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CHARITY SCANDAL REVEALED FRAUD SQUAD CALLED IN

There have been dramatic developments in the scandal surrounding the affairs of the St Olave, St Thomas & St John United Charities since we last reported on it in the October issue.

Following an investigation by Thames Television, it was revealed that Mr Pollock, the Clerk of the Charity, had been involved in setting up **Kindred Property Company**. It was this Isle of Man based company which bought thirteen houses owned by the Charity in Kennington for a total of £52,000. The Trustees dismissed Mr Pollock at the September meeting and called in the Fraud Squad.

Other houses belonging to the Charity were sold at knock-down prices to people who were not sitting tenants. One large four-storey house in Kennington Road was sold for only £16,950 to a Mr Brian Clifford who used a false name to buy the house and was killed in a gangland murder on September 28th.

This corruption in the running of the Charity now shows why Mr Pollock had furiously opposed the five new Trustees appointed by Southwark Council from taking up their posts. It was only in April this year after threatened legal action that the new Trustees were allowed to attend meetings of the Charity Trustees.

Many feel great disappointment that the old Trustees such as Lady Mellish and Cllr Coral Newell allowed themselves to be deceived by Mr Pollock.

The new Trustees have been told on legal advice that the older Trustees who prevented them from participating in the affairs of the Charity between their appointment in December 1984 and April 1985, may be liable to be surcharged for any losses of the Charity in this period. This was exactly the period when much of the Charity's properties were sold off to Kindred and others. Losses could be substantial.

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MP Stuart Holland with St Olaves tenants



SE1 XMAS ISSUE

Attention all you budding writers in SE1. Our December & January issue is going to be a bumper one with a 5,000 circulation going to every household in Waterloo and North Southwark. To highlight the festival season we want to include a Christmas story for the SE1 area. Up to 1,000 words, it can involve local history and areas of interest and even people (but be careful of libel!)

Just to make it more interesting, we are offering a prize of £10 for the winning entry. Closing date is on Wednesday November 27th, so you'll have to hurry. Send your stories to SE1 Newspaper, 12 Meymott St, SE1

As usual, in our Xmas issue, we will be carrying greetings of the season from many local community organizations, and shops and pubs to readers of SE1. If you want to advertise in the Xmas issue, then ring 928 0711 for details.

MEETING for

St Olaves Charity Tenants

There will be a meeting to discuss the future of property owned by the St Olaves Charity in Kennington, including St Olaves Mansions and property in Walnut Tree Walk and Kennington Road, at

Vauxhall Centre, Walnut Tree Walk, SE11 on Tues November 19th, 1985 at 7.30pm

In attendance Stuart Holland MP and Labour councillors Terry Rich and Kath Connelly and Trustees from the Charity plus representatives from Lambeth Council and London & Quadrant Housing Trust.

The meeting is open to all tenants of St Olaves Charity in Kennington and is organized by Bishops Ward Labour Party.

Families get to grips with drugs problem

Is there a problem with drugs in your family? Families Anonymous is a group for families and friends of those with a drug problem.

A local mum says:

"When I first discovered my 19 year old son was on heroin, he had just developed severe asthma. I didn't think this could ever happen to me. I had to face it when I nearly lost him. Three times over the last year he was in intensive care. I really did not know how to cope. I tried begging, pleading, anger, sarcasm, tears, waiting up for him to come home, afraid to go asleep. Nothing I did was working, he was still taking drugs.

I was at rock-bottom in myself when I found out about Families Anonymous. At first I thought this would not be for me, until one woman spoke and said she had lost her son ten days ago. That shook me because I knew that's where I was heading - I was going to lose my son. I burst into tears and the other people in the room gave me hope. They told me their success stories, of sons and daughters who are now clear of drugs and leading happy lives.

Since joining Families Anonymous my problems are not over yet, but I am not afraid anymore. I have found different ways of dealing with my problems. I know I don't have to put up with unacceptable behaviour and I never want to go back to the sick 'merry go round' I was on before."

Help available

Families Anonymous are setting up a new group in Waterloo. The first meeting will be at Blackfriars Settlement on Wednesday 13th November at 8.00pm. If you cannot make the meeting, telephone 278 8805 anytime. Someone who has been through the same experience as you will speak with you.

The local newspaper!

RON HISTED SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

At 81 Ron Histed can look back on a well-spent life, full of interest and incident. Ron treasures memories and memorabilia of correspondence with many celebrities, royalty and members of government.

Ron, a member of Tooley Street Tenants Association, still corresponds with the mighty; he writes regularly to Ken Livingstone and Simon Hughes (and gets results!). Ron is what might be termed 'a professional letter writer'. However his inventiveness is not confined to sending only letters. He also sends poems and songs. Writing poetry and song-lyrics started for Ron in the early 40s, during the war; at that time he also began writing his memoirs and completed 22 chapters, covering his life from the age of 5 until 40. However he admits the constant bombing raids over London and nearby areas was so disturbing he had to abandon the work and sadly they remain unfinished.

