sale going ahead and order the trustees to sell St Olave's mansions to another property speculator!! Stuart Holland MP said that "the behaviour of the Charity Commission in the whole sorry saga is beyond belief. I have been asking them since February 1985 to investigate the activities of this Charity. They have consistently refused to do so."

INDEPENDENT INQUIRY

The new Trustees have agreed to support an independent inquiry into the Charity. Southwark Council will take the initiative in organizing such an inquiry and everyone involved has stressed that the complete independence of the person heading the inquiry.

Many questions relating to the conduct of this Charity and its recent sale of property remain unanswered. SE1 will report fully on these matters and will follow the progress of the inquiry.

Lunar Cycles Bicycle Repair Co-operative

13 London Road, London, SE1
Tel. 01-261-0602
Tues-Sat 10-6
Repairs. Spares. Accessories



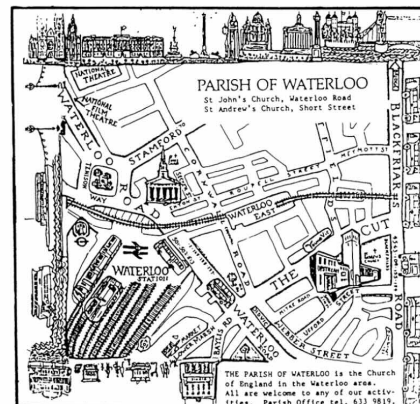
Cathedral Ward Branch SOUTHWARK-BERMONDSEY CONSTITUENCY

Labour Party

Cllr Alan Davis &
Cllr Geoff Williams

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

2nd and 4th Fridays
of the month at -
Blackfriars Settlement
44-47 Nelson Square
7.00-8.15pm.



KIDS' CORNER

SE1 KIDS' CORNER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THIS IS YOUR KIDS' CORNER, AS WELL AS SE1'S, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE KIDS' CORNER, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORS, THERE HAVE BEEN NO ENTRIES TO THE WORD SEARCH I SET LAST MONTH, (sorry, Melanie, your effort was wasted). YOU MUST THINK I'M A BARK DOING THIS, BUT I WANT YOU KIDS TO HELP ME GET THIS KIDS' CORNER OFF THE GROUND, SO IF YOU WANT TO PUT ANYTHING IN THE KIDS' CORNER ... write to: SE1 KIDS' CORNER, 12 MEYHOTT STREET, LONDON SE1.

Chris Smith
Kids' Corner Editor.

NOW THERE ARE 2 THINGS IN THIS MONTH'S CORNER ... A POEM AND A COMPETITION.

AN ODE TO ALL MUMS
by Christopher Smith

Mums are cute, mums are sweet,
Mums are brilliant, mums are neat.

Mums are like teddy bears,
Mums are grand, mums are cuddly, mums can misunderstand.

Mums are good cooks, mums do a good mix, mums have good looks, that'll knock you for 6

Mums are witty, mums are charming, mums say things, Which are sometimes alarming.

Mums are marvellous, mums are tall, some are shorter, mums tell us kids, what we oughta.

United we stand, divided we fall, but to all you mums,
I LOVE YOU ALL.

NOW IT'S COMPETITION TIME.

For this month I thought I'd give the competition a bit of an American flavour to it.

It's an AFQ, which stands for an American Football Quiz, now you don't need anything about the game, for the competition is a Match-em-up quiz, all you have to do is to match the American city with it's American Football nickname, there are 28 teams in the National Football League in the USA, but only ten are you going to match.

First, the cities, then, the nicknames.

