

# SE1

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## JOHANNA ST SCHOOL

On March 10th a team of children from Johanna St. Primary School came close to winning their semi-final match of the Police Road Safety competition.

The team of 7: Wendy Birch, Mandy Packman, Kelly Wakeling, Emma Isidora, Rete Osinloye, Fabby Opominji and Mark Daniel scored 61 points to their opponents, Heathbrook School of Wandsworth, 62, the narrowest of possible margins.

Wendy Birch, the captain, was singled out for special notice as the only competitor to score maximum points in all her matches. The competitors received certificates from Ross Abbott at the Thames TV Centre to commemorate their impressive performance.



## ELEPHANT DROPPINGS

Over 140 local jobs are in danger of going because Elephant Jobs, set up specially to create work, is about to close.

Their workshops employing the young unemployed are being cut by the Manpower Services Commission, a government agency which sponsors such schemes. After 6 years of operation, the MSC has decided that some of the work done by these workshops do not meet their idea of 'community benefit', which all such schemes must provide.

The decision seems somewhat puzzling, as EJ has been running basically the same work programme since it was set up. As well as construction work, the workshops do pottery, screen-printing, handtufted carpets, jewellery, cycle repairs, offset litho printing, horticulture joinery and clerical work.

The MSC are only stopping funding to some of the

workshops (originally giving only 4 weeks notice). These are the ones which they think are not providing 'community benefit' because they are more commercially operated, trying to trade in the 'real' world. Elephant Jobs believes that this way of operating gives their trainees a taste of what work would be like in any future full-time job, and gives a sense of the value of their work. This idea does not now meet the MSC's narrowed definition of what they take to be genuine job creation schemes that they will fund.

After 6 years and some 850 young unemployed having been provided with work and training, a months notice to radically alter the set-up of the company is a tall order. Elephant Jobs has managed to persuade the MSC to give them a three months

reprieve, but they say that this is not enough time, and that 12 months is the minimum required. This would be to either:

- try to have the criteria of community benefit re-interpreted;
- or re-structure the workshops to meet the recent MSC re-definition;
- or to get independent finance for the offending sections.

## support

Elephant Jobs would welcome any support from local people (and others) to try to save this non-profit making company, and the idea that the government should be into real job creation, and not just 'make work'.

You can write to the Secretary of State for Employment, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, SW1,

or you can get up-to-date information from Canon Peter Challen, Christchurch Industrial Mission on 928 4707, or call in at Elephant Jobs at Tress House, Stamford St, SE1.

## GARAGES RACKET

Council-owned garages on the Scovell Estate, Borough Road, S E 1, are being let to private businesses. That is the shock finding of a special investigation carried out by SE1 following tip-offs by local residents that some garages on the Scovell estate were being let to local businesses when local people on the waiting list were still being told there were no vacant garages for them.

A local undertaker, Alf Smith in Southwark Bridge Road, has three garages in his name on the estate, which are used by his employees, one of whom was spotted by a local resident leaving the garages with a funeral suit in its polythene wrapping.

Another garage tenant works in a government building in Borough Road. One runs a photographic studio in Newington Causeway, and another owns a shop in Borough High Street. Staff at the London Camping Centre in Borough High Street and Barclay's Bank in Borough Road are also said to be tenants of Scovell garages.

Of the 66 garages, only a third are let to Scovell Estate tenants, and of the remaining two-thirds at least a dozen do not appear to be local people. One

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*The local newspaper!*

VARIETY SHOWS at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1. Organised by the Waterloo Amenities Group.

Shows start at 7pm on Friday March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Tickets available from WAC. If you would like to come, but have transport problems, they might be able to help: ring 261 1404.

"SEXISM OUT" is the title of a tape-slide programme in a series of four parts about sexism and sex role stereotyping, produced by the Blackfriars Photography Project, and partly funded by the Equal Opportunities Commission. Each part is for use as a discussion-starter with groups in youth clubs, schools, colleges, womens groups and any other groups who want to raise these issues. Each part combines interviews, commentary, drawings, photographs, cartoons to bring the subject to life.

A preview for people who might be interested in using it with their groups will be at the Waterloo Action Centre on Wednesday March 17th, starting at 6.30pm. For more details, contact the Photography Project on 928 9521

### ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham Estate Tenants Hall, 4th Friday in every month. 6 to 8pm

George Nicholson  
133 Harrow Road, 3rd Friday of every month

### KIDS HEALTH CLUB

Following the appointment of the new worker, Melanie Ward, the Waterloo Children's Health club will be restarting with a 'welcome back' party on the 10th of March at 4.30 (at the Barge in Baylis Road) any children or parents interested in the club will be very welcome!