Success at Song-writing and Poetry

However his success with less ambitious ventures grew from strength to strength. In 1944 he wrote 2 poems 'World Prayer' and 'When', which he sent to the Imperial War Museum along with 2 songs he'd written. The museum acknowledged his work. Ron thinks they may still be lodged in the museum's literature section. He also sent the poems to the then King George VI, a gesture which prompted a royal reply of thanks. Only last year he wrote to the Queen and received a letter of thanks from her Lady in Waiting.

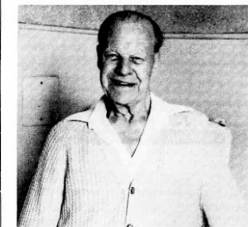
Over the years the poems and songs have sold over 10,000 copies each; Ron organised this himself by having them printed and advertising them for sale at 2p each. He started off advertising in the local newspapers around Catford and followed this up by writing to Heads of Government around the world; nearly all of his letters were acknowledged. Of the more interesting correspondence, Ron keeps a letter from the Russian Embassy (dated 1944), thanking him for his poems and for his support of the working people throughout the world. Even at 81 Ron continues writing. He is currently working on a new poem 'Give Me the Keys of Tomorrow', and has just finished a song for Canon Telford of Dockray Trinity Church called 'Who is He?'

Ron doesn't care much for modern lyrics; he prefers songs to contain a message or story, reflecting life. He admits to being a romantic and says his favourite modern musical is 'South Pacific'.

Ron freely admits that vanity was the force which kept him writing songs and letters to the famous; that and the thrill of receiving a reply. However vanity played no part in his work for the film star Anna Neagle. For years Ron worked for the charity she set up for the war wounded; he has a collection of letters relating to that period. He worked for a similar charity set up by Frances Day, the singer.

The Army

Ron's army career started at the end of the First World War; he was only 17 when the war ended; he joined immediately after, pretending he was 18. He served in Turkey and Malta and has fond memories of the Maltese who he regards as polite, religious people. He remained in the army until 1933, in the Royal Artillery and left as a full bombardier, after which he lived with his mother in Southwark. He worked then for Joseph Rank, flour-millers, working a 52 hour week for only £2.1s.6d. During the Second World War, Ron served in the Home Guard, in the 4th London Brigade, based at Victoria. His experiences of the Blitz were common to many at that time; he particularly remembers an incident in 1943 when over 300 people were killed in one raid on the London Bridge platforms.



RON HISTED

Prior to joining the army Ron had worked as a page-boy in the Georgian House Hotel in St James, then as a commis-waiter in the Thackeray Hotel opposite the British Museum, then as a patissier in Westgate-on-Sea. It was during the latter period that, urged on by his landlady, he wrote his poem 'When'. The poem was inspired by Rudyard Kipling's 'If'.

For someone with such strong literary drives, Ron had surprisingly little formal education and was largely self-taught. He left school at 14 and remembers he wasn't at all keen on writing verse, though he did read avidly. His writing was largely inspired by Ida Rubens, then secretary to the British Song Writers Club, to which Ron belonged. It was she who encouraged him to start his autobiography. He feels he was less successful at song-writing, although 2 of his songs 'You're Mine' and 'The Gallant ARP' were published and recorded by the singer Brian Lawrence.

Weight Lifting

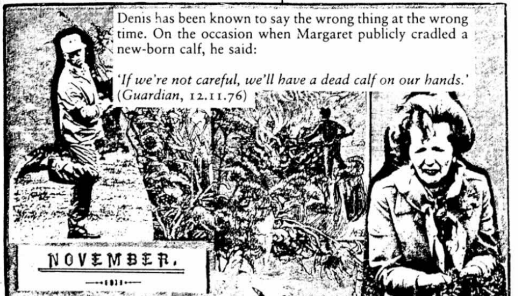
In addition to his artistic skills Ron was for many years actively involved in weight-lifting. A qualified physical training instructor and international referee in weight-lifting, Ron has trained over 500 men and women over the years. He still has his official vest bearing the emblem of 'The International Steel Strand Pulling Association'. Indeed his last venue was only 4 years ago, when he refereed a match at the Twickenham and Tennington Club in Middlesex.

During his long working life, Ron has worked for many companies including G.E.C where he worked for 20 years and for Australia/New Zealand Bank where he worked as Head Night Security Officer for 5 years. He now spends his spare time doing odd jobs for elderly neighbours. He lives alone and likes it that way, valuing his independence.

The Present Government



Ron obviously has many rich and happy memories of his past. Looking to the present and future, he is less optimistic. His opinion of the present government is critical. Quote: "they're an awful profit-making lot". Although he supports healthy business enterprise, he feels success should not be gained on the backs of low-paid workers. Like many he is concerned over ever-increasing prices of every-day essentials. He feels the present government have made it impossible for the elderly to lead comfortable lives and feels they are penalised for any small savings they have. He sees the government as a law unto itself and not as a body serving the people by whom it was elected. In their craving to make money, ordinary people are being deprived of a reasonable wage.