THE CITIES

- Miami
- St. Louis
- Cincinnati
- Los Angeles
- San Diego
- Pittsburgh
- New York
- Buffalo
- Washington
- New England

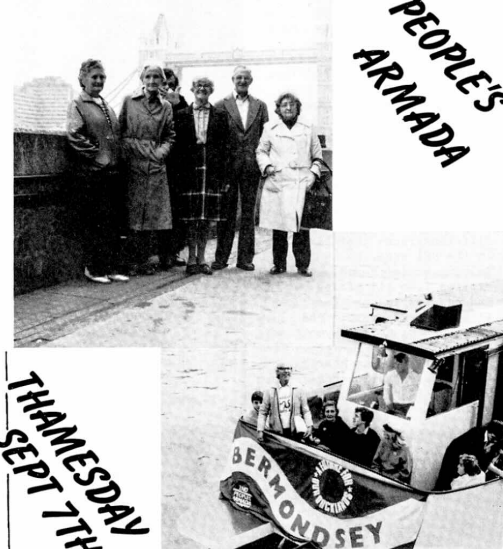
NOW, THE NICKNAMES

- Chargers
- Rams
- Bills
- Jets
- Redskins
- Patriots
- Steelers
- Bengals
- Cardinals
- Dolphins

To give you a helping hand, watch Channel 4 at around 7 pm, there is a results service on Sundays which has all the NFL teams including the 10 above. ENTRIES in by 30th OCTOBER 1985, the first five entries out of the hat will receive a SE1 T-shirt.

GOOD LUCK !!! Chris,
See you next month BYE!!

PEOPLE'S ARMADA



THAMESDAY
SEPT 7TH

THE OTHER ST.OLAVES

Long, hard work by members of the St Olave's Hospital Campaign since 1981 has seen the recent formation of the St Olave's Development Steering Group. The Steering Group consists of representatives of the Campaign, Health District officials and site architects. It will oversee new developments on the St Olave's site, which will be largely redeveloped for priority health care groups such as the elderly and the mentally ill.

Future developments at the St Olave's Hospital site will include:-

-the rebuilding of the Chaucaer Day Ward for the mentally ill. This will be completed in April 1989;
-refurbishment of one of the wards as an NHS nursing home for the elderly;

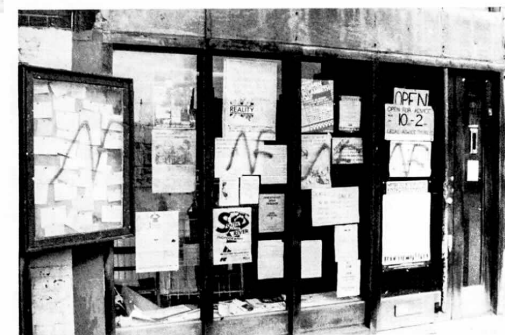
-construction of a new Domus to provide housing for the elderly mentally frail. This should be complete by April 1987;

-the Victoria & Elizabeth Ward will be refurbished by February 1987 to provide a GP's Bed Unit. This will comprise 20 beds and will be a short stay ward for all age groups under the care of GP's;

-a day Hospital for the elderly should be built by February 1988;
-physiotherapy will have newly built premises by April 1988.

Discussions are going on with the Council and Housing Associations about building sheltered housing on the remaining 40% of the site.

For further information ring Alan Turkie on 231 0916



MINDLESS NF GRAFFITTI continues to spoil the neighbourhood.

On the thorny question of who gets the houses on Coin Street, however, the Front have been a lot smarter. They put a Lambeth leaflet round the doors themselves on the Sunday, and then "knocked" it in their

own leaflet on the Monday. Very cute!

Whatever Lambeth's faults, their policy has to be right. Racism only divides us and weakens the community - the only winners will be the people who want to push us around.

TANNOY ANNOYS

Local residents put their case to British Rail last week about the disturbance caused by announcements from Waterloo East (see last issue SE1).

The response seemed hopeful. Mr. Seemann, the Area Passenger Manager, has ordered the volume turned down outside of the rush hour, and asked for further tests in the streets around the station. Once the scientific wizzards have reported back, he's agreed "to review the situation with a view to reducing the sound levels".

