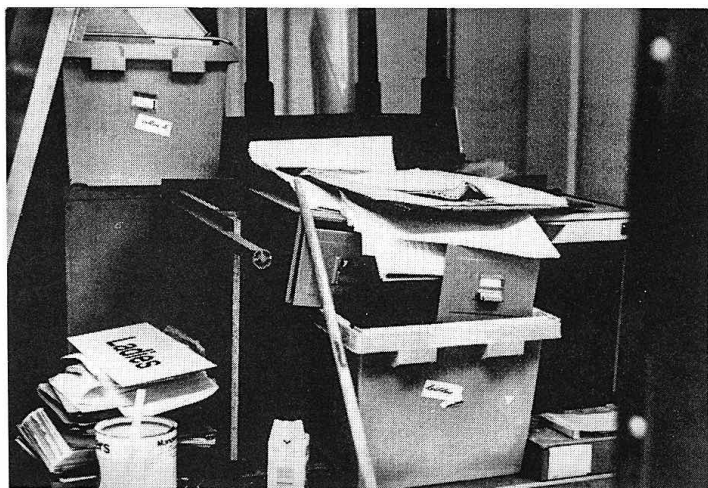


SE1

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UP FOR GRABS



Is your housing file among these that our reporters spotted at the housing office in Renfrew Road?

CHAOS!

The GLC handed over its remaining housing properties to Lambeth Council on April 1st. The handover resulted in no services to hundreds of council tenants. No preparations were made for the handover, and incoming estates officers quickly ran out of the repair slips they needed to authorise repairs. So tenants are still waiting for urgent repairs to be done.

Before the handover, all the files were moved to the GLC housing office in Renfrew Road. Lambeth Council then decided to base several of their estates officers in the Lambeth Towers housing office, so now the files need to be moved back to Lambeth Towers. In the meantime work on several estates has almost ground to a halt.

Two resident caretakers are planned for Lambeth's properties in the Waterloo area, but the

GLC and Lambeth are still negotiating to bring pay and conditions in line with each other. The caretakers are unlikely to arrive until these questions have been resolved.

The new district housing manager, Mr Kamp, has moved over from the GLC, and has had previous experience of the SE1 area.

SE1 would like to hear from anyone who has got any views or has experienced any problems because of the handover chaos. We can then bring them to the attention of Lambeth Council in our next issue.

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As Tenants Associations in Southwark will recall, they were asked last year to submit schemes for minor improvements to their estates using the 'HIP' (Housing Improvement Programme) funds allocated to Bermondsey District Housing Committee. The total allocation last year was £29,000 and TAs were asked to put in schemes costing between £500 and £2000.

This year, the allocation has been increased to £50,000 and TA secretaries were written to at the beginning of April

asking for schemes in the region of £1000 and £5000 as soon as possible.

It is one of the few opportunities that TAs have to decide how the Council's HIP is spent and how resources are allocated. Last year, schemes included additional play equipment, better lighting, environmental improvements and entryphones.

If you have an idea for your estate, contact your Tenants Association or write to Dave Power, District Community Officer, Housing Department, Castle House, SE1



HELP WANTED

Are you involved with your neighbourhood? Have you participated in tenants' groups or helped neighbours in difficulty? If the answer is 'yes', you could be one of the volunteers which we need at Waterloo Action Centre. Our shopfront is open weekdays 10 to 2pm to give advice about all and sundry, but mainly about housing and welfare benefits. There's a lot you can pick up as you go along, and always a full-time worker available to back up volunteers.

The photo shows Maureen, Dolly, Mary and Charlie. Dolly says that she likes WAC's

conviviality. Mary also likes the atmosphere plus the contact with other people. Maureen agrees with these points and adds that she has learnt a lot, and feels useful, when she could be at home doing the ironing: "It makes you realise what is going on outside."

If you could spare even just 2 hours a week, we at WAC would like to hear from you. Why not phone us between 10am and 2pm on 261 1404, or drop in at the Centre, 14 Baylis Road, to find out more? You are more than welcome to sit in WAC and watch what happens if you are interested.

The local newspaper!

OBITUARY

DAVE STEWART

Many SE1 residents will remember with appreciation David Stewart who died on 11th March.

Dave was born in Scotland but came to live in Waterloo after his de-mob in 1945 and very much made this area his own. He married a local woman, Rose, brought up his sons here and lived in Aquinas Street for over 30 years. Working in the print and with a sharp turn of phrase which would do credit to any Cockney, Dave fitted in well.

When community groups started to form in Waterloo in the early 70s Dave was one of the first to get involved. He was an early member of the Multi-Service Group (the fore-runner of the Association of Waterloo Groups). He was active in the formation of Stamford and Aquinas St. Tenants Association, and as its chairperson led the fight against the Tory GLC when it proposed to move existing residents out of Stamford St, do up the premises and move in wealthy tenants instead.

