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"You have to be on the floor to get into Guy's", says Nurse

At the January meeting of Lewisham & North Southwark Health Authority at Guy's Hospital, seventy nurses and ancillary workers lobbied the members against cuts to the health service and the threat of privatisation. SE1 was there and we spoke to Ruth Herdman, a District Nurse and NUPE shop steward, about the effects of cuts in her daily work.

Ruth began by saying that Lewisham & North Southwark has to make £12 million in savings in the next 8 years on the orders of the government. This will mean the closure of 4 hospitals - New Cross, Hither Green, Sydenham Childrens Hospital (the only one in SE London) and Green Park. In addition, all vacancies have been frozen and the Health Authority is looking for nearly 400 redundancies.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL CLOSING?

August "vacation" on the cards

SE1 residents who thought that health cuts only affected other people had better think again. The Government has told West Lambeth Health Authority to cut its spending by £1.5 million immediately.

Most of these cuts will fall on St Thomas Hospital as the only major hospital now left in the district. Incredibly, among the alternatives being considered to meet the cuts is the closure of the entire hospital in August!

Even this may not be enough and consideration is being given to the permanent closure of special services at St Thomas. These include the children's psychiatric day hospital, pediatrics, plastic surgery, the reading difficulties clinic and the oral and dental surgery.

PERMANENT CLOSURE?

These proposals can only be seen as part of a long term strategy to prepare people for the permanent closure of St Thomas and its removal from the National Health Service. Many Conservatives, including Mary Leigh the Leader of Lambeth Tories, have frequently said there are too many teaching hospitals in Central London. Many private medical companies regard the Hospital as an ideal site for a private hospital.

Stuart Holland MP, whose Vauxhall constituency includes St Thomas, said that 'everyone apart from the Government knows that the Health Service is in crisis. St Thomas has a world wide reputation for medical care and research. What is now

being proposed is a criminal act of negligence towards the staff at St Thomas and the people of West Lambeth.'



If you are opposed to these cuts then let them know. Write to: The District Administrator, St Thomas Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1

The concentration of services at just two hospitals - Guys and Lewisham - means that waiting lists will get longer and people will be discharged earlier. This is already happening; waiting lists for acute surgery are up by 20% at Lewisham. According to Ruth, "Lewisham is horrifically overcrowded at present. It's one of the busiest hospitals in London."

Patient services are under terrific strain at Guy's and it is even hard to get a bed there. "You see it in my job in the community", says Ruth, "people are in pain, living terrible lives say waiting for a hip-replacement operation. It's also very difficult to get the elderly admitted for tests or rehabilitation. It's not even worth trying to get them into Guy's. I was looking after a woman who had chronic bronchitis and it was impossible to get her admitted. Her life was dreadful but you have to be lying on the floor to get into Guy's."

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The Health Authority is aiming to improve services for priority care groups such as the mentally ill and the elderly by investing more resources in the community. Ruth thinks that this policy is a con. The intentions might be honest, but where are the resources she asks? Will everything be in place by the time that hospitals are closed?

Ruth, however, believes that hospital employees are prepared to defend services and jobs as the fight against the privatisation of health services around the country shows. And nurses themselves at Guy's are reforming the Nurses Action Group to campaign for adequate staffing and better services.

KIDS

Hello, there, and welcome to March, this month we get back to normal with the normal monthly competition.

The title of this one is: STREETS & ROADS. In it there are 20 names of streets and roads in the wordsearch. First the grid.

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HATFIELDS
WOOTTON STREET
WHITLESEY STREET
THE CUT
COIN STREET
BAYLIS ROAD
STAMFORD STREET
CORNWALL ROAD
YORK ROAD
JOAN STREET
WATERLOO ROAD
DOON STREET
MEYMOTT STREET
CONS STREET
DUCHY STREET
ROUPELL STREET
WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD
SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD

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BEARS SPLAT PATS FLAT



SUPER BOWL XX
CHICAGO BEARS 46
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 10

A sell out crowd packed the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans for American Football's Cup Final between odds-on favourites, the Chicago Bears, and the cinderella team, the New England Patriots. Both teams in the regular season and the play-off games won with hard solid defences. The Bears suffered only one defeat on the road to the Superbowl XX. The Patriots did it the hard way, toppling the Jets in the wild card game, the Raiders, and finally beating an 18 year jinx by crushing the dolphins in Miami.

But the final to most people was a foregone conclusion. In the first two minutes of the game, the Pats' defence gave their offence a good start, recovering a fumble from Bears' superstar running-back Walter Payton, but the Pats failed to gain any yards, so they had to be content with a 31 yard field goal from Tony Franklin. The Bears then tookover and secured the NFL Championship long before the Pats scored their only touch down of the game. Touchdowns from Suhey, McMahon, Reggie Phillips and William 'The Refrigerator' Perry gave the Bears a record-breaking 44-3 lead. The final score was the highest in SB history.