Ron, who still writes each month for the Transport and General Workers magazine, truly believes in Socialism and indeed many years ago wrote to the celebrated English journalist Hennen Swaffer, author of 'The ABC of Life' who died in 1974. Swaffer's radical ideas on politics and religion were the cause of considerable controversy in his day. Ron wrote to Swaffer expressing his belief in Socialism, yet retaining his Christian faith. Swaffer, a communist and confirmed atheist did reply. Ron cherishes his autograph. Ron himself does not hold with today's Communism and feels it is too militant. He holds fast to the idea that Jesus Christ was the first and perhaps the only true Socialist.

Ron is saddened by seeing people from working class backgrounds, who do well for themselves and then turn their backs on their past. He feels Paul Getty Sr was such a man, who started off as a working class Londoner and rose to international heights. Ron remembers Getty weight-training at the Camberwell Club in 1949. He wrote to Getty but never received a reply. He regards this as his greatest failure.

On religion Ron has much to say. (as the Surgeon at Newfield House Hospital where Ron was a patient, may well remember). Many a time he'd have volatile discussions on such current controversies as 'the Virgin Birth'. (perhaps he should visit the Bishop of Durham-things would really heat up!). He strongly opposes free-masonry, feeling it contradicts the essence of Christianity, by favouring its own membership in preference to others, instead of helping everyone equally. He feels no desire to argue with the message expressed in the Bible and finds comfort in the view that each star in the sky is the soul of a human being. His motto is 'Take care of the Soul, not just the body.'

Trisha Anderson

Its no good, we can't do it on our own, we'll have to

SEND FOR A.W.G.

AWG, short for Association of Waterloo Groups, isn't exactly a supergroup on the level of Superman, but one of its jobs is to wade in to the battle in support of members who need extra help.

There are about 30 community groups in Waterloo affiliated to AWG including housing co-ops, tenants associations, community based projects active on health, employment, the single homeless and planning, mother and toddler groups, and special interest groups like the Bangladeshi Community Group. The link between them all is that they believe in Waterloo as a place to live and work, and want to make it better (despite the many successes, there is still room for improvement!) and they want a say in what does happen in the area.

Car parks have been turned into gardens, empty flats into new homes, estates have been repaired and modernised, alternative

forms of health care have been set up, free legal advice is available every Thursday. The range of activities in Waterloo is immense and AWG really can't take the credit for all of it, but it does provide a valuable way of groups sharing information, and helping each other out and getting to know each other.

Other issues which affect many people in the area, like the housing benefit scandal, racism and equal opportunities, are taken up by AWG and sometimes form the basis of long term campaigns.

AWG meets every six weeks on Tuesday evenings at the Waterloo Action Centre. Meetings are open to all residents in Waterloo (the area defined by Blackfriars Road, Lambeth Road and the river). Why not come along to the next one on Tuesday December 10th at 7pm at WAC, 14 Baylis Road, SE1. Babysitting allowance is available - ring 261 1404 for details.

Bangladeshi Community Group

Together We are Making Progress

Bangladeshi Community Group was formed in Waterloo just a few months ago to bring together all the disadvantaged people to work collectively to improve their quality of life, especially in relation to housing and social conditions, employment and education.

Only six months ago the group was affiliated to AWG. With the help and co-operation of AWG the ethnic group (BCG) is able to operate weekend classes such as "Bengali as a Mother Tongue", and Arabic language with two teachers from the ethnic group to teach the same subjects. Also on behalf of the group Mrs. Kulsuma Ahmed has enrolled with Morley College for a pre-school playgroups course. For more activities the BCG needs more help from AWG in future.

Campbell Buildings site

Building has begun on the site of 55 homes and a family centre. A group of local parents and others have formed a steering group for the family Centre, so that the local community will have a say in policies and running of the centre.

Peabody Tenants Association

TA makes a great start

With the enthusiasm and guidance of Dave Scott and the Waterloo Action Centre, the TA was restarted at an open meeting on the 20th May 1985. Since then a Steering Committee has been trying to involve and interest the tenants in the positive benefits of a TA.

This has been done in several ways: our main Estate communication has been through four editions of the TA Newsletter which we have given to every flat to stimulate ideas and show what can be done; we have organised two raffles which has helped more people to get to know each other; this led on to a very popular Fete on the 21st September where the climax was a very original Fancy Dress contest for the youngsters.

This page has been paid for by AWG. For more information, contact WAC at 14 Baylis Road, SE1 (261 1404). Copies of the AWG Annual Report are also available, which includes the extracts printed here.

North Lambeth Day Centre

New crypt Premises Open

The Centre aims to be a place of change where homeless people can prepare to lead more stable lives. Great emphasis is put upon increasing self-esteem, a sense of responsibility and acquiring coping skills. Attendees are encouraged to involve themselves in the local community.