On Monday 22nd of February the Young Vic. put on a 'drama after the Oriental fashion' for the residents of Waterloo at the Waterloo action Centre.



Friday 19th, 7.30pm THE WARGAME at Colombo St Sports & Community Centre, SE1. Free film & speakers Also touring Lambeth throughout March, the Lambeth Peace Bus.: And street stalls every Saturday morning, at Stockwell (near Sainsbury's) at Brixton (Opposite Town Hall) or Herne Hill (Brockwell Park)

## NLDC We want homes too!

About 50% of homeless people at the North Lambeth Day Centre sleep rough on the streets - under railway arches, on park benches, in shop doorways and cardboard boxes around areas like Waterloo station: see this drawing by an NLDC attender. Homeless people are fed up of sleeping rough on the streets. We want houses too. That is why we support the fight of the community for houses on COIN ST. If you would like more information, please contact the Community Action Group at NLDC, Basement, Royal Waterloo Hospital, Waterloo Bridge, SE1. Phone 261 9622

# Shelter

Shelter - the National Campaign for the Homeless is a registered charity which was formed in 1966 amid growing concern at the conditions of the homeless and badly housed. It's finances are dependent almost entirely on personal donations. Headquarters are based at 157, Waterloo Road, where it rents office space from the Church Missionary Society (the two organisations have no further links than this).

### THE HOMELESS

Every year around 60,000 households - families or vulnerable single people are officially accepted as homeless. Thousands more don't receive any help from the authorities and hundreds do not know where to go for help.

Once 'accepted' by a council, many people may still have to spend months or years in bed and breakfast accommodation 'short-life' homes. Many families with children are harshly branded as 'intentionally homeless' and receive no help at all.

### NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Shelter campaigns nationally through tenants groups, concerned individuals and the TV, radio and press, to put an end to the misery of homelessness and bad housing. It asserts the right to a decent, affordable home is a basic human right.

### PROJECTS

Shelter initiates and sponsors projects, designed to give practical help. Some examples include, 'Home Base' which seeks housing solutions for young people leaving local authority 'care' and the 'Housing Emergency Office', which enables publicly-owned empty houses to be brought back into use for the homeless.

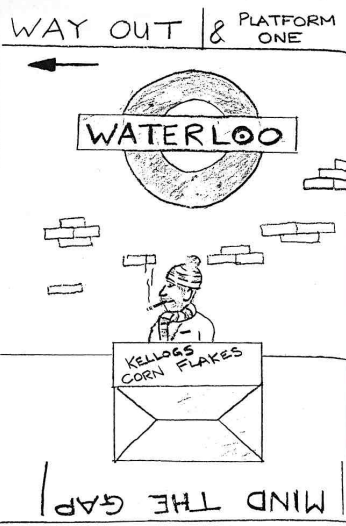
IF YOU NEED HOUSING ADVICE AND LIVE IN THE LONDON AREA CONTACT THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS  
SHAC - THE LONDON HOUSING AID CENTRE 373 7276  
HOUSING ADVICE SWITCHBOARD (For people without children) 434 2522  
SHELTER PUBLICATIONS - Contact Lynne Smith 633 9377

## Pete's Shellfish

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### HOUSING AID

Shelter supports a network of housing aid centres up and down the country which give housing advice and help to thousands of people every year. Many of them are homeless or threatened with homelessness, and Shelter frequently finds that they have been refused help from all other sources.



National Campaign for the Homeless

## SEI the local newspaper!

SEI is produced by and for local people. Anybody in the North Southwark and Waterloo area is welcome to get involved: whether in writing letters or articles, taking photos, helping with production, typing etc. or distributing the paper.

You don't need any special skills to join in, and it can be enjoyable, and is always interesting. What little you may need to learn about is quickly picked up, so why not get involved?

Our meetings are on the 10th and 24th of March (Wednesdays) at 7pm at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road. On the same days, you can also just drop in at our offices at 12 Meymott St. (off Blackfriars Rd) and find out more about the newspaper, between 1.30 and 3.30pm. And see elsewhere for details on our daytime sessions.

All articles, letters, adverts etc for the next issue, out on April 2nd, should be in by March 24th. Get them either to the SEI office, or to Waterloo Action Centre.

If you would prefer your copy of SEI to be posted to you, rather than getting it from your local newsagent or elsewhere, a subscription for 6 issues is £2. And why not advertise things you want to sell in your local paper? 'Display' advertising is £1.50 a column inch.

If you think you would like to know more about newspapers and especially SEI, which is after all your paper, then we would like to introduce you to some of the skills of producing it.