Meanwhile, anyone wanting to add their voice to the campaign should contact the Action Centre who will put you in touch with the residents negotiating with BR.

Torture Simulator

Mr. Seeman also confirmed that the female voice doing the announcements on Platform C isn't really a human being at all. She's a "voice simulator". Flesh and blood or computer chip, it doesn't matter to Hatch Row residents - they're still determined to strangle her circuits.

The bad news is that the other block (nos. 65-91) hasn't even been surveyed yet, and will probably join a long list of Lambeth property in need of major repairs when it is transferred to the borough in April '86.

On the demolition issue, tenants have applied for a rate reduction because of the noise, dust and vibration they've suffered over the last year. They're also looking into a claim for compensation for the trouble and distress they've been caused.

Two down - two to go

Good and bad news on Aquinas Street too. Work will start shortly on two of the four boarded-up houses left in the street. The other two failed yet again to get approval from the DoE. David Bryden of Lambeth's Housing Development Section hasn't given up hope though - "We'll re-do the figures and submit a new application. With any luck, we will get approval before the money to do the work is abolished along with the GLC".

Climsland Facelift

Meanwhile, persistence by the tenants and the TA seems to have finally paid off for Climsland House. New windows and doors have now been fitted in the flats and an all-female squad of painters have been livening up the block with their paint brushes and their witty comments.

NEW CO-OPS

The effort to get new housing in Waterloo goes on. The steering group working on the site behind Aquinas St. are now registered as a co-op, and by the time SE1 comes out, the land should have been bought from the GLC.

But it will be March before they know when the money to build will come through. In the meantime, they'll be kept busy on the detailed design of the houses and flats.

Despite repeated setbacks, hopes for the Cut Site are still alive and gently kicking. The Association of Waterloo Groups (AWG) hope to secure the future of the land before the GLC expires next April.

The GLC need about five different permissions from the government before they can lend SCD the money to buy the ground to pass to an AWG Primary Co-op. You can see why things don't move too quickly.

SE1 EDITORIAL GROUP

Tricia Anderson,
Bob Gibbs, Sally Howe,
John Howes, Margaret Schofield,
Dave Scott, Chris Smith,
Keith Thomas, Gerry Vignola,
Paul Wheeler

EDUCATING ARCHIE-TECTS

Over the past few years, people living in WINDMILL HOUSE have gotten used to being treated like morons by various GLC officials concerned with the £5 million facelift to the block.

They didn't listen when the tenants said a low wall in front of the flats would encourage the teenagers to sit there with their radio cassettes. And they didn't listen when the tenants said the new play area for the nursery shouldn't be under people's living rooms.

Now they're beginning to see that the people who live there might know a thing or two after all. The GLC have agreed to replace the wall with railings. And if Social Services agree, the play area will be moved - to the spot suggested by the TA way back in '83.

SE1 Newspaper recognises and welcomes the many different races that live in the SE1 area. We welcome articles and stories from all groups and peoples in our area. It's our newspaper: send us your news to 12 Meymott Street, SE1. We look forward to hearing from you. (Deadline for November issue is October 30th)

SING IN YOUR LUNCH-HOUR.

Morley Meridian Choir
Conductor MICHEAL BRAUBART

Tuesdays 12.30 - 1.30
at Morley College
61 Westminster Bridge Road
SE1.
Telephone: 928-8501

"Backsurge" it's called, and the solution it seems is a separate drain connection for the ground floor flats. With the help of Jeanette Copperman from the Action Centre, tenants compiled a list of all the reports of overflowing toilets etc. the council had received in the last few years.

Faced with this flood of evidence, the GLC's arguments went down the



VACANCIES, especially for TENOR and BASSES. Sight-singing not essential. 1985/86 Concerts will include Josquin, Michael Haydn, Brahms, Leibner etc. No audition, just a simple test, but ability to work on the music on your own desirable.