The Waterloo Trust (NLDC, The Church, Lambeth Council and the Diocese of Southwark) raised the money to convert St. John's Crypt into a very well equipped day centre. This has both benefitted NLDC and provided a valuable resource for the community. We hope that the benefits will accrue to both NLDC and Community Groups in Waterloo.

Waterloo Amenities Group

180 go Boating in Richmond

The Group again organised a successful boat trip to Richmond with 180 people going on the chartered boat.

The first ever AGM was held in September to get ideas and recruit new members. Many ideas did emerge and we hope that next year's programme will include a theatre outing, music hall, pantomime, a trip to the zoo and safari park as well as social evenings.

Tanswell Action Group

The environmental improvements to the courtyard started on the 4th February 1985 and have been going on ever since. The tenants are delighted that at long last the work is being done and we all look forward to the completion date when Tanswell will be a much better place to live.

The Tanswell Action Group over the last few months have been pressing for the GLC and Lambeth Council to get the drains put right. Since our meeting on the 19th September and also on the 8th October with the GLC and Lambeth representatives the GLC has started a study of the drainage system to try to find out what the problem is and will report back to us on the 30th October.



Above: Some of the children from the 105 who went to Margate during Colombo Street's Easter Playscheme.

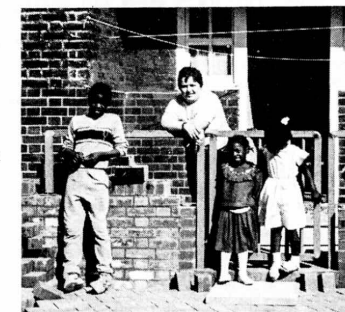
WATERLOO BRIEFS

Well-known local firm J. Sainsbury plc have landed Colombo St. Sports & Community Centre with a £30,000 rent demand. Despite this, the Centre is expanding with new toilets, regular women's Morning of Sport, and teams queuing to use Hatfields Open Space. West Lambeth District Health Authority backed down and agreed to implement £10 million of cuts despite a determined campaign organised by Waterloo Health Campaign.

Noise from Waterloo East station is still keeping Lambeth Estate (Roupeil St.) Residents Association awake. The Housing Corporation have given Edward Henry House Group a clean bill of health. Tenants' survey shows the need for new doors and windows in Munro House. More children and better organisation are making Waterloo Adventure Playground a livelier place. New courtyard improvements have given Windmill House a grand entrance thanks to the TA.

Peabody St. Housing Group have six new family houses being built in Morley St - ready next spring. The AWG minibus is struggling on though feeling its age. AWG groups can use it, call WAC for info.

Aquinas St. Housing Group is still waiting for money to build. The low pay issue and a once a week drop-in are key parts of Waterloo Employment Project's work. Demolition is nearly complete on Cain Street and building should start by Christmas. It's not offices but wine bars that have been causing most problems for Waterloo Community Development Group last year.



Residents on Tanswell keep an eye on the progress of the estate improvements

Quentin House

Self-defence Course for Women

Quentin House and Webber Row have been running a self-defence course for women living on both estates with the help of the Community Education Project. Further courses including one for children and young women are planned. Central heating has now been installed in Quentin House.

What's happening on

COIN STREET S.E.1



LIZ GEORGE of the COIN STREET COMMUNITY BUILDERS with GEORGE NICHOLSON GLC Chair of PLANNING down by the riverside to launch the new Riverwalk which will connect existing stretches in front of LWT with the walkway by Blackfriars Bridge. The new stretch is quarter of a mile long and will include an arcade through Stamford Wharf (the one with the OXO tower on top !)



NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT SIMON HUGHES MP

Last month, Parliament met again for just 10 days after the summer break. But even though it was the fag-end of the Westminster year, there was plenty to occupy and concern us - from the very local to the worldwide.

One of the most urgent concerns felt by all MPs was for places like ours - the inner city. The riots, in Lambeth and Southwark, as well as elsewhere in England, had drawn attention to the desperate problems of violence and fear, and the breaking down of law and order - with poor housing and massive unemployment, the mix suddenly appeared much more dangerous. Nearly all MPs at least seemed agreed on one thing however - no matter how bad things are, violence to other people is never acceptable and unless all politicians condemn and try to prevent violence, our future is very bleak indeed.

But we need central and local government as well as individuals to respond urgently. We need a massive programme of housing repairs in London, particularly on ex-GLC estates. We need local councils to stop wasting money - so that flats can be filled and repairs carried out more quickly and efficiently. My visit to the Nelson Square Tenants' Association AGM and the hours I spent last month on the Rockingham and Tabard Gardens Estates reminded me again that we need at least £500 million for housing this year, which the Government has been asked for. But we also need efficient allocations and management to stop the cycle of empty flats, squatting, evictions and delays which waste months and money, and stop many people getting the secure homes they desperately need.

Opposition MPs like me make it clear that real confidence in the future of our cities will only come back when there is a

change in economic policy and a start to re-investing much more for employment in boroughs like ours.