Super Bowls XVIII, XIX and XX have all been one-sided, let's hope when Super Bowl XXI comes round there's a bit of uncertainty in the outcome.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
Philadelphia Veterans Stadium
Broad St. & Pattison Avenue
Philadelphia Pennsylvania 19148

ST LOUIS CARDINALS
Busch Stadium
Box 888
St Louis Missouri 63188

WASHINGTON REDSKINS
Redskin Park
PO Box 17247
Dulles International Airport
Washington D.C. 20041

NFL Directory

THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIRECTORY

If you wish to send a letter to your favourite NFL team, or your favourite NFL player, this is your chance. Below 1'm going to give the addresses of all the 28 NFL teams, division by division, so, if you're ready, here we go...

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RUFFALO BILLS
"Billie Drive"
Orchard Park
Buffalo New York 14217

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS
PO Box 20000
Indianapolis Indiana 46220

MIAMI DOLPHINS
3700 Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 1440
Miami Florida 33137

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Sullivan Stadium
Route 1
Foxboro Massachusetts 02035

NEW YORK JETS
598 Madison Avenue
New York N.Y. 10022

CINCINNATI BENGALS
200 Riverfront Stadium
Cincinnati Ohio 45202

CLEVELAND BROWNS
Tower B
Cleveland Stadium
Cleveland Ohio 44114

HOUSTON OILERS
Box 1516
Houston Texas 77001

PITTSBURGH STEELERS
Three Rivers Stadium
300 Stadium Circle
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15212

WESTERN DIVISION

DENVER BRONCOS
5700 Logan Street
Denver Colorado 80216

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
1 Arrowhead Drive
Kansas City Missouri 64129

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS
32 Center Street
81 Sepulveda California 90245

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium
PO Box 20666
San Diego California 92120

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
5105 Lake Washington Boulevard
Kirkland Washington 98033

DALLAS COWBOYS
6116 North Central
Expressway
Dallas Texas 75206

NEW YORK GIANTS
Giants Stadium
East Rutherford New Jersey 07073

LOS ANGELES RAMS
2127 West Lincoln Avenue
Anaheim California 92801

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
1500 Poydras Street
New Orleans Louisiana 70112

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
311 Nevada Street
Redwood City California 94061

CENTRAL DIVISION

CHICAGO BEARS
250 North Lake Forest
Illinois 60045

DETROIT LIONS
Pontiac Silverdome
1200 Featherstone Road
Pontiac Michigan 48057

GREEN BAY PACKERS
1265 Lombardi Avenue
Green Bay Wisconsin 54303

MINNESOTA VIKINGS
3520 Viking Drive
Eden Prairie Minnesota 55344

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
Tampa Florida 33607

ATLANTA FALCONS
Sawnee Road at I-85
Sawnee Road Georgia 30174

LOS ANGELES RAMS
2127 West Lincoln Avenue
Anaheim California 92801

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
1500 Poydras Street
New Orleans Louisiana 70112

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS
311 Nevada Street
Redwood City California 94061

NEW CUT THROUGH RED TAPE

Within two or three years, there will be brand new co-op houses for rent on the Cut between the bakers and Windmill Walk. That's the promise the government's housing promoters - the Housing Corporation - made last week when they signed the £1.3 million loan approval for the scheme.

The site will be bought from its present owners - the GLC - within the next few weeks. The solicitors on both sides have been working on the small print for weeks, to make sure that the sale can go through in double quick time. Otherwise, the whole scheme could have been wrecked by the abolition of the GLC.

The pace slows down after that, however, and the allotment holders are likely to see at least one more crop of vegetables off the ground before the money comes through to build the flats.

Patience is a virtue

The latest moves are a victory for three years of patient work by the Association of Waterloo Groups, its Cut Site Steering Group, and for The Society for Co-operative Dwellings who have done all the legal and architectural work.

The Steering Group was made up of local people who gave up their free time to campaign for new houses to replace the ones destroyed on the site during the war.

They have learned the hard way not to count their chickens before they are hatched. Two years ago, the Housing Corporation pulled the rug out from under an earlier scheme for family housing on the site. Six months of arguing and lobbying failed to convince them that the importance of family housing in Waterloo outweighed the disadvantages of the Cut as a place to bring up kids.

Non-family option

A year last November, a public meeting was called and decided the Steering Group should put together a non-family scheme, rather than see the site remain empty. The revised scheme was turned out in record time, and it looked as though the money might be there.

Then it wasn't. December '85 and out of the blue it was on again. January it was off, February on again, and finally after four nail-biting weeks, the famous document was signed.

The co-op will be made up of

- 2 4 bedroom Houses
- 23 1 bedroom Flats
- 13 Bedsits with shared kitchens/bathrooms

personal interest in the flats. Half of the people they pick will have been put forward by Lambeth Council.



What will it look like?

The building will be 3 storeys high running along the Cut, and set back from the road the same as the bakers is now. Some of the ground floor flats will have small gardens, but most will share a communal garden at the back of the flats, next to the bus station canteen. Trees will conceal a car park for 12 cars on Cornwall Road, next to the bakers.

Two of the ground floor flats will be fitted out for wheelchair use and 10 of the 1-bed flats will be designed with the elderly in mind - with a common room, laundry and lift.