Starting on March the 15th there will be a series of weekly or fortnightly meetings aimed at introducing people to various aspects of our production and convincing them that there is no great mystery, no reason at all why they shouldn't help out with it.

These will be held at Blackfriars Settlement (14 Nelson square, SE1) on Mondays between 12 and 2pm.

15th Mar Introduction  
22nd Mar Writing articles  
29th Mar Photography (and there are more planned)

These have been organised with you in mind - please come to them there will be a creche for the under six's and you don't commit yourself to anything by popping in for a look!

## CAMPBELL CONT. 3

It should be allowed that the Housing Committee decided on the question of decant around about midnight at a rather long and fraught meeting, and also that Cllr. Warburton is 'very angry' that officers have allowed the estate to get out of control. But his most amazing statement has been that 'this is only the second time in four years that this had happened, and he was sure control could be regained.'

The TA presumes he is referring to when demolition of the first blocks started. It was only due to the TA and the demolition of the first two blocks that any control was regained then. George Whyte says that Cllr Warburton should 'let tenants know exactly how

he plans to get the estate under control again.' The council still has a responsibility to ensure that their property is in a reasonable condition for living in by their tenants. **car park? no thanks!**

Conditions will not be helped if a decision by the Planning Committee of Lambeth Council on February 26th goes ahead. They approved the temporary use of the part of the estate already demolished by National Car Parks. However, it is hoped that the GLC will block this plan. Not only would it make Campbell Buildings even less pleasant for tenants, it will also affect the neighbouring Tanswell Estate and Pearman Street houses.



As this picture shows, it is not only block four at Campbell Buildings which has fires! This fire in flat 17 in the last block happened on Friday February 12th, and not only completely gutted the flat, but also put out of action most phones in the block.

Many tenants have got fed up waiting for the council to take action, and have moved out by themselves, not being able to take the conditions any longer. Perhaps the council is counting on this!

Below we print a letter giving the viewpoint of one person in Campbell. This is not necessarily the view of tenants there, nor does 'SEI' itself take any responsibility for views expressed in published letters.

## Letters

Dear Sir,

With reference to your article, 'The Scandal of Campbell', in issue 2, may I draw your attention to the following:

1) The photograph shown is of the third block of the estate, which has been vacant for some time. It is in the process of being demolished surrounded by an 8' high corrugated iron fence, protected by a guard dog - a vicious situation.

2) Block 4 is in a severe state of disrepair, inhabited almost entirely by 'skippers', ie people dossing in derelict buildings for a few nights as an alternative to the Embankment and similar cardboard cities. The majority of squatters are transferring to block 5.

3) The majority of flats in block 4 are boarded up.

4) The article states that 'squatters are moving in, making things even worse'. While it must be admitted that some squatters do haphazardly in unoccupied flats, most are simply men and women needing a home, sick of the 'hostel circuit' (moving from cramped and often unhygienic hostels to hostels, or to grossly overcrowded bed & breakfast accommodation) and hence attempting to build themselves a comfortable and respectable home.

5) 'Fire engines and police have to make regular calls to the estate.' The police, who have nicknamed the estate 'The Doss House', arrive most frequently to CROC residents, or to search for drugs. A large number of fire engines arrive as a result of hoax calls, although several fires have broken out in block 4.

### THE DOSS HOUSE

6) 'But when they move out, the flats rarely get boarded up, and squatters and vandals break in, cut the place and leave water gushing into the flat below.' In practice the flats are boarded up almost as soon as they become unoccupied, and in most cases council workers smash the windows at the lavatory. Once a toilet has been smashed, a Health Officer will have the flat emptied and the tenants evicted, deeming the property unfit for human habitation.

6) An unconfirmed report describes two men running from a doorway of block 4 approximately 5 minutes before a fire was reported in that block. They are alleged to have driven away in a Lambeth Council van.

7) '...surrounded by half-demolished buildings.' The only one being demolished at present is block 2, and has been underway for less than one month.

### BOARDED UP

8) 'But when they move out, the flats rarely get boarded up, and squatters and vandals break in, cut the place and leave water gushing into the flat below.'

In practice the flats are boarded up almost as soon as they become unoccupied, and in most cases council workers smash the windows at the lavatory. Once a toilet has been smashed, a Health Officer will have the flat emptied and the tenants evicted, deeming the property unfit for human habitation.

In other words a great deal of the vandalism is self-inflicted, although presumably unofficial responsibility of the council.

At a time when council flats are almost impossible to obtain, and deposits for private flats out of all proportion, it seems both

**HARDHEARTED**  
hardhearted and hypocritical that the council should indulgence a calculated campaign to make people homeless, and then blame those same people for destroying their own homes.