When we got back, the Government were in trouble about the spies, the lorry-ban, and I am please to say, above all because they had to withdraw for the second time their hurtful new regulations limiting board and lodging payments for the homeless. My Liberal and Alliance colleagues forced them to give in over taxis, and stopped a taxi free-for-all in London, which would have put many hard-working black cab and hire-car drivers out of business. At the time of writing, sadly we still have not persuaded them to allow more money for the teachers so that we can stop the damage to our school children. And we still have not been able to stop the tragic loss of beds and jobs at hospitals like Guys.

But there was one real people's day in Parliament last month. On October 22nd, thousands of people from Lambeth, Southwark and all over Britain joined the lobby to 'Fight World Poverty', trying to

persuade the Government to contribute much more to remove real poverty from the world. Whether we are talking about Southwark, South Africa or the Sudan, the themes I used in my Talk at St. Andrews, Waterloo, at the end of October have never been more true. Without justice there will be no peace. These are the two things I am in Parliament fighting for.

Simon Hughes MP

Simon Hughes can be contacted on 231 3745.

WHAT FUTURE FOR EDUCATION FOR 16 to 19 year olds?

There is a public meeting on Thursday 21st November, 7.30pm at Geoffrey Chaucer School, Harper Road, London, SE1 (off New Kent Road) to discuss how sixth-form education for local schools will be organised in the future. The current proposals are that it should all be moved to 'Tertiary Colleges'. Comments have to be in by January 10th 1986.

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

As a result of planning gain the London Borough of Southwark has successfully negotiated a building for use by all local people. The building gained comprises a Day Centre for old age pensioners - this is to replace the current Day Centre in Pocock Street - and a Community Hall for use by local tenants (reception area, large hall, committee room, kitchen, and toilets).

The plans for the Centre began in 1983 and the building is now complete and ready for occupation. A local Management Committee has been established from the five Tenants Associations in the area. Lant Street TA, Scovell Road TA, Borough Road and Lancaster Incp. TA, Marshallsea Road TA, and Lake, Ley, and Lefroy TA, each have 3 representatives on the Management Committee. The Committee has met a number of times and is currently working on the rules & regulations regarding the letting and hire of the Centre.



From left to right: John Daly, Pete Firth, Kit Wakeling, Jean Ellerby, Cathy Farrell, Jacqueline Farrell, Bill White and Harry Collings

A successful public meeting was held at the beginning of September to agree a constitution. Over 100 tenants attended, the constitution was formally adopted and on a majority vote the Centre was named "QUEENSBOROUGH". The

name was suggested because the site of the new Centre (behind the Goose and Firkin pub) is adjacent to the site of the old Queens Buildings and there are a lot of people still living in the area who originally lived in them

Southwark Council has given a grant of £7,000 to the Centre for the purchase of furniture and equipment. The Management Committee hopes to raise more money for equipment and proposes to send out letters to all local firms for further contributions.

As yet there is no official opening date for the Centre although it is currently being used by all but one of the local TA's who regularly hold their meetings there. On November 23rd, the Management Committee are holding their first social event; a dance and disco, with a buffet and raffle, and it is hoped that by Christmas a number of activities will be taking place at the new Centre. Each TA is conducting a questionnaire to find out what sort of things the local tenants want to see happening at the new Centre.

Anyone requiring any further information regarding the Queensborough Centre should contact either the Chairperson, Bill White at 12, McIoid Way, Scovell Estate, or the Secretary, at 17, Ayres Street.

Pensioners off to a holiday in Ilfracombe - October 1975



10 YEARS ON IN SE1

"My youngest kid's never seen a bath, we've been here 7 years and been waiting two and a half years for a transfer. The windows need fixing and there's damp in the kitchen. I work hard; when I come home I don't want to have to go down to the Public Baths for a bath."

Guess where this person is talking about. Yes, it's our old friend Campbell Buildings. In November 1975, SE1 reported the first victory by tenants in getting the Council to promise to instal heating, hot water and kitchen doors! No mention of baths or showers, though.

Ten years later, there is no trace left of the old buildings, as work starts on new family housing on the site.

Can anybody tell us whether there is still a local angling club called the Three Jolly Gardeners (nothing to do with a

pub, I trust)? And is Lower Marsh street market still larger than that in Brixton? Doesn't seem very likely to me - 10 years ago all 94 pitches were taken, and 5 out of 21 (!) were used in The Cut.

It's hard for some one who has only been in the area 7 years to imagine what it was like when the Daily Mirror was printed at Reveille House in Stamford Street, and the Evening News where the IBM building now is in Upper Ground. The News moved in September 1975, and the Mirror was due to follow in Easter 1976. Front page of issue no. 4 was details of all the printing and publishing firms disappearing from this local extension of Fleet Street. SE1 is probably now one of the publications with the longest history in the area!

John Howes

KIDS' CORNER

FIRSTLY, I am sad to hear that for the second month running, there have been NO entries to the competition.

But I am keeping last month's competition, to this month's.