COWBOYS HIT WATERLOO

Even before the police display last week, people living on Stamford Street have long been suffering at the hands of "cowboys".

First there was the surveyors report that confirmed the tenants fears of shoddy workmanship when the flats were converted about seven years ago. And more recently, some of the demolition contractors on the Coin St sites have caused a number of worrying incidents. GLC officials confirmed at a recent TA meeting that the leaking flat roofs in the street were probably beyond repair, floors and stairs are sagging, and the damp proofing in many of the basement flats aren't working properly.

The good news is that the GLC have finally applied to the Dept. of the Environment (DoE) for permission to repair the houses between Coin St and Cornwall Road. Lesley Hammond (vice-chair of GLC housing) has assured the TA that if the technical side can be sorted out in time, the GLC will find the money to do the work before it's abolished.

FETE

They've brought Ipsden Buildings into the TA and put out regular newsletters to keep tenants informed. An AGM will be held in the next few weeks to formally set up the TA and elect a committee for the coming year.

Security is a big issue on Ipsden and in Duchy St. and the tenants have set their sights on front doors with entryphones to the flats. If the TA keeps up its present momentum, the Peabody Trust would be well advised to start drawing up plans!



PEABODY

The childrens fancy dress was the highlight of a fete for Peabody tenants and friends last Saturday. The fete, which was held in the square in Duchy St., was hailed as a great success. It is only one of the things achieved by a steering group of tenants set up at a public meeting in May.

In a few short months, the TA has built up a large membership and have worked (along with the new Super) on issues ranging from commuters knocking over children, to the tenant's housing benefit arrears.



ANYBODY RECOGNISE THEMSELVES IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH? This was our front page pic. ten years ago, when Tina Boxhall, Louise Riach, Alan Moxley and David Hughes visited Southwark Fire Station on its Open Day. We don't know who the young people below are, though - pictured on some summer playscheme ten years ago.

10 YEARS ON IN SE1

10 YEARS on in SE1 - October 1975

Last month's '10 years on' was so heavily edited to fit the front page that you probably won't have realised that it covered issues 1 AND 2 of 'SE1' (July and August). Number 3 arrived in October, and for a whole 1p more you got double the number of pages (8).

First the good news: relief for those who had to trek miles to get to a chemist appeared on the horizon in issue 3 with the news that there would be a chemist in the Kings Reach complex. There have been more set up since, but there must still be pensioners who have problems getting to one.

Waterloo also won the battle for a pedestrian phase on the traffic lights at the junction between The Cut and Waterloo Road. But in October 1975, it had already been a year since 5000 signatures had been collected supporting this. As SE1 residents have learnt, it takes time for bureaucracy to do anything. We are still awaiting news of what has happened to proposed changes to stop 'rat-running' by traffic down Cornwall Road, first suggested something like 5 years ago.

Issue 3 was able to report the start of both Waterloo Adventure Playground, which was then planning to buy the familiar barge it now uses as a base, and the start of building work for the Rockingham Estate Tenants Hall.

But what has happened to the news from local football clubs, and 'Barfly' - a feature on local pubs? Nobody seems interested in writing these for



Mike Tuffrey was elected the GLC/ILEA councillor for the Vauxhall constituency in July. He is the youngest member of the GLC and works full time for the Liberal Party in the House of Lords. SEI interviewed him recently.

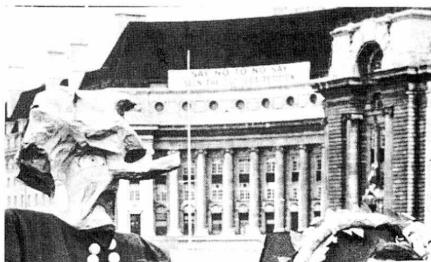
SEI: How did you become involved in politics?