R. M. Dennis,  
Campbell Buildings.

'SEI' welcomes letters, especially those reacting to articles. If possible they should not be longer than 200 words, though. We may have to shorten, but would prefer not to.

## WAGGY'S TALE

Charlie Pulford, known locally as Waggy, was born close to Westminster Bridge Road, and apart from the war years, has remained in North Lambeth. Most of us see him outside the tube station-see photo.

Waggy has never forgotten the time he was close to drowning. A lad of 8 when it happened, he was fishing for rats at College St. Wharf. When one boy actually drowned in the river, a popular pastime came to an end. This had been for the kids to dive off old Lambeth Bridge, a suspension bridge with wooden balustrade, and to swim with the tide under the Doulton docks and up to the wooden gate which still stands in Black Prince Rd. opposite Salamanca St.

### early bird

Waggy went to Johanna St School until he was 14. At the age of 10 he won a school diving championship. He also had plenty of lucrative activities outside school. When he was about 12 or 13, he would sell milk to the local offices before school for Clark's dairy in College St. and received

in return 1/10d (9p) per day. After the milk-round, he went on to delivering bread and rolls for the bakers in York Rd. for 1/- (5p) a day plus free cakes, which were very popular with his sisters. 72 rolls went to the LCC tramways in Belvedere Rd and 'quartons', 21b loaves, were taken to St. Thomas' Hospital.

Then to round off the day, Waggy went to work some evenings for a Swiss laundry by the name of Haegly, making collections and deliveries for 5/- a week.

### music

Waggy left Johanna St. to go to a day continuation school in Horseferry Rd. for 6 months, where the magistrates court now stands. He took 4 subjects: shorthand, typing, bookkeeping and gymnastics. It was around this time that he was given a swanny whistle, also known as a lotus flute, by a cousin. The whistle was extremely useful in the army, where Waggy used to play slow waltzes and foxtrots. The whistle was particularly popular with the Welsh-Waggy once earned 9 tickets for beer and Gold Flake playing for them and with the American

forces, who paid him £10 per night to play and sing with the band of the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers.

### shoes

Waggy's first full-time job was with H. M. Rayne the shoemakers in Waterloo Rd., where Shaw's now stands. Although employed by Rayne's as a clerk, he rode a tricycle for them, taking shoes to the shop in Bond St. He delivered to the theatres and met Gladys Cooper, Fay Cumber, Fred Astaire's sister-she was the best tipper- and Peggy O'Neal, who complained to Rayne's that Waggy suddenly rushed off rudely one day- well who wouldn't do the same, when your own bike disappears down the road under someone else's steam? (Waggy sometimes used his own bicycle for work). Whilst engaged at Rayne's, he was taught to make shoes by Albert Porter, who once made ballet shoes for Anna Pavlova.

After the shoe trade, Waggy went to work for the Gas Board and remained with them until he retired. But for more insight into Waggy's life and sporting interests, we shall have to wait until the April edition of SE1 appears.

## DIAL D FOR DISASTER

London's transport network is facing disaster. If the Government can't be persuaded to change the law in order to preserve the GLC's "Fares Fair" scheme then on March 21st fares will double and in the ensuing slump bus and tube services will be cut, many routes and stations disappearing altogether and thousands of jobs being lost.

### success

"Fares Fair" has been a tremendous success - for the first time in over a decade the prospects look good for London Transport with passengers on the increase and services being improved in many ways. Our cities transport system was to be

brought into the twentieth century and into line with the worlds other major cities most of whom subsidise their services to a much greater extent than under the GLC scheme because they recognise that urban transport is a social service like hospitals and schools.

### cost

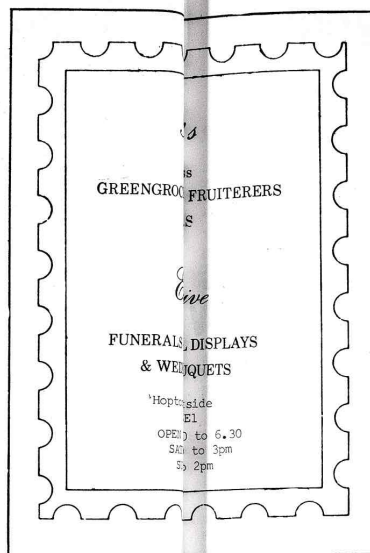
And the cost?... there has been endless whining about the irresponsible GLC frittering away the ratepayer's money. In fact, of the 12p in the pound supplementary rate which the GLC was forced to raise, only 3.6p actually went towards financing "Fares Fair", the rest was swallowed up by the penalties imposed by the Government for

'over spending' and in paying of London Transport's 1981 deficit. Dismantling "Fares Fair" would cost as much as setting it up and the money would have to be raised out of next years rates!