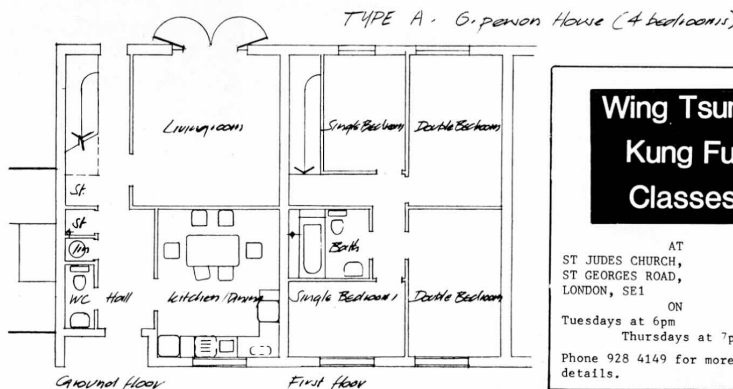
Allocations

Once building starts, the tenants for the flats will be chosen by the "founder members" of the co-op - they'll mostly be local people who have no

And finally, the name ...

In the last issue of SE1, we asked for suggestions for the name of the new co-op on the Cut. The Beehive Co-op got a lot of votes, but was just beaten by THE NEW CUT HOUSING CO-OP.

We look forward to The New Cut becoming more than just a name!



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Ready for the next Century?

Two serious threats to the Waterloo community have now begun to be heard publically. These are the British Rail proposal, supported by the Tory Government, to locate the Channel Tunnel London passenger terminal at the Waterloo Station and the proposal to build shops and a large underground car park in an area adjacent to Century House at the juncture of Pearman Street and Westminster Bridge Road. The Channel Tunnel bill had its first reading in the House of Commons on 27 January, and objections to the siting of the terminal at the Waterloo Station were raised by Stuart Holland (Labour, Vauxhall). Together with representatives of the community, Mr. Holland is waging a vigorous campaign to prevent a single London terminal for Channel passengers at Waterloo on the basis of the destructive effects this will have on local shopping, housing developments, and traffic; none of these matters have been considered either by BR or the Government as readers of SE1 have already learned from our last issue. The Century House proposal for building shops and a parking garage on land that is zoned for housing will have the effect of denying the community additions to its deficient housing stock and will add, instead, unnecessary new shops and possibly even more unnecessary new offices to the area. A public inquiry on the Century House proposal begins on 4 March at the Hawkestone Hall, Kennington Road to which local residents and the Waterloo Community Development Group will be presenting evidence against the proposal. Subsequent issues of SE1 will report on both of these important matters.

SE1

is produced by local people for local people. Please send us your letters, news, photos, for the next issue by March 19th. The issue should appear on March 27th, just before Easter, ready for April!

You can get your copy from Waterloo Action Centre or Borough Community Centre if you don't get one through your door.

For more details, and information on how to advertise in THE local newspaper, phone Gerry on 928 0711. Or write to us at 12 Meymott Street, SE1.

Netball

Baylis Road Open Space
Monday 6-7.30

Volleyball

Baylis Road Open Space
Tuesday 6.30-8.00

Tennis - Lilian Baylis School (Mon 6-8)
Hatfields Open Space (Weds 7-8.30)
Geraldine Marv Harmondsworth Park (Tues. 12-2)
(Fri 6.30-8.00)

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Morley 10-12

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London Nautical - Thurs. 6.20-7.50

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London Nautical - Mon. 6.00-7.30

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Southwark Park from Tuesday 13th May
7-9pm

Stamford/Aquinas/Climsland Tenants Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of all tenants

Monday 10th March at 7pm
at the Nautical School

Find out the latest on Stamford Street Repairs, Climsland House windows, and Aquinas Street renovations.

Elect your committee and decide what the T.A. should be doing in the coming year.

TEA AND BISCUITS

Disabled show their skills in crafts exhibition

The Stonesend Day Centre in Scovell Rd was host recently to a fine exhibition of craft goods. All objects on display were made by the users of Southwark's 14 Day Centres for the elderly and elderly disabled and the borough's four sheltered housing units.

There were numerous examples of work from both the hard and soft crafts, including woodwork, pottery, weaving, tapestry, crochet, soft toys and many more.

The work was judged by Audrey Lewis, Head of ILEA Arts and Crafts Department, and Sue Rowe. The judges considered that all of the works on show were of a very high standard. Rose

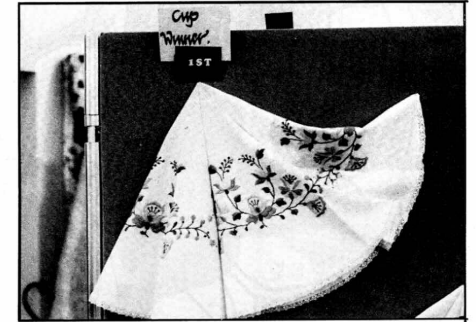


The Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Pat Sullivan, views the exhibition

Finch, Organizer of Handicrafts for the Day Centres and Jenny Sullivan, Assistant Organizer, mounted a very impressive display of the craft works.