David's main voluntary interest was football for boys. He devoted a vast amount of spare time over many years to running a boys football club, and also to helping with the London Mitre League.

There are many people in Waterloo who, like myself, have cause to remember Dave with gratitude.

Jenny Stiles

BEFORE

Have you wondered what has been happening behind the corrugated iron at the back of the adventure playground on Baylis Road? After years of campaigning by Waterloo residents, the site should at last be ready for use as a sports area at the end of June. Volleyball, netball, 5-a-side football, basketball and tennis can all be played there and the site will be managed by a committee of local users.

If you want to know more, contact Elaine on 261 1404, or call in at the Waterloo Action Centre.

As can be seen from the pictures, the grassed area which was done first, is being used for football while the second part with the sports area is being finished.

AFTER

MONOPOLY MONEY

Can you spend £65,000?

SE1 readers are invited to come up with ways of using £65,000 to benefit the local community!

We reported in the March issue of SE1 that Waterloo had lost the chance of another 'supermarket in the old David Greigs Head Office - Wellington House in Waterloo Road. As a small gesture of 'goodwill', the developers are handing over £45,000 for 'community use' to Lambeth Council so that they can use the space intended for the supermarket as offices.

At its last meeting, the Association of Waterloo Groups stressed that this should be spent in Waterloo, not another

part of Lambeth, and asked for suggestions on what it could be used for. It will almost certainly have to be spent on 'capital' items (such as equipment, buildings etc) rather than revenue (a worker or two) but otherwise AWG would welcome any ideas. Some already mentioned are more play facilities and a meeting place for teenagers.

As Lambeth Council have said they want to discuss the allocation of the money at their meeting in June, the next AWG meeting on 25th May will have to come up with a short list. So get your ideas to Waterloo Action Centre by then.

(How about a printing press for SE1, and other local use?)

Pensioners Action

SOUTHWARK PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP are holding a public meeting in support of pensioners rights at the Peckham Civic Centre, Peckham Park Road, SE15 on WEDNESDAY 19th MAY from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Speakers include:

JACK JONES, HARRIET HARMAN, KEN LIVINGSTONE, G. BOWDEN. There will be questions and discussion. All welcome.

Free transport has been arranged from North Southwark to the meeting. One mini-bus is leaving from Blackfriars Settlement, 44 Nelson Square

at 12.30; contact Pete Firth on 928 9521 for more details.

Another mini-bus is going from the Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road at 12.30. For more details contact Linda Kearney on 928 6476.

END THE HYPOTHERMIA THREAT TO THE ELDERLY*
GIVE ADEQUATE DEATH GRANTS*
WITHOUT A MEANS TEST*
NO FUEL CUT OFFS*
END STANDING CHARGES FOR THE ELDERLY*
SUPPORT PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP
SAFEGUARD YOUR FUTURE.

CHIP DANCE

A fancy dress fish and Chip Dance is the latest fund-raising idea from the Borough Community Centre.

The Centre, jointly with Mint Street Adventure Playground, will be holding the dance on Friday 11 June.

A bar and music will be provided and a local fish and chip shop will be supplying the food, the cost of which is included in the price of the ticket (£2).

And don't forget your fancy dress.

More information of this and other events from the Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 (tel 928 6476). And you can also buy your tickets there from next week.

DR. WATSON'S Dream

From 5th May to 24th July 10 to 5pm at Livesey Museum, 682 Old Kent Rd, SE15: Crafts, Past and Present. well-known local craftspeople at work every Thursday and Saturday from 2pm making pots, baskets, books, stained glass, barrels... Have a go at some crafts yourself as well as learn about the history of local crafts. Admission free.

Thursday 20th May: Waterloo Amenities Group meeting at Waterloo Action Centre, 4pm. Have a say in events put on in Waterloo!

Friday June 4th: Colombo St. Sports & Community Centre Open Day. 2 to 6pm. Everybody welcome to come along and find out what goes on there. Also a social 8 to 12pm. Tickets £2 incl. refreshments, plus bar. Available from Centre 261 1658.

Friday June 4th: a production of 'Cathy come Home' (story of a young heroin addict) will be performed by drama students at the Borough Community Centre, 56 Southwark Bridge Rd, (928 6476).

Doors open at 6.30pm, entrance 20p (proceeds to Shelter)

Saturday June 5th: Women's festival at Battersea Park from 12 noon. Music, theatre, stalls, childrens events, (creche available) refreshments

Thursday 17th June (postponed from May): free film show of 'Rosie the Rivetter' a witty entertaining documentary on women's wartime work experiences at Waterloo Action Centre. 2.15pm (time to be confirmed nearer the date: ring 261 1404)

channel tunnel

WATERLOO - THE GATEWAY TO EUROPE!