I'll remind you of what to do, You have to match the American city with it's American Football nickname, this time there are 16 to guess and match. To give you a helping hand, watch the American Football programme on C4, around 7.00 for the results service on a Sunday. There they will have all 28 NFL teams including the 16 in the competition. The first correct entry out of the hat will win £5, the next two will get a SE1 T-shirt. Entries in by November 27th 1985.

Send them to SE1 Kids Corner, 12 Meynott Street, SE1.

Here we go.....

- First, the cities
- 1) Washington
 - 2) Philadelphia
 - 3) St. Louis
 - 4) L.A.
 - 5) Miami
 - 6) N.Y.
 - 7) San Diego
 - 8) Atlanta
 - 9) Chicago
 - 10) San Francisco
 - 11) New England
 - 12) Pittsburgh
 - 13) Buffalo
 - 14) Cincinnati
 - 15) Denver
 - 16) Seattle

Now, the nicknames

- a) 49ers
- b) Falcons
- c) Bills
- d) Seahawks
- e) Patriots
- f) Chargers
- g) Broncos
- h) Steelers
- i) Redskins
- j) Eagles
- k) Rams
- l) Jets
- m) Cardinals
- n) Dolphins
- o) Bears
- p) Bengals

GOOD LUCK WITH THE COMPETITION, THIS TIME ROUND

Now a poem.....

LOVE IS.....
by Christopher Smith

Love is a pleasure, love is a pain, love is a treasure, love is a strain

Love is amazing, love can be cruel, love is wicazie, love is a fuel.

Love is friendly, love is cream, love is like living in the heart of East Cheam.

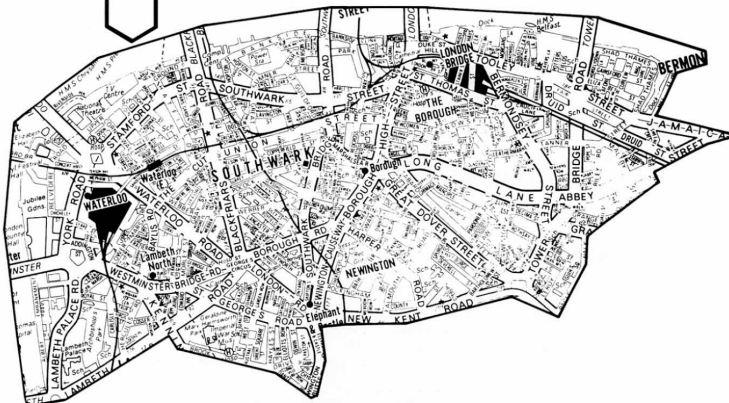
Love is a monster, love is a mouse, love is like living in a clapped out house.

Love is dead boring, love is happy, love is furry, and is the greatest company...

I Love You All, See You Next Month, Bye!!!! Chris.

SOUTH BANK

A GLC Community Area



WHAT THE GLC HAS ACHIEVED SO FAR

The GLC's Community Areas Policy aims to stop the spread of offices and hotels in areas like Bermondsey and Waterloo, and bring land and buildings back into use to meet local needs.

We are working together with local groups to provide better housing, community facilities and local jobs.

Here are some of our achievements so far:

	£		£
The Courage's Site Acquisition of former bottling plant, archaeological excavation and restoration of historic buildings.	2,695,000	Tabard Gardens Tenants' Association Repairs to tenants' hall and provision of a new local nursery.	41,500
Coin Street Acquisition of this important South Bank site to provide homes and jobs.	2,735,000	Charterhouse Mission Repairs and improvement works at the mission's clubs.	10,500
The Beornund Centre Acquisition and conversion of disused industrial building to provide a community centre.	645,000	North Southwark Pensioners' Action Group Equipment and help with running costs for senior citizens' 'pop-in' centre.	5,300
Environmental improvements and open space schemes Schemes to provide much-needed open space and local environmental improvements:	845,000	North Southwark Bereavement Care Association Training courses for bereavement counsellors.	2,100
Little Dorrit Park		Borough Community Centre Renovation and repair of the centre.	7,000
Mini Street Open Space		Webber Row Tenants' Association Furniture and equipment for tenants' community flat.	1,500
Grotto Place Playground		Nelson Square Gardens Tenants' Association Provision of play equipment for local playground.	5,500
Halfpenny Open Space		Baylis Road Open Space Steering Group Provision of fencing and an equipment store at Baylis Road Open Space.	4,800
Leathermarket Gardens		Local Aid Grant to pay for the conversion of a building to house the Southwark Women's Training Workshop.	40,000
Long Lane Recreation Ground		Meakin Tenants' Association Conversion of an empty shop/dairy into a community centre.	19,100
Tabard Gardens Park		White's Grounds, Tanner and Tyers Community Association Equipment and salary for a community worker.	4,500
'The Green' - Swanmead, Harold and Cressy Estates		St. Jude's Centre Community Association Repairs to church crypt, which is used as a community centre.	1,300
Leroy Street Playground			
St. John's Church Conversion of church crypt to provide premises for the North Lambeth Day Centre (a rehabilitative project for the single homeless) and community and youth facilities.	180,000		
Rockingham Estate Play Association Building of new local nursery.	232,000		
Blackfriars Settlement Extension to youth and community centre.	19,000		
Morley College Grant towards the completion of a community education building.	107,000		
Waterloo Action Centre Essential repairs to this important local community resource centre.	52,000		

GLC

still working for London and the local community

If you would like more information about the Community Areas Policy, please telephone 01-633 6879.