The puppet pictured was made by Mary Pettit at the Royal Road Day Centre. First in the embroidery section and the overall Cup Winner was Mrs Bryant of the King Charles Sheltered Housing Unit.

*In our story last month about Stonesend Day Centre we forgot to mention the fifth worker at the Centre, Rita, who runs the tea and coffee bar and without whom the Centre wouldn't function properly. Our apologies to Rita for the omission.



The winning exhibit



NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT — Stuart Holland MP

The last few months have been hectic ones in Parliament. The problems caused by the Government's economic policies have finally come home to roost. Selling off every valuable asset owned by the country has now reached to the point of the attempted sale at knock down prices of our major publically owned companies such as leyland and Land Rover. These shabby actions have been vigorously opposed by the Labour Party.

Locally we have a major issue in the proposed Channel Tunnel Terminal at Waterloo. True

to form the Government is trying to rush through a decision that will ensure that all the passenger traffic for the Tunnel comes to Waterloo Station. I well understand the fear of local people that this will cause a spate of property speculation in the area and threaten the existing community of Waterloo.

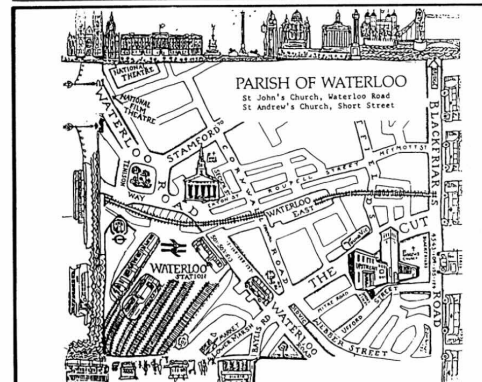
I'm afraid that the desire to have a single Terminal at Waterloo has more to do with long term plans to privatise the Channel Tunnel rail link than it has with ensuring that this project benefits as

much of the country as possible by integrating the Channel Tunnel traffic into the whole of the rail network.

I'm pleased to note that the energy and determination of local residents in SE1 is ensuring that more homes for rent are being built in Waterloo. SE1 is also acquiring considerable experience and expertise in Housing Coops. Hopefully, the last of the cottages in Aquinas Street should be renovated before the disastrous abolition of the GLC. Hopes are high for new cooperative housing

schemes in Aquinas St and The Cut. Like everyone else involved in the long campaign against office development I await with interest the first housing scheme to be started on the Coin St sites.

If local people need help or advice they are welcome to attend my advice surgeries or write to me at the House of Commons, SW1. The most convenient advice surgery for SE1 residents is at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 381 Kennington Road, on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 7.30pm.



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Cathedral Ward Branch

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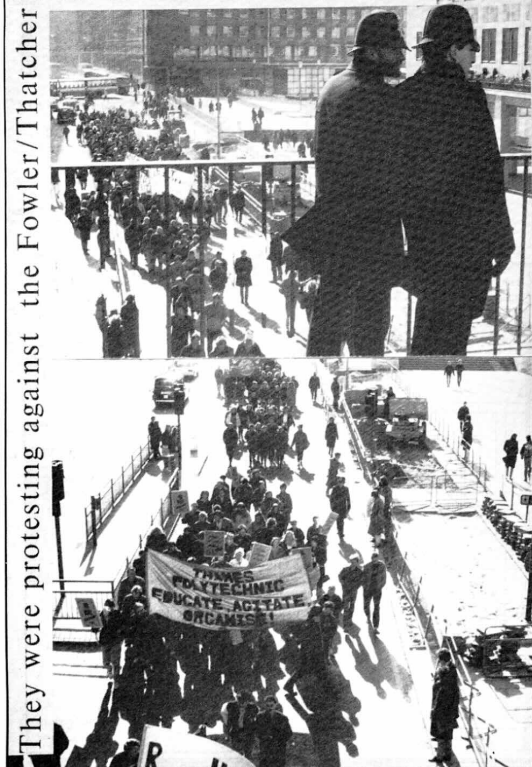
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The cheapest shop between Long Lane & Blackfriars Rd in a recent SE1 survey.