It sounds exciting and exotic, but if it happens and the Government decides it wants a Channel Tunnel and accepts British Rail's plans for the terminus to be at Waterloo Station, it will be a disaster for the community.

A terminus for passengers at Waterloo Station catering for thousands of tourists each day will start a spiralling of land values in the area. Then what hope will there be for getting land for community needs like housing and open space? This area will be further blighted as speculators buy up land and leave it - until they get hotels or tourist shops built on it or until its value increases, in which case they'll sell it. It sounds like the old story: people are ignored and money is pursued by the speculators.

Well, this time it's not going to happen! This channel tunnel terminus might be a surprise to some of you. But unfortunately it's not an odd fancy of the government that was forgotten in the mid-seventies. British Rail want to build it, and it is likely that the Tory government also wants to. The Association of Waterloo Groups only found out that they want it to end in Waterloo by chance! They demanded a meeting with BR. Following this meeting, AWG roundly condemned the idea of a terminus for the tunnel link in Waterloo.

A group of individuals involved in AWG groups organised a meeting to set up a Channel Terminal Action Group. Twenty five people came to it on April 21st. We heard Jonathan Roberts from the pressure group, Transport 2000, explain that a top level report by an economist came down against a tunnel being built. The Tories are still undecided but we felt that we should protest now and stop any likelihood of the tunnel terminus being in Waterloo, now or in the future.

We began by lobbying the GLC and the transport spokesperson in the Parliamentary Labour Party, Albert Booth. Also several leading members of the Lambeth Council Labour Group have come out against the plans.

A Waterloo terminus would mean a massive increase in traffic and noise, and lead pollution. It would be the end of our efforts to get housing built here. It would be another disastrous blow. If you are interested in coming to the next meeting of the Channel Tunnel Action Group, you should contact John Howes or Kathy Connelly c/o Waterloo Action Centre (261 1404).

CHUNNEL TERMINUS IN WATERLOO
NO THANKS!



BLUNDERS REVEALED

The community in North Southwark won a major victory on 20 April when the Public Inquiry at Peckham Town Hall into objections to the North Southwark District Plan was adjourned.

The Inquiry closed in just over an hour after Southwark Council's blunders were revealed to the Inspector.

In trying to push the Plan through before the election the Council made a series of procedural errors including giving no closing date for objections.

70 demonstrators from North Southwark and Waterloo gathered on the Town Hall steps among them prospective Council candidates from several political parties; tenants' groups; and

community groups.

The demonstrators, many of whom were objectors to the Plan, were calling for an adjournment and also that the Inquiry should be held in the Plan area of North Southwark, and NOT in Peckham.

Many of the candidates standing in the Council elections will be demanding major changes to the Plan. Up to now local people have seen the Plan as a property speculators' dream come true which completely ignores local demands for more homes, open space and industrial jobs.

A provisional date of 9 June has been set for the re-opening of the Inquiry but this is dependent on the attitude of the new Council.

SE.I SHORTS. car park



We are sorry to report that one of the last acts of the old Southwark Council was to approve the various plans for Running Horses Yard/Meymott St/Blackfriars Rd reported on page 4 of the last issue. This means that the SE1 office will shortly be faced with a multi-storey car park, and more speculative offices just along the road.



Coin Street non-development: the only clients that Greycoats had lined up to occupy their office proposals on the Coin Street sites has dropped out. Phillips Petroleum would have taken up 40% of the office space, but have moved into new quarters at the old Adelphi instead.

154 jobs

While SE1 was at the printers Elephant Jobs will have held a mass demonstration outside the Ministry of Employment to try to save the 154 jobs which the job creation company currently provides. The money from the government sponsored Manpower Services Commission for their workshop schemes has been cut and if Norman Tebbit, the minister responsible does not change his mind, EJ will close in June.

HIGH TECH

Southwark Council have granted planning permission for a "Technopark" on a site in London Road near the Elephant and Castle tube which was originally earmarked for housing in the local plan for the area.

It seems likely that the GLC will also give its permission for the scheme. What is the Technopark?

It is an industrial development which specialises in the new microchip "high tech" industries and is being developed by the South Bank Polytechnic and some high tech firms on the Elephant and Castle site which is at present owned by the Prudential Assurance Company who will probably retain the lease.

The development would consist of small units in a three-storey building all devoted to high tech developments.

This kind of co-operation between polytechnic and industry over new technology industries has been tried elsewhere in Britain, an example being Salford University's "Sciencepark".