MT: Like many people I'm not happy with the way things are - bad housing, few jobs, wastefulness by public and private sectors, etc. So I got involved. I try to do what I can. Helping with local charities and community groups is the grass-roots. Politics compliments this. Only the Liberal/Alliance is genuinely committed to giving ordinary people back the power to run their own lives in their communities.

SEI: Why do you think you won the GLC by-election in Vauxhall?

MT: Already the Liberals and SDP have had considerable success locally. The unfair electoral system masks our true level of support. Nationally, the Tories have shown they don't care about much but 'cuts'. Locally, people see through the rhetoric of the Labour Party. The reality is bad housing, poor social services, etc while rates soar and millions of pounds are wasted.

MIKE TUFFREY



SEI: What are your views on the abolition of the GLC?

MT: I am totally opposed to abolition - not because the GLC is perfect but because we need regional government and the GLC is the best we have at present. A Liberal/Alliance Government will decentralize real power from Whitehall to the regions.

SEI: What are your priorities in the remaining months of the GLC?

MT: First, to use my position to try and get Lambeth and the GLC to do the little things that matter so much: fixing the broken window, getting a transfer, etc. Second, to do what I can to preserve services from the

effects of abolition. A good example is the efforts being made to keep the Coin Street project going. I have already intervened to put pressure on the GLC Housing Dept to get building started soon.

SEI: What do you think will happen to the promised modernization of ex-GLC Estates when the GLC goes?

MT: Frankly, I don't believe the Government's promises to provide Lambeth with enough money to do the job. Equally well, I don't trust Lambeth to spend any money they do get wisely. So the outlook is gloomy. I shall be trying to get the Residuary body to take over the commitments.

SEI: What are your views on the Community Areas Policy of the GLC?

MT: Waterloo has benefited from the policy, but I'm sure much of the same could have been achieved by other means.

SEI: What are your views on the future development of the South Bank entertainment area?

MT: Much good work has been done to open up the whole South Bank complex and to stage events that more people can enjoy and afford. More could be done, but I fear that those being put in charge now will be too impressed by running the arts 'capital' of England to care much about wide local involvement.

SEI: What do you think are the main issues affecting ILEA in the future?

MT: First, the continued closure of schools, particularly primary schools. Secondly, opening up schools and colleges to full local community involvement. Third, ending the excessive party political interference in the appointment of staff and day-to-day running of ILEA establishments. We must get more parents and students involved in the running of schools and colleges.

LETTERS

Dear SEI

I was very interested in G F Morley's letter in your Issue 35 regarding Bankside. I hope his memory is better than his history, because I knew his mother and father, who gave me a small pup which I named 'Bill', and that was in the old "Founders Arms", which was in Holland Street and not, I repeat not in Bankside.

What strikes me as funny is that the Wren Plaque he is quoting is on the house where he lived, No 49 Bankside. He states that the "Provost Lodging" was called "Rennies Wharf". He is about 300 yards wrong as Rennies was by the side of the subway under Blackfriars railway bridge, and the Provost lodging was called "Phoenix Wharf".

He is one year out as regards the flood, as it was in 1928 and not 1929. My only hope is that he is not teaching History at St Saviours College.

Arthur A Sexton
Peabody, Southwark Street

Dear SEI

In the edition of 'Bankside' it mentions no 61 Hopton St being a conservation building. This house was altered so much it is different to the original. By the side where the garage is was the entrance to a cul de sac which was a yard to other houses. There were 6 houses here. At the end of the yard was a hand pump where the tenants drew their water. There was no water or gas until the Gasworks came to Bankside.

At the bank end of Bankside there used to be a small shop where tobacco, sweets, etc were sold to the wharfingers and bargeworkers. One morning the proprietor came down to his shop and rats had eaten the whole of his stock.

This shop was opened by two employees of Barclay Perkins Brewery as a canteen to sell beer to the staff after they had finished work. It then became the Anchor. Barclay Perkins trade name was then 'Anchor Taverners'. The dungeon like building was built on after World War II.