### action

It isn't too late to do something:- you could attend the rallies on March the 11th 2pm Central hall, Westminster or on March the 13th 2.30 in the County Hall car park. Or you could fill in the slip below and send it to your MP either direct by post or by dropping it in at our office in Meymott St or the Waterloo Action Centre in Baylis Road....please act before it's too late.

As part of the GLC Fares Campaign, a group of actors and staff at the National Theatre have initiated a London-wide theatre campaign, which has aptly been named FARE STAGE. The aim of the Campaign, backed by the Society of West End Theatre, is to draw the attention of the public, MPs and the Government to the disaster-



Feast your eyes - soon the bus will be a very rare sight on London's streets.

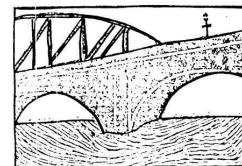
## .. act act ..

ous effect that fares policy will theatre trade, and press for a radical way public subsidised. The planned cutback night services will theatre audiences will and will to Londoning problems, also chaotic, say the organisers. A petition has been circulated widely to London theatres, and a good response is reported. Fare Stage will be joining other fare lobbyists at the Mass Rally at County Hall on Saturday, 13th March, and we can certainly expect to see some fringe theatre there.

## KEIB'S CORNER

LOCAL ADULT EDUCATION IN THE 1930's!  
How Different Are The Needs In The 1980's?

### WATERLOO BRIDGE



THE MAGAZINE OF  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WATERLOO

Edited by  
Rev. Charles W. Warner

Number 3

January 1933

Price 6d.

### "UNEMPLOYMENT"

"The ghastly problem of unemployment remains with us, and is likely to remain a very serious problem for many years. We have not space to enter into a discussion of the question here, nor to suggest remedies. But we do beg all Christian people to study the facts of the situation as carefully as possible, and to pray earnestly that the right solution may be found speedily. We cannot approach the Altar on Christmas Day, nor enjoy the Feast, unless we have each materially helped some of the victims of this terrible social malady". JANUARY, 1933

### "OCCUPATIONAL CENTRES"

"If an immediate solution to the problem is beyond us, we can do something to make the lot of the unemployed more bearable. In London the movement has been led by MORLEY COLLEGE and the Occupational Centre for the unemployed is fast becoming a recognised institution. The object of the organisers is to open, in all areas where they will be found useful, centres in which unemployed men and women can find interesting occupations to fill the leisure hours which often hang so heavily upon their hands. There will be games, physical training and gymnasium; lectures and classes upon any subjects for which there is a demand; and, we hope, opportunities for a good deal of mutual help. By this means three purposes will be served. First, men will learn to use leisure time profitably - an enormously important question; second, men will have a chance of becoming more effective workers; and third - perhaps, most important of all - the unemployed man may be prevented from becoming an unemployable man". JANUARY, 1933

Time Passes .... But does anything really change?

Let me begin by thanking the present vicar and curate of the Waterloo Parishes, David Wickert and Geoff Van der Weegen, for their kind permission to look through past issues of 'Waterloo Bridge' parish magazine as source material for the 'SE1' Newspaper.

As I read through the 1933 magazines I was repeatedly astonished at how familiar the issues of the day were (unemployment, disarmament, the role of women, housing and poverty of all kinds etc. etc.). Those of you who know that I work at Morley College will understand my great surprise and delight when I came upon the item about "Occupational Centres". How remarkable, I thought, that my current view of the work of the "Community Education Project" and the 'New' Adult Education role of Morley College should be so closely reflected in the item above ... written 50 years ago!

As you may know, Adult Education in London was reorganised by the ILEA in January, 1981, which makes the 'New' Morley College one year old. This year the Social Studies and Community Education Department successfully applied for 500 tutor hours to be spent specifically on work with the Unemployed in the North Lambeth and North Southwark area. This money has been made available to all projects working with unemployed people.

Is there anybody around who can remember the "Occupational Centres" of the Thirties or the Rev. Charles W. Warner who, from reading the 'Waterloo Bridge' magazines, seem to have been remarkably radical and on-the-ball in his thinking. If you or anybody you know (grans. + grandads etc.) can remember please write to me at Morley College, as I'd be very interested to hear from you. Also if you have any ideas about the sort of classes and activities Morley College should be putting on in 1982/83, please let me know and I will pass on all your suggestions to the Principal and the other members of staff.