This kind of industrial development is usually let to small firms who often don't survive very long which means that a lot of space is often unlet for periods of time.

What has made the Technopark controversial is that the site in London Road was meant to be for housing if you read the local plans.

In fact there was a scheme for single person housing devised by the Poly some time ago which never got off the ground.

The GLC has objected to parts of the North Southwark District Plan on the grounds that sites zoned for housing should not be used for anything else. But now some people are saying that they should be consistent and object to the Technopark site on the same grounds.

SE1 welcomes contributions they should reach us not later than May 26th in order to get in the next issue. We accept advertising from local firms, campaigns etc. 735 5168 for rates and details.

NEXT ISSUE JUNE 11th

WELFARE FOODS FOR PENSIONERS

At special prices for senior citizens, available Monday and Wednesday mornings, 10 to 12.30 Blackfriars Settlement, 44 Nelson Square, SE1 (928 9521)

Prices

Bovril 8oz	99p
Bovril 4oz	53p
Marmite 8oz	80p
Marmite 4oz	44p
Marvel 1lb	91p
Ovaltine	44p
Horlicks	74p
Complan	£1.22
Drinking Chocolate	47p
Bemax	78p

Food

Blackfriars Settlement Work Centre would appreciate any items of food or drink which could be used at their Waterloo Festival tombola stall. Contact Geoff Hill at the Work Centre, 14 Baylis Road, SE1

Rights

Claimants Rights In Southwark (C.R.I.S.) have recently produced another newsletter. CRIS is a group of local claimants and advice workers who are campaigning for a better deal for claimants.

The newsletter contains, among other things, articles on the latest cuts in benefits, hypothermia, a local pensioners action group, and provisions for the unemployed. It also contains a ready reckoner, which can be used to work out your supplementary benefit, and advice on how to claim extra money from the D.H.S.S. for high winter fuel bills.

If you would like a free copy of the newsletter or you would like more information about CRIS please phone Rob on 231 2471 or Jeanette on 261 1404.

Available from Waterloo Action Centre, Baylis Rd.

Family housing, a childrens home and a health centre are in plans being discussed by Waterloo groups for the Campbell Buildings site in Baylis Road.

Lambeth Council's proposals for the site, where about 35 tenants are still waiting to be re-housed, are for 46 family houses and a children's home. Representatives of Johanna Street primary school, the Association of Waterloo Groups and Campbell Buildings are concerned about the size of the childrens home (16 beds and 5 day care places) in case it is too large for the community to absorb, although they agree that there should be a home for local children in the area.

Plans for a health centre somewhere on the site are still at an early stage of discussion with local doctors and the NHS.

Houses

Kids

EASTER AT WATERLOO ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Over Easter, we've all had a lovely time because we've been doing lots of activities. We've been swimming in the Shell Centre, rollerskating at Colombo Street Sports Centre, and making all sorts of things inside the barge. The best bit was looking for clues and on Friday 23rd there was a party for the little kids.

Everyone joined in, and we made jelly and sandwiches. Then on Saturday was the grand clean-up. I'd like to put in a special 'thank-you' to all the WAP workers who have been so good to us. Some new structures are being put up on the playground: rope swings and a great big cat-walk. We are all going to help paint the structures which everyone will see when the fence comes down next to the open space.

Lorraine, from the Playground

(Note from SE1: we must apologise for a photo not being printed: we forgot!)

WATERLOO CHILDRENS HEALTH CLUB

Guess how many spoonfuls of sugar there are in a glass of Ribena? Yes, 5! You may not realise how much sugar there is or what it is doing to you.

Over Easter, we looked at what was in different foods, made some yoghurt (delicious), and talked about the 'balanced meal' idea.

The Health Club cooked a nutritious lunch, went swimming and took part in two sessions of yoga ('Hm, I feel all nice and stretched'). On Thursday 15th April we went by boat to Greenwich: it was a really hot day and it was a good outing with lots of fun.

Next term we will be looking at dental care, why not to smoke, and doing a series of drama sessions making up our own plays on health themes.

COME ALONG

Wednesdays 4 to 6pm at Waterloo Adventure Playground, Baylis Road

MINT STREET AGM

You will have read in previous issues of SE1 about the Mint Street Adventure Playground.

Situated in Lant Street, SE1, the playground moved from the old site which gave it its name last August.

The AGM is coming up on Thursday 27 May at 7.30. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the management committee or generally interested in the work of the playground is welcome to attend.

I Wish.....

I wish that I was a cloud and float softly in the air. And rain when ever I want to on my friends:

or;

I wish I was the moon and shine on the peaceful houses. And on the cats as they stroll along the moonlight streets.

or;

I wish I was the sun and shine every day so everyone can go to the seaside:

or;

I wish that I was a fish. And dart about the sea, swim in caves and discover sunken treasure And play around with a fishing rod.

or;

I wish I was a bird and fly freely about in the sky, And sit in a tree and look around at the breath-taking view:

I wish
I was
just
ME.