G F Morley
St Saviours College

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT

As MP for Lambeth Vauxhall, my work is never finished even when Parliament stops for the summer recess. A constant stream of local residents to my advice surgeries indicate the continuing problems of poor housing, unemployment and poverty. Problems which need to be solved by the present Government has no real concern for.

Our local Health Service has taken a major setback when under intense pressure from the Government, the West Lambeth Health Authority was forced to make cuts to its budget of over £1 million. I am particularly concerned of the effects of these cuts at St. Thomas Hospital in SE1 where all the staff are under tremendous pressure already and hospital services to patients are beginning to suffer. The news that City Ward will not now re-open is a major disappointment to local people in SE1 who have been waiting for hip replacements.

The last few months have seen a major battle to save the Law Courts in Lambeth, including the North Lambeth Law Centre, from closure after the Department of the Environment stopped funding them. Thankfully Lambeth Council has taken on supporting

them, although with the present attacks on the Council, their future still remains uncertain. I'm afraid it's typical of this government that at the same time as creating problems for people in SE1, they are trying to deny them access to proper legal advice!

As part of my wider role as Opposition Spokesman on Overseas Development, I was very pleased with the success of the 'Live Aid' concert which brought home to many people the problems in the Third World. The initiative recently launched by ILEA for 'School Aid' is also very welcome. Here in SE1 I am very pleased to see the joint initiative by West Lambeth Health Authority and Lambeth Council to send medical staff to help in Nicaragua. Such an effort is a real and practical display of help for developing countries.

I am always happy to help local people with any problems they face. My most convenient surgery for the SE1 area is at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 321 Kennington Road, SE11 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 7.30pm. Alternatively, people can write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1 0AA.

Stuart Holland,
Labour MP, Lambeth Vauxhall.



Hundreds of trade unionists and members of community groups rallied outside DHSS Headquarters at the Elephant & Castle on Monday 16th September to protest at the Government's plans to change the Welfare system.

The new proposals will see child benefit eroded by inflation, means testing of maternity grants, less money for single people under 25 on Supplementary Benefit, no addi-

tional payments for heating, laundry or special diets for those on Supplementary Benefit, as well as a host of other measures which will make the poor still poorer. One of the most controversial measures proposed - which affects every working person - is the threat to abolish the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme which would have brought pensions up to a realistic level within a few years time.

GARDENING & ARABIC AND PERSIAN SAYINGS WITH KEIB THOMAS

This last week of September has brought the best weather of 1985's miserable summer. Instead of the usual 2+ inches of rain, we've only received half an inch. Pots, tubs, window boxes have needed regular watering. A thorough soaking once or twice a week has kept the bedding plants and annuals ablaze with colour. Even the wasteground in Hatfields open space has got Hollyhock, everlasting sweetpeas, Evening Primrose, budleas and Anthurium full of flowers. Copperfield Street Community Garden and Roots and Shoots are both worth a visit.

The stalls and shops are displaying spring bulbs for sale. Some places have bunches of wall flowers ready for transplanting. They do best if left overnight in water and planted the next day in the window box or garden. Buy your bulbs now and plant them up in any container that is at least 6" deep, make sure the tip of the bulb is 1/4" below the surface. Tulip, crocus, daffodils, scillas and hyacinths are easy and very dependable. Plant them now for a splash of colour between February and May.

October is the month to collect your own seeds. Break off the withered flower heads or seed pods and sow a few now and the rest in April and May. Every year new varieties are discovered quite by chance by gardeners who save and sow their own seeds.

Arabic and Persian Sayings

"Al faqr al fakhr."

SAYING OF MUHAMMAD.

"Poverty is my glory."

"Al faqr al-wad' twajah il 'darain."

SAYING OF MUHAMMAD.

"Poverty blanches the countenance in both worlds."

"Thickest thou every man, a man; every fire that burns at night a fire?"