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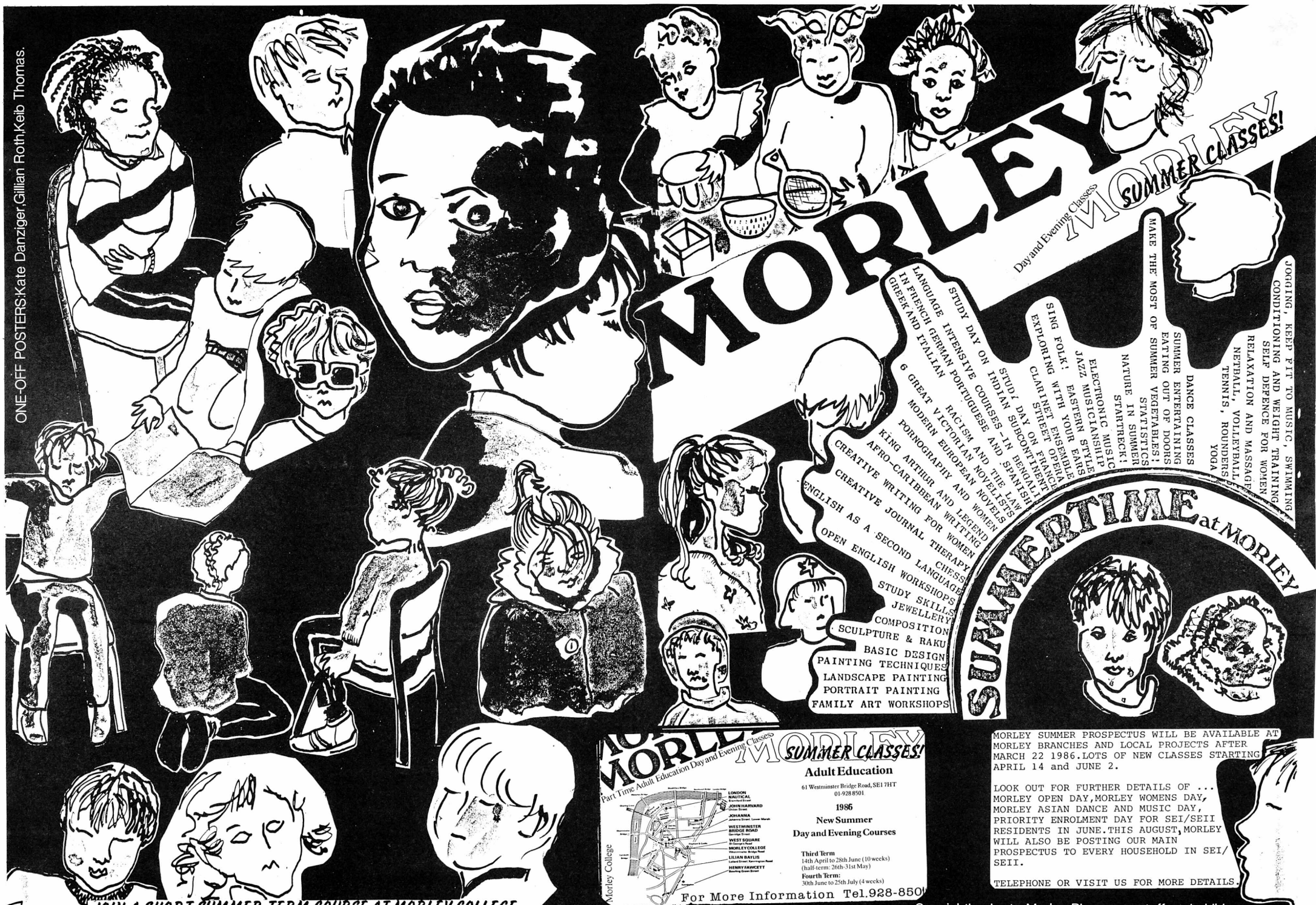
Trisha Anderson,
John Howes, Dave Scott,
Chris Smith, Keith Thomas,
Gerry Vignola, Paul Wheeler
Many thanks to Mary Dymond

CUTS to Benefits payments.



They were protesting against the Fowler/Thatcher

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- JOHN HARVARD
- JOHANNA
- WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD
- WEST SQUARE
- MORLEY COLLEGE
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JOIN A SHORT SUMMER TERM COURSE AT MORLEY COLLEGE.

Special thanks to Morley Playgroup staff and children.



On September 24 1862, William Roupell, aged 31, the MP for Lambeth, was convicted of forgery at the Old Bailey and sentenced to life imprisonment. This put an end to the progress of one of South London's wealthy property-owning families. In less than ten years, William had lost about £184,000 and much of the land it had taken his father and grandfather fifty years to acquire.

The Roupell wealth came from the family scrap-metal business based at their factory in Bear Lane, North Southwark. John and Richard Roupell, lead smelters, William's grandfather and father, lived at 16 Cross Street, Blackfriars (now Meymott Street, SE1). By the early nineteenth century they owned various properties in the area.

In the mid-1820's, John Roupell developed the wild marsh area of North Lambeth, now bounded by Roupell St, Cornwall Rd and Theed St.

By 1853 William was 22 and much involved in the management of the family business. His father was a considerable landowner. In addition to Roupell Park, Roupell St and estates in Wandsworth, he owned substantial estates at Kingston, Great Warley and Havering in Essex. Other properties included a hop-factory at the Borough and a pottery in Fore Street, later sold to the Doultens.

By now, William was heavily in debt and did his first forgery. He gradually gained possession of and mortgaged much of the land. After his father's death in 1856 he destroyed the will and forged another leaving everything to his mother with himself as executor.

In 1857, after a campaign costing in excess of £6,000, he became the Liberal MP for Lambeth. In 1862, his business affairs in ruin, he fled to Spain. Soon after he returned and stood trial for forgery. He was released in 1876, after serving 14 years, and returned to Roupell Park. He died intestate in 1909 at the age of 77. He was buried in the family vault in Norwood Cemetery.