Finally, it is my very happy duty to inform you that in Mid-March I shall be joined at 'The Community Education Project' by a new Colleague - EITHNE NIGHTINGALE. I am greatly looking forward to introducing her to you and the local projects that serve the S.E.1 and S.E.11 area.

KEIB THOMAS, COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT, MORLEY COLLEGE, S.E.1.

To: The Member of Parliament for  
House of Commons, Westminster, SW1A 0AA.  
I call on the Government to take immediate action to enable the GLC to  
maintain its present low fares policy without any reduction in services.

Name .....

Address .....



# COIN STREET-LOCALS SPEAK OUT

The end is in sight for the marathon Coin Street inquiry which had its turbulent opening originally back on April 7th last year!

At the time of going to press, witnesses presenting the case for housing on this vital South Bank site are giving evidence on behalf of the Association of Waterloo Groups. And for those local people who want to give their views direct to the inquiry's inspector, there will have been a fourth, and probably final, evening session on March 4th.

We will endeavour to give a round-up of what has gone on at the inquiry in the next issue. Meanwhile, we thought you might like to see what has been said by residents of the area at the first two evening sessions:



To start off hopefully, Jenny Savory, from the Waterloo Festival committee, proclaimed that the 1982 festival "there will be a celebration of the Secretary of State's decision to implement the Association of Waterloo Group's plans for the Coin St. site".

Other local residents put forward good reasons for this to be fulfilled:

Ann Critchley, The Cut, "Frankly we neither need nor want Greycoat Property Developers here. Haven't we enough office blocks here already encroaching us like the army of the dead?"

Barbara West of Rotherhithe, but moving to Edward Henry..

"What we need is not a concrete jungle or gigantic filing cabinets... but what we need is open space for future generations to enjoy. This site could be

the best possible place for one to live and bring families up".

Mary Dimond, almouth Rd, "People count, not tall blocks of offices".

## moving out

Doreen Ramsey, Monday Pensioners Club, Baylis Rd., "I was born at 32 College St. only half a minute from the riverside. The street, like many others, was knocked down to make way for the Festival of Britain. My family, like many others, had to move out of Waterloo but after many attempts and years my family were lucky to be able to move back into Waterloo Rd: Mitre Road, where we have lived for 17 years".

that the people here really care about preserving the community".

John Johnson, Remondsey born and bred, "The great potential for sites such as Coin St. lies in its ability to be developed to help provide a stable community for the people who have to live and work in London, and this is a greater benefit than any strategic location of offices."

## grave peril

The greatest resources of this or any other country is its people, and there is a grave peril (clearly shown this summer in many inner-city areas) in ignoring the needs and aspirations of the people.

E. Gunn, Roupell St. "I was born in Tootton St. and have lived in Waterloo all my 80 years with the exception of a move owing to the bombing in the second world war to a luxury flat. I could not settle there and move back to a renovated bombed house in Roupell St. I felt very pleased to return to a community I knew. I hope in time the families that moved away will have the opportunity to return when Coin St. is developed and the old community will return in the district".

## people care

Rita Wood, Mitre Rd. "I suppose it is because I was brought up here that I have such affection for Waterloo, but having lived in two other areas of London I am convinced

"(People) want a sense of continuity and they can get this from their children being able to grow up and live with their own family in the same area, rather than sons and daughters being forced away to find homes".

## thugs

P. Simmons, Blackfriars Literacy: "The future of London is in jeopardy. New York has driven our their local people. It has become a playground for thugs and the like. With Coin St. comes the chance whether we become a playground for the thugs or not!".

Terry Grainger, Blackfriars Literacy: "These comedians at Greycoat Commercial are pushing the working class out of Southwark, increasing rents and pushing the working class right out of London. Jo Klein, Roupell St: "Until very recently this very area (around Roupell St.) was in

## YOGA

Why not get rid of your tensions at a friendly local yoga class? A beginners group on Tuesdays at 6.15pm and a more advanced group on Thursdays also at 6.15pm at the Colombo Street Sports and Community Centre.

Or on Thursdays at the Barley Mow Clinic, Frazier St, you can leave your children at the Tanswell Mothers & Toddlers Drop-in during the session, 10.30 to 12, in the morning.

## BARLEY MOW

Lonely or Depressed?

A Sympathetic Ear?

During the summer of 1981, a drop in counselling service was set up by Waterloo Health Project and Lambeth and Southwark Mental Health Group.

At the moment the service is open every TUESDAY EVENING 7PM-9PM at the BARLEY MOW CLINIC on Tanswell Estate, Frazier Street, SE1

It is for people living in the area who may be in some sort of crisis, who are depressed and need to talk about their problems or who are simply lonely and would like to chat.