DOING THINGS IN STYLES

The Styles House Tenants Association is a self help group whose activities to date have been concerned with setting up a new community room for tenants on Styles House Estate, most of whom are pensioners. At last the end of the long struggle is almost in sight. Thanks to Southwark Housing Department for converting the disused laundry room, and a small grant from the GLC for furniture, we hope that the new community room will be open from November 14th onwards.

The Tenants Association hope that the community room will provide an opportunity for local pensioners to take part in a range of activities including history of the local area, arts & crafts, bingo sessions and musical evenings or afternoons. A member of the group has volunteered to play the piano on these occasions and the T.A. is looking for someone who could donate, or sell at a small cost, a piano in reasonable condition. If you can help us out with finding a piano, please contact: Janet Hannah, during the day, at Blackfriars Settlement, Tel 928 9521 Ext 23 or the Secretary of Styles House T.A., after 6.00pm, Tel 633 9329

Introducing KATIE CRIMSON

NOVEMBER 5th 1986

Remember, remember
The 5th of November
But let's call it
"Maggie Thatcher Night".

Let us all celebrate
The memory of poor Guy Fawkes
Who had no choices through
The election box.

Vote for a CHANGE in '88!
Despite Norman Fowler, we
Can save our Welfare State.
It's not too late.

Next November 5th
Let's put effigies
Of Fowler and Thatcher
On top of our bonfires
And make it a night
To remember.

Katie Crimson

Next month Katie Crimson will review
"Thatchers Reign,
A Bad Case of the Blues"
By Melanie McFadyen
and Margaret Reem
(Chato and Windus).
A bargain at £3.95,
it's a book of Thatcher
Quotes, a perfect
Xmas present for the
non-Tory. It's hilarious.

LETTERS

Dear SEL

Would you like this poem our son wrote 18 years ago to put in SEL. He had the poem published in the 'Daily Mirror' and received a prize of £5. He was brought up in Union St and went to Christ Church School Bear Lane, like myself. I was born in Nelson Buildings, Bankside.

Mrs K Elwell



SOUTHWARK SEL

The 'Cookery Steps' in Chancel-street, where we would chat of this and that,
While eating chips and munching crackling, hands in pockets, pennies rattling,
We used to talk for hours on end, even then, of love and life,
Is God real? Is Christ alive?
The chalking on the wall of Donald Duck & Mickey Mouse,
Playing 'Knock down Ginger' from house to house,
I remember on Saturday nights, those long hot Saturday nights,
Old Tom, with cap and glasses, with his barrel organ, playing marches,
He played outside the 'Noah's Ark', turning handle till quite dark,
What a pub that used to be, jazzy music spilling out, two old drunkards knocked about,
On Sundays, off to church we'd be,
Not once, but three times we'd go, singing in the choir, you see,
Yes, they were happy days, those long hot summers far away...

Dear SEL

In answer to Mr A Sexton

On the morning of the flood at 2am a policeman knocked on my door. He had his boots round his neck and his trousers rolled up. He then proceeded down Moss Alley and so on to Park Street. I was there you were not.

Yes my father gave you a dog. You used to take it to Convoys Wharf each night catching rats. You went to the old Founders Arms to play cards and dominoes. You mentioned this. I didn't say anything about the old Founders Arms. Phoenix Wharf was next to No 49, the other side, not Rennie's Wharf.

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St Saviours College

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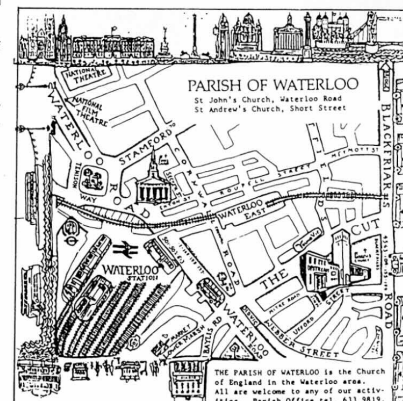
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How, by calculated madness
And its wake of misery,
Tyrants, real and venerated,
Mock the world they've devastated.