Hoi-Chee J.3.



The Accident

What could I do? - I just stood there - Silence came and no-one spoke. I tried to speak but nothing came out of my mouth. The clouds looked as if they were gleaming with silver, shining over the car and the person. I was shocked.

I thought it was my fault. I started to run. I ran across the park and round to the street where I lived. "Mum! Mum!", but no answer came. I knocked on the door but I couldn't hear the tapping noise of the letter-box. I started tingling all over, some voice was saying "Help me! Help me!" I kept on hearing a heart beating, going slower. Then I started to shout and I could hear myself. My mum opened the door and I told her what I had seen. "A car and a person" I said. We ran across the park and ended near a crowd of people.

Then the sound of the voice died down and my mum ran over to a phone box and rang 999. The ambulance men came but it was too late, she had died. Keady J.4.



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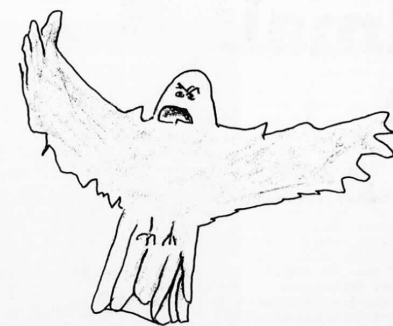
100 Years Ago -

Johanna Street School!

In 1882 lots of children from Waterloo went to Johanna Street School. There were three floors in the school. On the bottom floor was the infant class. On the middle floor was the girls class and on the top floor was the boys class.

It was very strict in the school. Every year an inspector came to see all the children's work. If they got every bit of their work right the school would get eight shillings for each child. If they didn't get all things right, they would not get eight shillings so the children had to stay in the same class. They had to work hard, too. Some boys skipped school. They called that Charlie Wag. They skipped school because they didn't like school. When the inspector came if someone did their work wrong they would have to stay in the same class until they did work hard. What they had to do was reading, writing, and arithmetic and geography. There was no swimming in the school but sometimes they went on holidays. They went on holiday because they needed fresh air and because they probably had never been on holiday. The teachers were very strict if boys or girls skipped school. When they got back they had to do a lot of work and probably have a smack. On the school they had a bell and when it rang the children had to be in class.

Sally J.2



the Golden Eagles are birds of prey
They eat little things.

Bahar Uddin J.1

Johanna Football Report

Johanna C Hillmead I

Yesterday, at 4 o'clock, I went to Mr Denning's room to get changed. When we got to the room we waited. The team from Hillmead arrived five minutes later, we teased, we ran and took the first half. Hillmead scored in the first half. It was a close match. It was difficult to play because it was raining. I scored but it was off-side.

The first goals were I-C to Hillmead.

Joe Gorman J.2



2700 people live on the 6 estates of the Peabody Trust in the SE1 area. At present, Peabody have no plans to build any more homes in the area because of the lack of finance from the government.

1862 START

The original Trust was founded by George Peabody in 1862 for ".... the benefit of the poor of London". Nowadays taxpayers money is used (and we are all taxpayers) to keep up the Trust's operations, and the housing is run through the Peabody Housing Association under the Housing Act of 1974. The rents are set by the local council Rent Officers, under the 'Fair Rents' legislation. The rents seem to be lower than those that most private and council tenants pay.

MODERNISED

The older estates have all been modernised since the war, and a small new estate has been built in Webber Row. People often remark upon the tidiness of the properties and this could be due to the resident staff on each estate: a service no longer seen on most council housing estates.

human life



It was during modernisation that some tenants got a Peabody Tenants Association going. Ernie Hearn says that he thinks the Tenants Association, which he helped set up, is a good thing: it is better for tenants to be part of a group. They have helped to get play areas and set up the Colombo St Centre.

Do people like being tenants of Peabody, or is it seen as a temporary stop-gap? Many of them seem to like it, but what is it like to bring up children in a central London tenement, and how do the older tenants cope? Has it changed much?

IN THE PAST

Before the modernisations, whole groups had to share toilets and there were no baths. Now things are much better. Some of the tenants are new to the area, and some of them are of longstanding. How do they and the Peabody employees feel about the area and its housing?

LIVING ON THE PEABODY ESTATES

I have been living here for over two years and before that I spent two years living in a broom cupboard, so I feel really lucky to have a decent place. I just write to the Trust, and they said that if I had a real housing need and I was 'poor', 'honest' and 'from London' they would try and help.