There is no formal commitment to attend regularly although regular counselling sessions are available if anyone seeks continuing help.

Eventually self-help groups could be formed if people want to continue to meet.

As an alternative to the local G.P. (family doctor) or psychiatrist, local community counselling at Barley Mow Clinic offers people support in talking about and understanding their problems in a relaxed and friendly way.

danger of being destroyed as a slum by our clever decision makers, who have not turned it into a conservation area! The estate agents now call it a little jewel, and when a tenant dies, sell the house for over £60,000. Fashions change".

Chris Bell, Blackfriars Literacy: "If they do build offices they should be the other side of the river. They have already turned that into a graveyard anyway. We don't want this area turned into a graveyard as well".

## JUMBLE SALE

AT THE BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 56 SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD, SE1

SATURDAY 13th MARCH at 12 noon A MONSTER JUMBLE SALE. TEA & BISCUITS. ENTRANCE 10p, 5p OAPS

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## WRITERS NEEDED

NEW GROUP STARTING AT SOUTHBANK BOOKSHOP

At the end of last year a bookshop opened in the Borough, the 'Southbank Bookshop'. This set me thinking, why not have a writers' group?

I've been writing bits & pieces for a couple of years now, and went along to a group that meets in the Bookplace, Peckham. It's pretty casual, and if only 3 people turn up, we sit down and discuss whatever we have written, stories, poems, etc. I find it a great help, not only because I've improved, but it's also nice to meet others interested in writing and hear their ideas.

At the Peckham group there are a mixture of people from classes and cultures, which keeps the work varied. However, sometimes everybody sits

back after a piece is read looking confused, and deciding it's 'too abstract' for immediate judgement; or everybody wants to say something at the same time. But the group works!

## READINGS

I'm hoping that a good group will get going in the Southbank Bookshop. And if it does, we could publish collections of work and do readings with other groups. There are a lot of exciting possibilities but first the group needs members, so if you're interested in writing in any way, and want to get better, come along to our first meeting.

Contact Sean Mitchell 928 4214 after 5pm weekdays and weekends.

## // SQUASHED FLIES //

IF YOU DON'T SHUT UP I'LL RAISE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS



It's an everyday experience for women to be the objects of unwelcome male attentions. We take a deep breath and grit our teeth before walking past a building site; we avoid sitting alone in the pub; we map out our neighbourhood into areas safe or dangerous after dark.

Meanwhile the ads and page three provide men with passive women (or bits of women) to practice staring at and passing remarks. They remind women of the ideal to which we should aspire: attractive, seductive, receptive.....

"Squashed Flies" is a collection of material by women who have stopped giving in. It includes "witty, crushing and devastating" replies to male abuse, anecdotes and cartoons, and tips on self-defence. It also lists a range of useful

addresses and phone numbers of Rape Crisis Centres around the country. Rape Crisis offers comfort, counselling and immediate practical help to women who have been attacked. In London they maintain a 24 hour phone line on 340 6145.

Hattie and Sally, who put "Squashed Flies" together, hope that women will be encouraged and amused by their book. They would welcome ideas and experiences from other women: you can write to them at Squashed Flies, PO Box 34, Sheffield 1. Copies of the book can be bought from the Southbank Bookshop, or from the above address for 99pence plus a large stamped addressed envelope.

NEXT ISSUE: details on self defence for women.

## CO-OPS FAYRE



SATURDAY 27th MARCH 1982 11am to 5pm  
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ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHWARK CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
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The newly formed Southwark Co-operative Development Association has organised a Co-ops Fayre (see poster) to give people an idea of what worker co-operatives are about. Various co-ops will be there, as well as organisations willing to help new co-ops form. Mike Ward of the GLC's Industry and Employment Committee will also be there, to open the event. For any further information on the Fayre or co-ops generally, contact Mark Neuman at the address above.

## Tanswell Tots

Calling all mothers with 'New Babies' if you have an hour to spare on Mondays at 2pm? Why not attend our postnatal support group. The postnatal group is a group made up of young mothers and their babies in the Waterloo area.

The group offers support and advice on coping with

every day problems of motherhood and is also a chance to put your feet up and have a cuppa.

For further information please contact Lucy at the Waterloo Action Centre on 261-1404, any day between 10am to 5pm, or call in any Monday between 10am to 1pm.



Munro House Action Group raised over £50 at their jumble sale held at the Waterloo Action Centre on 13th February for their tenants groups funds. Thanks to all customers and helpers



## SOUTHWARK RENT RISES

*or does it?*

A £2.50 a week rent increase for Southwark Council tenants has finally been decided on by the council, with a majority of 33 to 22. (This is in line with government demands.) But whether the increase will actually be paid is another matter.