DOSTAN OF S'ADI, chap. 1.

"One can light a fire with fragments. After that, one can burn the large tree."

"The edifice that has not firm foundations. Make it not lofty; and if thou dost, tremble for it."

LATAIF UL MULUK.

"Everything is small at its beginning and then increases, except trouble which is great at its beginning and then decreases."

MAQANAT OF HAFIZ, (5f).

"Weep not for a friend that is distant, nor for an abode, but turn thyself about with fortune as it turns about. Reckon thou all mankind thy dwelling-place, and fancy all the earth thy home. Forbear with the ways of him with whom thou dealest and humour him for it is the wise that humours."

ANWAR-UL-SHUKUL.

"The seeds of hate are from the breast removed by words that soothe. And gentle tongues can all the folds of frowning eye-brows smooth."

ANWAR-UL-SHUKUL.

"Am I united with my friend in heart, What matters if our place be wide apart?"

KURAN, chap. 2.

"There is no piety in turning your faces towards the east or the west, but he is pious who believeth in God and the last day, and the angels and the Scriptures and the prophets: who for the love of God disburthens his wealth to his kindred, and to the orphans, and the needy: and the wayfarer, and those who ask."

"Laila ill-nani illa ma sa'a."

KURAN, chap. 5f.

"Nothing shall be reckoned to a man but that for which he hath striven."

DOSTAN OF S'ADI.

"Make the hearts of those dejected happy. Remember the day of helplessness (the judgment day) Thou art not a beggar at the doors of others. In thanks to God, drive not a beggar from thy door."

"When thou seest thyself of strong state and happy Endure thankfully the burden of the feeble."

GUZLITAN, chap. 1.

"O one of little worth, buy not the world in exchange for religion; I purchase not thou the ass with the gospel of Jesus."

KURAN, chap. 50f.

"The desire of increasing riches occupieth you, till ye come to the grave. Nay! but in the end ye shall know. Nay! once more, in the end ye shall know. Nay! would that ye knew it with knowledge of certainty. Surely ye shall see hell-fire, then shall ye surely see it with the eye of certainty; then shall ye surely on that day be asked concerning the pleasures of this life."

DOSTAN OF S'ADI.

"When a man understands only eating and sleeping, What excellence hath he over the reptiles?"

DOSTAN OF S'ADI, chap. 5f.

"To the Arab who is sitting by the Tigris What care is there as to the thirsty ones of the desert of Zafra?"

GUZLITAN, chap. 5f.

"Men perished around him of thirst And he was a cup-bearer who saw and would not give to drink."

HAFIZ, Out, 5f.

"Come! I hear of those who have felt sorrow's touch. Their words are few, but what they mean is much."

HAFIZ.

"Opportunity flies, O brother, As the cloud that quick doth pass; Oh make use of it: life is precious If we let it go—alas!"

GUZLITAN, chap. 7f.

"Green branches thou may'st render straight The attempt to straighten dry wood comes too late."

ALIC ZAKARI.

"Would I knew! yet what use is 'would that?' truly 'Oh's' and 'would's' are only trouble."

ALIC ZAKARI.

"Al' aqilu takfili 'Tisharatu wa'ghathu la tanfa 'uhu alfu 'ibaratim."

ARABIC PROVERB.

"A hint sufficient for the wise, but a thousand speeches profit not the heedless."

DIWAN-USHAMS-U-TABIT.

"Abi-hayat as'lahq, dar dil wa janah pair."

"Love is the water of life; receive it in thy heart and soul."

A report to Southwark's Housing Committee shows what huge problems the Council faces of disrepair and poor standards on its housing estates. The Council's assessments reckon that an average £9,300 needs to be spent on each dwelling to bring them up to decent standards. This adds up to a staggering total of £563 million throughout the Borough.

While the repair bill has been mounting, the Government has slashed public expenditure on new build housing and repairs. The government has also prevented local councils from spending the proceeds of council house sales, forced the run down of Direct Labour Organizations, and prevented Councils from buying land to build on.