SHORTAGE

There is a bad housing shortage in London, so I do not suppose there is any shortage of prospective tenants. But

how does the Trust now select the tenants and are they represented in any way? Perhaps someone from the Trust's offices in the Waterloo Road would like to tell us how they see the Trust's role in the area.

The government's Housing Corporation seems to think that sites like the one opposite the Old Vic (see last month's SE1) are unsuitable for housing and Peabody cannot now develop it. As a Peabody SE1 tenant I think they are wrong and the government should be encouraging the building of homes in inner London: it would be good for the area, good for the Trust and good for the people.

Write to us at SE1 with your views and stories about Peabody.

R.J. Kingsbury

animal life

LIVING OFF THE LAND IN NORTH SOUTHWARK

About a year ago, the old SE1 reported how, during the five year history of the William Curtis Ecological Park, a rich nature refuge had become established in the middle of North Southwark. Now as summer approaches, there is no better time than the next couple of months in which to see the Park's plants, insects and birds. All are welcome to use the Park, whether to look at the plants, dip in the pond, or simply sunbathe and picnic amongst the vetches and butterflies.

One of the park's regular visitors - Sarah McCarthy, aged 10 - was asked to explain what she enjoyed about the Park:



"The Ecological Park has very interesting things to do. They have a pond with lots of insects and tadpoles, and you can have a bowl and a net to catch them

insects and tadpoles

add study them. They have lots of other things apart from the pond, they have lots of trees and flowers. They

have lots of birds coming in to feed too. They have lots of different types of birds such as sparrows and blackbirds.

books and blackbirds

The flowers are very nice to look at and to study. Most of them have nice colours too. They have got lots of butterflies in the summer and they have lovely colours. They have lots of books that you can look at and find out the

badges and frogs

leaflets that you can buy. They have a tank that they put things in like tadpoles and sticklebacks. They have frogs and toads that you can look at, but you must not take them home because they will not live.

foxes and jews ears

They sometimes have foxes and there is a very nice view of Tower Bridge. They have lots of different mushrooms, such as shaggy ink cap. They have Jew's Ears that you can put in a broth and eat. There is lots of space and lots of insects to look for. So you see there are lots and lots of different things to do.

SARAH MCCARTHY.

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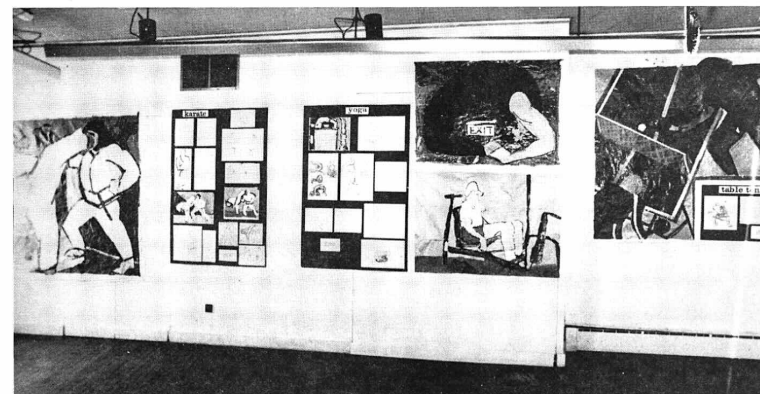
Have you ever wondered what it must be like to bring up a child who is mentally handicapped? Barnardo's Southwark Project has been finding out by talking to parents with a mentally handicapped child about their needs.

There can be extra difficulties in bringing up a handicapped child who may need constant care and attention and who is less likely to leave home or become fully independent. Parents are often quite isolated and lonely, and may not like to ask for help. Brothers and sisters can miss out too, as outings and holidays may be impossible. Many parents have not had a proper break since their child was born. They just carry on coping, but may desperately need some 'time off'.

Thw Southwark Project is setting up a scheme to offer breaks to parents - the chance to go shopping, out for a night or just put their feet up. They are looking for people who have some time and space to spare, and who would be interested in befriending a mentally handicapped child and having him or her to stay for short periods. This will give parents a well-earned rest, and for the child, it's an opportunity to meet different people and make new friends, just as other children do. You could enjoy getting to know a handicapped child - good pay and support is also offered. It's an exciting new scheme for Southwark, and needs your help to succeed!

If you are interested and would like to know more, please ring or drop a line to Helen Hood, at Barnardo's Southwark Project, 283 Tooley St, SE1 Phone 01-407 7810

ON THE WALL PAINT



The "On the Wall" exhibition of local murals, organised by the Morley College Art Department in collaboration with the Community Education Project, Blackfriars Settlement Photography Project and Lynette Lombard (muralist) over the Easter holidays was a great

SUCCESS

success. Its success lay in the relatively large number of local people who came to see it and

from the comments many made later to the Gallery or Morley Staff.