Judy Harris
Streatham Society

GARDENING WITH KEIB

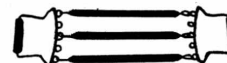


This has been the coldest February since 1947. The temperature went down to -17 C at Heathrow one night, it has rarely been above freezing in the daytime. Unable to do any gardening I visited Greenwich and other London Parks with a camera. The silhouette of trees against the sky are so striking, the amazing water foul impervious to the ice and cold....and a GREAT GRANDMOTHER out sledging. Why not visit a park and send SEI your snaps.



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Dear SE1,

Any of your readers who are interested in weight training would probably like to get this month's copy of 'Sportswoman' magazine, where there is an article about 'Women and Weights' and photographs of the ex-British Champion Body Builder - Carolyn Cheshire. The magazine can be bought or ordered from any newsagent, and is a pioneering attempt by a lone woman Lynn who wanted to get more media attention for women taking part in sport.

Lyn-Guest-de-Swarte has lived in Lambeth all her life and is a coach and judge in speed-skating, but has always been interested in all sports and found that there was nothing general for women to read. For a year she researched into how one got to be a publisher and learnt the facts and figures about her possible market. Then with no financial backing or sponsorship the first magazine was produced - the latest is issue six. Lyn says that she now understands why there are not more women publishers - the qualities necessary for success are those which are not generally associated with women.

The next edition features the current British body building champion, and it is hoped that one of these top women, or Rena Pearce, who wrote the articles, will be coming to talk at a Women's Day at Morley on May 17th - put this in your diaries!

Following the advertisement in SE1 about the B.A.W.L.A. Leaders training course - we were inundated with people so that another one will be running after Easter on Monday evenings 7-9pm - contact Jenny Thomas on 928 8501 for a place on it.

Sincerely,

JENNY THOMAS



LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS of our **EASTER PLAYScheme** with a special week of **ACTIVITIES FOR GIRLS**

in the next issue of SE1.



Smartening up SE1

Facelift for Cathedral Bridge

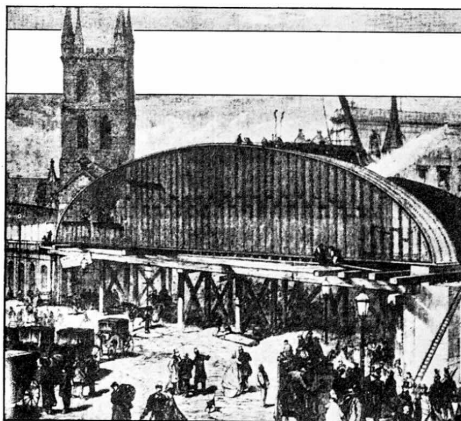
Southwark Council in partnership with British Rail are to give Cathedral Bridge a facelift. The name of this bridge may be unfamiliar to many local people. It runs west from Borough High St Bridge across Borough Market in front of Southwark Cathedral.

According to the librarian of Southwark's Local Studies Library, the bridge dates from 1864 when the South Eastern Railway extended its lines westwards from London Bridge across North Southwark to Waterloo and crossed the Thames by Hungerford Bridge to reach Charing Cross Station. Two years later in 1866 the bridge was widened and an extension of the railway carried a branch from London Bridge station over to Cannon Street.

The railways came to North Southwark and Waterloo when these areas had already been built up with industry and

housing. Even though they were constructed on viaducts they still displaced many houses and other buildings in the area, including the St Thomas's Hospital which stood until the 1860's around the present London Bridge station complex. Guy's Hospital, which started as an offshoot of St Thomas's looking after the mentally ill and terminally ill, remained in North Southwark while St Thomas's moved to Lambeth.

British Rail and Southwark Council hope to see work begin on the Bridge this year but no exact start or finish dates are available yet. Many local residents have been asked already to register their preference for a colour scheme for the bridge at an exhibition of previous such schemes held at Southwark Cathedral. A further scheme is in the pipeline for Abbey Street Bridge.



Southwark Gingerbread

Family Disco

Will be held on 22nd March from 7pm - 11pm at Rockingham Centre, Rockingham Street, off New Kent Road

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With creche facilities, kitchen, etc?

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Lower Marsh improvements



Over the next 2-3 years Lower Marsh will be the focus of environmental improvements by Lambeth Council. This will bring improvements to the market street for residents, shopkeepers, market traders and shoppers alike.

The main feature of the improvements will be resurfacing of the road and the repair and upgrading of side streets. Through traffic during market hours will also be restricted. The pavement area outside Waterloo Action Centre is also due for improvement with seating and landscaping.

Lambeth is also negotiating with British Rail to improve the areas adjoining Lower Marsh which BR owns. Leake Street is a focal point and offers potential for landscaping and seating.