Two days after the special council meeting which agreed the increase, the Southwark Group of Tenants Associations decided to go ahead with a rents and rates 'freeze' from April. Tenants are saying 'No rent increases for reduced services'

At their SGTA meeting on 24th February, a speaker from Walsall explained how they had organised their successful rents freeze, which has been going on since last April. It is hoped that tenants in Southwark will make this action as effective by refusing to pay the rent increase, plus also the increase in rates which is still to be decided.

Surprisingly, Southwark Council has turned down an offer from the GLC which would have meant ex-GLC tenants only having to find an extra £1 a week in rent. The difference would have come out of the GLC rate precept, so spreading the cost over all London ratepayers.

It looks like the rates increase itself will be around 10%. This will be on top of the rates raised by Southwark on behalf of the GLC. This will come to around £1 a week on average. A 10% increase on

district heating bills has already been agreed as well.

But these rises won't stop the council cutting services: they will still need to cut by about 3% in total if the rate rise is kept at 10%. The exact level will have been decided on while 'SEL' was at the printers, on March 3rd.

Further information and publicity on the rent freeze is currently being put together by SGTA at 190 Southwark Park Rd, SE16 (phone 231 7275). A news sheet will also be produced by them shortly, covering the issue.z

## nationally

The rent freeze in Southwark is only part of the National Campaign Against Rent Increases, which is supported by major regional tenants federations around the country, as well as the National Tenants Organisation and the National Housing Liaison Committee.

The national campaign is calling for a 'day of local action' for March 22nd. Following that, there will be a national demonstration in Walsall on March 27th. Transport for this is being organised by the London Tenants Organisation at 17 Victoria Park Square, E2 phone 981 1221, or contact SGTA (see above). They can also tell you more about what is happening on the 22nd.

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## SOLD

FINAL REDUCTIONS! EVERYTHING DISAPPEARING FAST!

There has been a sell-out at a knockdown price of the chance of a new supermarket for Waterloo.

Passers-by will no doubt have watched the slow progress on the old 'David Greigs' Head Office in Waterloo Road with the huge amount of mirrored glass particularly glaring along the Webber Road side. And those with longer memories will remember that there used to be a supermarket in the old building.

When Lambeth Council gave permission for the re-building on this site, they made it a condition that there should be a supermarket to replace the old one. But they have now sold out on this one.

The developers claim that they have had difficulty getting any of the supermarket chains to take up the space set aside in their plans for a shop. But locals are suspicious that the space was not designed properly to meet the usual design requirements of the big retailers, and that the developers weren't really trying.

As a result, the Association of Waterloo Groups has checked out possible supermarkets itself. They asked the council to delay a decision as they had a possibility that needed more checking.

Instead, the council ignored this request, and in return for allowing the developers to turn the reserved space into offices (and making a lot of money from higher rents) Lambeth has accepted an offer of £65,000 'for community use in Waterloo'. It seems quite a snip, really.



## WATERLOO WOODY

Hope you haven't missed me too much over the last year. I've been flying around, getting wiser in the winged ways of the world outside Waterloo! And how things change in a short time! Not only have these fledgling paper producers at SEL changed the logo on the front page, but seem bent on changing the meaning of the phrase "community newspaper".

Not SEL of course, but a bunch of people in docklands producing 'Thames Mirror'. A community with a large river through the middle seemed a bit odd, so I did some research at their launch, appropriately taking place on the water. Of course, I was only there on duty for SEL; the free booze and food doesn't interest woodpeckers; a nice grub is good enough for me.

With the large number of people on their specially chartered pleasure boat, we set off from Tower Pier UP river. They must be making it a long trip, up and down, as the Thames Mirror people wanted to tell us so much about the paper! Wron again. Perhaps their video on the TV screen would tell me more, but it was just a general piece on docklands. Was this something to do with the London Docklands Development Corporation? I've heard so much about? Right for once. Who was paying for th trip? The likes of you, that's who, courtesy of the LDDC and the tax collector, at least if the Mirror first issue was anything to go by. "We have provided the funds to launch the newspaper", says LDDC CHAIRMAN Nigel Brookes. Of course, the fact that it was already on to its third issue by the time of its official river launch has nothing to do with their aim of speeding up development in docklands!

A few people in SEL may have caught a glimpse of their paper, as it is distributed free to 30,000 homes, including some in N. Southwark. With taxpayers' money, the production is more professional, but I reckon you would have to look hard to find news about SEL. All I could think of were all those lovely trees chopped down for the paper. If any more such 'community papers' start up, there won't be any trees left to hammer at!



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