To us at Morley, this success has been all the more pleasing as the exhibition took place when the College itself was closed, and the workers at the Community Education Project were on holiday. We wish to thank all those local people and groups whose work was exhibited, and everyone who visited the Gallery as they clearly showed that there

ATMOSPHERE

On the evening of the 1st of May I went to the opening of the Waterloo Gallery exhibition, which is on until 23rd May in the old David Greig warehouse in Gray Street. In this rather dilapidated building I discovered, to my surprise, thirty artists' studios and a vibrant, well displayed exhibition of their works.

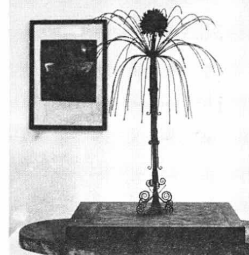
There is a very varied assortment of work. I was particularly interested by a single painting which was surrounded by what I would call stage sculpture: where you feel work is near you, and around you rather than just existing separately within a wooden frame. Although this particular display was very closed and I would describe it as like an icon in a cell.

On the other side of the Gallery I discovered some broad pictures done in pastels. One I discerned as a disturbed woman entangled with herself in a brightly checkered loin cloth with matching top, and indeed the vivid colours made her thickly voluptuous, if not bordering on the fat!

Deeper within the Gallery I talked to one of the artists: John Kidd. He lives in London and finds the studio space very useful, but told me that unfortunately all the artists were going to have to move as the warehouse is soon to be demolished.

John's work mainly consisted of ellipses of clay with matching stones. They struck me, or nudged me to be more accurate, as suspended tears in the atmosphere of the gallery: heavy but pleasant.

After that I met another artist - Larry Knee - whose sculptures were mixtures of the delicate and bluff, using mainly copper, lead, iron and slate. One of these particularly impressed me - a kind of combination of a tree and a hat stand done in light shafts of copper and lead, resting on a slab of slate.



I soon realised that a lot of the art came from discovered resources, and some of the best stuff was the extension of creation and serendipity, which I thought rather poetic, and this enhanced the essence of it in my eyes.

There are perhaps some budding artists amongst SE1 readers who may get some idea from going to the exhibition, or you may just be curious. However, if you're the slightest bit interested, don't take my word for what's there, see it for yourself! It's local and it's free, and it is well worth going to see!

Sean Mitchell

For 1983 we are considering giving over the Gallery to an exhibition illustrating the work of all the various community projects working in the area served by Morley College. For such an ambitious show, we would wish to see this years organising group greatly enlarged, and would provide advice and help with 'design & graphics' to any local group who wants it. We hope that the larger group would begin meeting this October, with the exhibition taking place in February 1983.

The artwork for this years mural display was professionally mounted (on boards) by Lynette Lombard and Barbara Hartley (Blackfriars Photography). These boards are now available for display at any local project. They illustrate the work of the Waterloo Movable Murals Group and the indoor mural soon to be completed at Colombo St Centre's main hall.

For details of how the local murals can be shown at your project, please contact Barbara Hartley at Blackfriars Settlement phone 928 9521

Keib Thomas, Community Education Project.

INTO THE FUTURE

As a result of the success of this years exhibition and that of last years 'Exhibition of the art work of mentally handicapped people in Lambeth' the Morley College Gallery Committee have agreed to give space in term time for next years community exhibition.



SCOUTING ABOUT

The annual St. George's Day Parade of the Cubs and Scouts of North Lambeth Districted was held on 25th April at St. Johns, the parish church for Waterloo.

The host group being the 72nd, based in Cornwall Road, SE1, they had the honour of carrying both the St. George Flag and the Union Flag. These were followed into the church by all the other groups' flags, and also one Waterloo Guide troops' flag. There was a total of nine groups present, representing about 300 boys and leaders from each section of the Scout Movement.

Rev. David Wickert conducted the service, using a quiz about St. George as part of his address. This was much appreciated by the cubs as they were able to participate by giving answers.

After the service, there

was an inspection of Flags and Groups, with the District Commissioner, Ron Briden, talking with both boys and leaders. There was a total of 110 boys from Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts at the parade, who enjoyed tea or orange juice afterwards.

It was a very happy occasion for the 72nd as this year they have been associated with Waterloo for 60 years and it is the Scouts Movement's 75th anniversary.

The North and Central Lambeth District covers the northern end of the borough down to Stockwell, and groups are open to boys between 7½ and 16 years. Venture Scout groups are open to both boys and girls of 16 to 21 years. Most groups are able to take disabled boys, and none discriminate on colour or religion.