The Council can assist with the cost of improvements to commercial premises in Lower Marsh, subject to approval from the Department of the Environment. Two such schemes currently being operated by Lambeth Council are the Commercial Improvement and Painting Schemes. Under these schemes, the Council may give grants for works such as a new shop front, rendering,

repointing brickwork and painting. Anyone in Lower Marsh interested in applying for either or both of these grants should ring Sylvia Francis in the Council's Industrial Planning Group on 274 9844 ext 395.

Over recent years the number of shoppers and traders at Lower Marsh Street Market has declined. Lambeth is liaising with street traders and local shoppers to improve the market. Advertisements have gone into trade magazines inviting for new street traders who want to sell goods not presently sold in the Market. The Council has also recently reduced its daily licence fee to £6.

The Council is also looking into the legal possibility of setting up a Saturday bric-a-brac/secondhand goods and general items market in Lower Marsh. If you are interested in street trading why not give the street market staff a ring on 274 7722 ext 2530.

If you have any suggestions or ideas about improving Lower Marsh as a shopping area please let SE1 Newspaper know by writing to 12 Mewnott Street, SE1. We will pass these on to Lambeth Council.



CAMBRIDGE HOUSE AND TALBOT

Can you spare a few hours?

Volunteers are needed to join a one worker project in Southwark to help young adults with a mental handicap use local community facilities.

You would get to know one person very well over a period of time, and then help them to use public transport, go to club or leisure/community centre, or attend adult education class.

Experience isn't essential since training and support are offered. Any travelling and lunch expenses will be paid.

If you are interested, contact Alison McDonald on 231 7056

TOOLEY STREET CARPENTRY WORKSHOP

Run by the Rehabilitation Team of Southwark Social Services, the Tooley Street Carpentry Workshop is a unique community facility. Its two-fold purpose is to assist in the rehabilitation of the disabled and to make useful products with the skills learned on the job. It thus provides a practical activity for the elderly disabled of the borough and also returns the products of their labour to the community.

In the past 15 months the Workshop has been thoroughly reorganized. A group of school-leavers interested in the painting and decorating trades lent a hand to scrub and repaint the place from top to bottom. Better lighting was installed. Most importantly, new machinery was bought enabling a wider range of better quality products to be built. The centre organizer Tim Woolcockson has also brought new design skills.

The Workshop can accommodate up to 15 people working at any one time. They are usually referred there by occupational therapists or social workers. Presently there are some half a dozen who come for the whole day and another half a dozen for part of the day. Only one or two have had previous carpentry experience and the remainder have been trained by the staff

at the Workshop. A look at the finished products shows how well the users have taken to carpentry and how much they enjoy their work.

A relaxed atmosphere prevails at the Workshop but also a sense of purpose because here they build socially useful products. The users build a range of aids for the elderly and the disabled in general with a special emphasis on disabled children. To specification, they build articles for the Newcomen Centre - the paediatrics unit at Guy's Hospital. They also build special articles for occupational therapists in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham. They are able to produce these items quickly and cheaply and to a good standard.

The Workshop is also entirely self-financing, receiving payment for what it

produces. It also has an agreement with Southwark's Parks department to repair park benches. With the off-cuts the users make toys and other products which they sell and this enables a couple of outings a year. The Workshop is not all work and no play. There is a room to relax in equipped with a pool table.

Presently the Workshop is desperate for a waterproof place to store its timber. Present storage conditions have meant the loss of a lot of timber through damp. They are hoping for a £3,000 grant from Southwark Social Services to buy a prefabricated building which would be sited next to the Workshop. Let's hope the grant is forthcoming so that the Workshop, which makes a valuable contribution to the community in more ways than one, can improve its good work.



YOUR LETTERS

Dear SE1

THE GREAT ESCAPE

The great escape from Stalag Luft 3 took place in March 1944. Among those who were recaptured and shot was HAROLD JOHN MILFORD, who was born in Waterloo in August 1914.

The Parish of Waterloo has been asked by someone writing a book about the great escape whether anyone in the area knows anything about the Milford family. If you do, please contact Tim at the parish Office - 633 9819.

Tim Naish
Parish of Waterloo

Dear SE1

JOBMATE

Jobmate is a youth unemployment project covering London. It has been operating successfully in Lambeth for over 6 years now. Our aim is to help unemployed young people (aged 16-21) survive unemployment and look for work, training or education. This is achieved by linking the young unemployed to volunteer jobmates as they are called.

The jobmates live locally to the young people and visit them in their homes giving them practical advice and information, for example, helping them to look for work, completing application forms, using their spare time, etc. Jobmates attend an induction course and are supported by a full time worker, the Lambeth coordinator and a network of professionals.

At present there are twenty jobmates in Lambeth. To meet the demand, however, of the Lambeth young unemployed we need more. I would be pleased to hear from readers interested in the project. For more information contact me Rosie Campbell on 222 0222.

Rosie Campbell
8 Strutton Ground
London SW1 2HP

Dear SE1

I would like to point out that it was the Marshalsea Tenants Association who gave their pensioners a Christmas box of five pounds and not the Borough Community Centre as stated in last issue's letters column.