Unemployment continues its rise in Southwark. The latest official figures for the borough show 21,266 on the dole, or an increase of nearly 8% in a year. In Nth Southwark, unemployment is running at about 25% of the working population, while many traditional firms continue to leave the area.

Dog Free Zones: Southwark Council will receive a recommendation from the Amenities Committee that the following gardens and open spaces be designated as dog-free play areas - Tabard Gardens Mother's and Children's Field; Newington Gardens Extension; Southwark Pk English Garden; Goose Green Playground; and Gearldine Mary Hamsworth Park.

Tooley Street residents will next year get a new recreational area to be known as the Hays Wharf Open Space. It will be located at the Tower Bridge end of the site, and will cover 3 acres in area and will incorporate the present playground. There will also be a river walkway. The Tooley St Tenants Association has been actively involved in the planning of the site with Southwark Council and have asked that the Open Space be permanently staffed. The project should be ready by December 1986.

SE1 SUBSCRIPTIONS

As SE1 becomes more and more popular, it is increasingly difficult to ensure everybody who wants a copy gets one. We can offer you a solution to this problem, and you can help out our finances at the same time.....

Take out an annual subscription (ten issues) and you are guaranteed a copy sent to you as soon as it comes back from the printers. There are two types of subscription: ordinary and supporting. ORDINARY SUBSCRIPTION £5 a year SUPPORTING SUBSCRIPTION for groups, institutions etc £15 a year.

'SE1' is non-profit making: all money goes towards mailing, admin and printing costs.

Send cheques or postal orders to 'SE1 Community Newspaper', 12 meymott Street, SE1 - please mark envelope 'Subscription'. All donations welcome!

SUBSCRIPTION FORM FOR SE1:

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Amount enclosed:

UPB supermarket

Flat Iron Square, Union St

TRY US

For food, drink, and household goods

The cheapest shop between Long Lane & Blackfriars Rd In a recent SE1 survey.



TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY GROUPS

A series of workshops designed to help you gain and share vital skills and information.

All the workshops are open to both paid community workers and members of management committees although the evening workshops are particularly designed to meet the needs of management committee members.

Creche facilities will be available.

RUNNING A BAR

TUES 8TH OCT

An evening workshop aimed at groups planning to set up a bar in their hall, or who are having problems with their existing bar.

7.30 - 10pm
Bells Gardens Community Centre, 19 Buller Close, SE15

CAMPAIGNING SKILLS

THURS 24TH OCT

An all day workshop to help you develop your skills in organizing campaigns.

10am - 4pm
Linden Grove Community Centre, 56 Nunhead Lane, SE15

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

WED 30TH OCT

An evening workshop to help management committees clarify their responsibilities - financial, legal, as employers etc..

7.00 - 9.30pm
Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1

BASIC BOOK-KEEPING

WED 6TH, 13TH, 20TH NOV

A practical course for those with little experience.

7.00 - 9.30pm
Bells Gardens Community Centre, 19 Buller Close, SE15

BASIC FUNDRAISING

MON 11TH NOV

A basic course on identifying different sources of funding, fund raising advice, how to approach donors.

7.00 - 9.30pm
Albrighton Hall
Albrighton Rd, SE24

FOR A BOOKING FORM AND FURTHER DETAILS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE COURSES, PLEASE CONTACT SUE BAGWELL ON 703 6311 ex 2260.

Southwark Community Development, Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5



NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The exhibition of developments and progress on the Courage site led to a lot of local interest. At the Borough Community Centre and at one of the rehabilitated houses in Thrane St, hundreds of people saw what Southwark and the GLC are doing on site, restoring life to the area. Work on the sheltered housing and on the industrial sites is ahead of schedule and it is hoped will be available for occupation by mid-April 1986. You can still view the model at 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1.