The local elections in those parts of SE1 which fall in the London Borough of Southwark produced few surprises on May 6 with the exception of Riverside Ward where three independents were elected following the extraordinary intervention of Bermondsey MP, Bob Mellish, who backed them even though one of them, Coral Newell, had not been chosen by the Labour Party to fight the election. Bob Mellish now faces expulsion from the Labour Party for doing what he did.

The other two "independents" had no connection with the Labour Party. They were Jim Patrick and Barbara Burgess.

In Cathedral Ward, Alan Davis and Geoff Williams were elected for Labour and in Chaucer Ward the Labour councillors are now Anne Matthews, Jessica Wanamaker, and John Fowler.

lounging LIZARD

In the Summer of 1980, something very strange happened in my own back yard, right here in Waterloo.

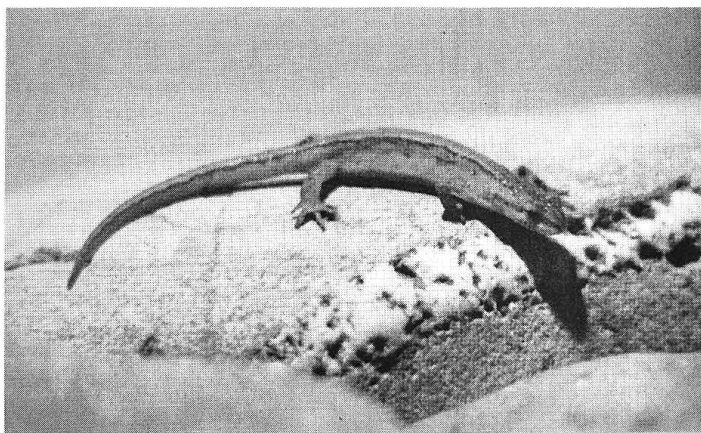
I've lived here for about three years, and although I haven't walked every single street or turned every corner, I think that I've got a fair idea that the banks of the Thames around here doesn't support either woods or sand dunes; or for that matter, rolling green hills with rocky out-crops. So I was surprised, if not dumbfounded, and disbelieving of what my own eyes showed me, when what looked like something prehistoric appeared right there in the yard.

This is the story:

I was gazing casually out of the toilet window into a small separate area, about 4 foot square, that formed part of my tiny back yard, which had been a dumping ground by the last tenant for bottles, cans and

Suddenly there it was! Lurking under a rusting baked bean can in all that slime and mud. I couldn't believe it. It didn't move. I bent down and gently poked it with my finger. It was alive, so I picked it up with care and transferred it to my indoor bottle garden, and then stared at it in disbelief for ages.

I rushed out to find a book on lizards and bought Maxwell Knight's 'British amphibians, reptiles and pond dwellers'. This had the most information and described the lizard fairly accurately—about 5" long, pale greeny brown with orange underneath; a female common or viviparous lizard. But as to how it got there of how it was surviving, the book gave no clues. The yard is enclosed by 8' high brick walls and has a concrete floor, not the most welcome of homes for a lizard.



generally smelly, rotting, waterlogged rubbish, which was desperately in need of a clean out. And where, unknown to anyone, lived a lizard! Was I seeing things? It didn't move. I stood still, just staring. I thought it must be a twig.

I ran to get a stick, reached down into the dump to very gently prod the twig. Had it moved? I wasn't sure. It must be a new! As the only way into the dump was either over the roof or through the makeshift bathroom wall, I didn't do any more about it. Except to stare blankly out of the window all summer, and never saw a further sign of it.

The following summer, the lizard incident having retreated into my subconscious, and while clearing out the dump (clothespeg on nose) through the bathroom wall,

I must say that being an advocate of freedom, it went against my nature to keep it bottled up and feed it spiders and worms, which they like most. Needless to say, I had to let the lizard go back into the yard. For a couple of months it presumably roamed the yard harrassing spiders and suchlike. Then one day in November it turned up in the middle of the bathroom floor, the weather was getting chilly, and I guess it knew where it was better off. So I popped her back into the bottle and released her into the yard when the crocus and daffodills bloomed. Perhaps there would be flies and bees for her to eat.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions about this affair, I would be pleased to hear them. I'll let you know of any further occurrences in my back yard.

YOUR VOTES

In a very close vote, the part of SE1 falling in Lambeth, Bishops Ward, elected a Liberal, a Social Democrat and a Labour councillor. The two Alliance councillors were originally elected in the by-election last July: John Medway (SDP) and Paul Reynolds (Liberal). Terry Rich is the Labour Party person filling the other seat: his fellow Labour candidates, after several recounts, were beaten by a narrow margin (35 votes in one case)

SURGERIES: we hope to publish a complete list of surgeries held by SE1 councillors, for any local person with a problem, in the next issue.

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