Linda Kerley
Borough Community Centre

BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME TABLE OF EVENTS

- MON: AEROBICS 1-2, WOMENS ACTIVITIES - ARTS & CRAFT AND BADMINTON 2.30-4.30, CRECHE 2.30-4.30, LANCELOT ANDREWS SOCIAL CLUB 6-9.
- TUES: PENSIONERS POP-IN 11-2, ESTATES OFFICERS SURGERY 10.30-12.30, BADMINTON 4.30-6.30, YOUTH CLUB 7-9.30, PHOTOGRAPHY 6.30-8.30
- WED: MOTHERS AND TODDLERS CLUB 10.30-12.30, ARTS & CRAFTS 2-4, WELFARE RIGHTS ADVICE 2-4, EMPLOYMENT ADVICE 2-4, BINGO 7-9.30
- THURS: AEROBICS 1-2, NORTH SOUTHWARK PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP 2.30-4.30, BADMINTON COURT AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING 4.30-6.30, YOUTH CLUB 7-9.30
- FRI: PENSIONERS POP-IN 11-2, KARATE 6.30-8.30
- SAT: IRISH DANCING 10-1, HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
- SUN: KARATE 1-3, ACTIVITIES '81 PENSIONERS SOCIAL CLUB 3-6.

The Centre is run by a management Committee made up of local people and we have two full time workers who organize the Centre's activities.

We hope the list above gives you some idea of what goes on in the Centre but we are always looking for new ideas, so if you want to see an activity happen here that doesn't already take place, then come and tell us.

If you haven't used the Centre before then drop in for a chat with Linda and Shirley to see what we have to offer or you can phone us on 928 6476.

56 SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD

NORTH SOUTHWARK PLAN IS VETOED

Ted Bowman, Chair of North Southwark Community Development Group has written to Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, inviting him to visit North Southwark and see its problems first hand.

This follows the "calling-in" of the North Southwark Plan by the Secretary of State. In other words, Southwark Council will not be allowed to adopt the Plan as the guideline for planning policy in the north of the borough. This is a slap in the face to the many local residents and community groups - including the North Southwark Community Development Group - who participated in shaping the Plan. Baker had shelved the Plan for months and only at the very last minute - when the law says he has to make a decision - did he tell the Council that their Plan could not go ahead without his say so.

North Southwark has been badly affected by commercial development, land speculation and blight. This has prevented developments which would benefit the local community. The North Southwark Plan scored a national first in involving the community in its making and putting their interests first. This is three years of hard work down the drain.

Ted Bowman comments that if the Secretary of State refuses the North Southwark Community Development Group's invitation then "it will only underline the contempt with which this government treats the legitimate hopes and needs of inner city communities, not only in North Southwark, but in the country as a whole."

NORTH SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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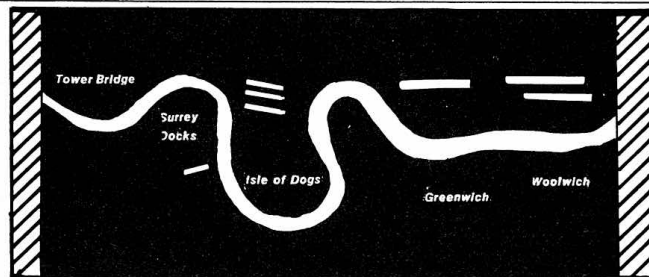


- ☐ Murdoch made £47,000,000 profit last year from his British Newspapers (£900,000 a week). BUT that was not enough to finance his American empire building plans.
- ☐ So he sacked 6,000 secretaries, cleaners, drivers, engineers, printers, journalists, clerical, computer, sales and warehouse staff.
- ☐ He was advised by his solicitors to cause a strike as this was 'the cheapest way to dispense with the workforce'. He made no redundancy payments and will pay no pensions. If Murdoch succeeds, your employer may try it.
- ☐ Murdoch needs you to buy his papers to run 'Colditz Wapping'.

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PUTTING THE RIVER THAMES BACK INTO USE

A conference called by the Greater London Council was held in February to discuss the use of the River Thames in London. This was a follow up to the original conference held in July last year.

The packed auditorium heard a report from the consultants commissioned by the GLC to study how the river could benefit Londoners much more than it does at present.

Particular note was made of how very successful European ports, such as Rotterdam, Antwerp and Paris, had received public investment and were administered by democratically accountable authorities. This is in direct contrast with the Thames port which has been starved of money and is administered by a vast number of bodies which are

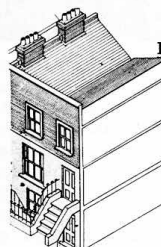
accountable to almost no-one.

The main conclusion of the conference, chaired by George Nicholson - GLC Planning Chair - was the call for a planning and investment strategy for the river, and a democratic River Authority for London in which the docklands boroughs would have an important voice.

Predictably, the dissenting voices came from the Port of London Authority and the Thames Water Authority, both non-accountable to ordinary Londoners. With the TWA likely to be sold into private ownership in the near future if the government has its way, the conference agreed that a democratically controlled authority for the Thames was an urgent necessity.

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