Science that is not perverted
Helps cure melancholic ills,
Yet such knowledge is diverted
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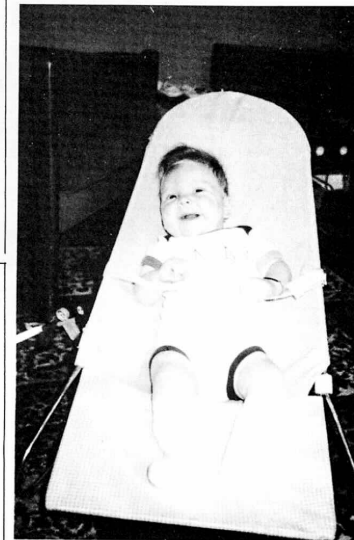
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New Arrival

Waterloo has a new addition to its population. Derrie McShane is the smiling daughter of Sharon and Derrick. Proud grandparents are Andrew and Liz Boyle of Ipsen Buildings in Coin St, SEL.



SEL hopes to establish a local birth, deaths and marriages column. We always welcome contributions. Send them to 12 Meymot Street, London SEL.

10 Charity scandal

FURTHER ACTION

Stuart Holland, Labour MP for Vauxhall, who did much to uncover the scandal, is now pressing for a debate in the House of Commons about the question of small charities in London and the role of the Charity Commission. He told SEL:

"This is now the third major scandal in less than a year involving small London charities and the sale of their property. It is quite clear that the Charity Commission has proved itself incapable of effectively monitoring the conduct of such charities. I will be pushing for new legislation at the earliest opportunity to remedy this situation."

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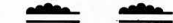
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SE1 PRODUCTION GROUP

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THAMES REACH

an independent agency working for people who sleep out in Central London, is opening a hostel in the Waterloo area for 23 residents in March 1986.

The hostel will operate on a 'hotel' model, offering good standard accommodation in single and double rooms, to men, women and couples, with meals and other services available, including a housing aid service to enable residents to move to the kind of permanent or longer term accommodation they prefer. Residents will be referred only by the Thames Reach Outreach Team.

Applications are invited for the posts of:

SENIOR HOSTEL WORKER to be responsible for the smooth running of the hostel on a day to day basis with supervision of 7 hostel workers on 24 hour cover and catering & domestic staff.

Salary: NJC Scale S01 pt 29 £11,223 (inc. L.W.)

HOUSING WORKER who will seek access for residents to appropriate types of move-on accommodation and provide some initial resettlement support.

Salary: NJC Scale 6 pt 27 £10,227 (inc. L.W.)

Further information, job description and application form from: THAMES REACH, 33/34 Craven Street, London WC2N 5NP
Tel: (01) 930 4217

Closing date for applications: 9th December 1985

All applications are welcome from suitably qualified people. We wish to encourage applicants from ethnic minorities because we are aiming to be an equal opportunities employer, seeking to create a multi-racial workforce.

Section 38 Race Relations Act 1977 applies.

Thames Reach is funded by the GLC

Residents oppose Heliport at Public Meeting



Opponents of the plan to site a Heliport on Chambers Wharf in Bermondsey held a public meeting in October attended by about 100 local residents.

The feeling was strongly opposed to the Heliport, and many objections were raised. Mrs Keenan, who has a child at St Michaels School and who also attended the school herself when Chambers Wharf was working, said that the cranes

had been a distraction then. She summed up local feeling against the proposal saying that helicopters would cause a lot of noise and nuisance and the childrens' education would suffer. Others expressed fears about helicopter crashes over such a densely populated area.

The campaign against the Heliport will carry on and those interested should ring Maggie Lough on 231 0916.

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KATHY CONNELLY**
your LABOUR councillors
on Lambeth council

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Lambeth Walk, SE1

SE1 - FACING THE FUTURE

Like all community based projects, SE1 Newspaper is facing bleak prospects in 1986. The abolition of the GLC and the ratecapping of Southwark and Lambeth Councils remove an important source of support for hundreds of local projects. Over the years Lambeth and Southwark have given financial help to produce SE1 which reports news and issues from local residents' point of view.

We have never relied on any one source of finance and have always maintained our independence. This year has seen major developments for SE1 Newspaper. Our decision to become a Free paper has increased our circulation and readership. This has been financed by a grant of £1,500 from Lambeth while we have found the rest from advertising.

In 1986 we hope to continue free distribution. Much depends, however, on financial support from Southwark and Lambeth. For the last 10 years, SE1 Newspaper has been the source of information on local news and issues. We're determined to be here in 1996 to celebrate twenty years of production.

SE1 public meeting

This is your chance to tell us what you think of SE1 Newspaper and how to get involved in its production. We are holding a public meeting on Wednesday November 20th, at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Government vetos Nth Southwark Plan

After many years of fighting for a local plan which meets their needs, the communities of North Southwark have been given a slap in the face by Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment.

The day before Southwark Council was due to formally adopt the Plan, the DoE sent a letter instructing them not to. This was supposedly to give the Minister more time to consider it. It's been on

his desk for the last three months!

Local community groups see this as an insult to the time and efforts they put into the Plan. In the meantime, Nth Southwark is left without a statutory planning framework.

The tactics of the Minister show the disregard which the Government has for community initiatives. Southwark Council is understood to be preparing a strong response.